



Additional Reports

Council Meeting

Monday, 18 March 2019

6:30pm

**Council Chambers,
Level 2, Administration Building,
4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland**

SUTHERLANDSHIRE

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

0. MAYORAL MINUTES

MM006-19 Mayoral Minute - Recognition of Bate Bay Lifesavers in Mass Surf
Rescue

MM007-19 Mayoral Minute - Recognition of Council Lifeguards in Mass Surf Rescue

**MM006-19 MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNITION OF BATE BAY LIFESAVERS IN
MASS SURF RESCUE**

MM006-19

Attachments: Nil

The Councillors of the Sutherland Shire

Dear Councillors

I invite you to join me in recognising the valued contribution and support rendered by North Cronulla lifesavers in particular, as well as water safety teams from Cronulla and Elouera's inflatable rescue boat (IRB) team, assisting Council's lifeguards, on Sunday 17 February 2019 to perform a successful mass rescue of over forty five swimmers caught in a sudden rip at North Cronulla when a substantial sandbank collapsed.

I wish to particularly thank Mr Geoff Budd, President of North Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club, and ask he extend the Council's gratitude to all club members who helped save lives on the day.

Competition volunteers participating in the 2019 Navy Australian Surf Rower League (ASRL) Open at Elouera beach, also joined in the rescue effort, with the ASRL suspending its competition, to enable the rescue to take place, a demonstration of the true spirit of surf lifesaving.

Council's Manager Public Safety, Mr Brett Richardson praised the collective teamwork in an email to Bate Bay surf club presidents saying "..... *to witness the teams work seamlessly together is a great acknowledgment of the relationship between the Bate Bay clubs and Council. It is more than cordial relationships but a genuine partnership that clearly works and resulted in the lives of many being saved on Sunday.*"

To echo the words of Mr. Geoff Budd...*"The teamwork of all involved was sensational, everyone came together."*

MOTION

THAT:

Appreciation and recognition be extended to North Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club and its lifesavers who collaborated with Council lifeguards, other Bate Bay Clubs and ASRL volunteers, to successfully rescue forty five swimmers at North Cronulla on 17 February 2019.



Councillor Carmelo Pesce
Mayor

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**MM007-19 MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL LIFEGUARDS IN
MASS SURF RESCUE**

MM007-19

Attachments: Nil

The Councillors of the Sutherland Shire

Dear Councillors

I invite you to join me in expressing our sincere thanks to Council's dedicated and professional lifeguards, who on Sunday 17 February 2019, with the support of surf lifesavers from three Bate Bay surf clubs and competition volunteers attending the Australian Surf Rowers League (ASRL) competition at Elouera beach, came together to successfully perform a mass rescue of over forty five swimmers caught in a sudden rip at North Cronulla when a substantial sandbank collapsed.

Mr Brett Richardson, Mr Bede Elphick, Mr Steven Winner, Ms Lara Hughes, Mr Mitchell Palmer, Mr Aaron Markey, Mr Joh Hayman, Mr Matt Holman and Mr Todd Blanch have been recognised by their peers for their quick thinking and rapid action.

Mr. George Shales, President Surf Lifesaving Sydney who wrote "*On behalf of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch, I would like to commend the Sutherland Shire Life Guards for the excellent teamwork and collaboration without this level of engagement and cooperation between all services, some 45 people could have possibly lost their lives.*"

Mr. Geoff Budd, President of North Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club echoed these sentiments saying, "*The teamwork of all involved was sensational, everyone came together. The relationship within Bate Bay of the surf clubs and the Council lifeguard service is second to none. I would honestly say 'The best in the World'.*"

Many grateful swimmers had also expressed their thanks for being rescued on the day, with one posting on Facebook "*Huge thanks to all those involved - you mobilised so quickly*".

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