

Manly Council

Late Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly, on:

Monday 9 March 2009

Commencing at 7:30 PM for the purpose of considering items included on the Agenda.

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TO: Ordinary Meeting - 9 March 2009
REPORT: Mayoral Minute Report No. 4
SUBJECT: Outstanding Surf Rescue Performed by Members of Manly Life Saving Club
FILE NO:

Background

At 6.30pm on Sunday, March 1, alarmed members of the public attracted the attention of members of Manly Life Saving Club to an apparently drowned young male lying motionless at the water's edge some distance north of the clubhouse. Immediately the alarm was raised our volunteer lifesavers leapt into action.

A group headed by Cam Coghlan, Gary Auer, Zane Ludlow, Steve Coulter, John Singleton and Trent Herring snatched up an OxyViva and Cardiac Defibrillator raced along the beach to where the victim lay. Even though the patient had no pulse and appeared to drift off, the Manly LSC team continued with their efforts to revive the patient. Despite several setbacks, the team did not give up their efforts. Eventually, the patient did respond to the resuscitation of the lifesavers.

About this time a Manly Ambulance unit arrived and took over from the lifesavers and after the patient was stabilised, the ambulance service transported him to Manly Hospital, where, against almost impossible odds, he appears to be making an amazing recovery

Naturally the last thing the rescue team was thinking about how long the operation took. It seems however that some twenty or so minutes elapsed from the time the Manly LSC members began their lifesaving efforts until the patient was taken to hospital.

While the team's lifesaving efforts were in progress a number of other members, including juniors, assisted by controlling gathering onlookers, all distressed by what was happening, other members also played essential roles including Al Tier and Tony Bonner who called the ambulance as others raced up the beach.

The harrowing experience naturally caused considerable distress to the lifesavers involved; especially those for whom it was a first-time "real life" experience, the news they received a few days later that the young victim was recovering certainly made it all worthwhile.

I believe, without any reservation, they not only saved a young man's life, and in doing so they performed a miraculous lifesaving effort, far beyond the call of duty. And it all happened on the day when Manly SLC celebrated their enormously successful weekend at the NSW State Surf Life Saving Titles where Manly had easily won the prestigious Club Title as well as many individual team medals

One would be ultra-conservative in describing the outcome of the rescue by members of Manly LSC as "close brush with death".

This action I believe is a perfect example of the magnificent level of voluntary community service the surf lifesaving movement, now in its one hundred and first year, sets for itself.

I Move that

1. The Mayor writes to the President of Manly Life Saving Club on behalf of Manly Council commending its members on the brilliant skills, unflappable determination and devotion they exhibited in helping to save the life of a young swimmer.
2. The Mayor writes to the Manly Ambulance unit to congratulate them on their important role in this incident and their ongoing efforts in support of our community.

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3. The Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches be advised of the contents of this Mayoral Minute and that they also be congratulated for the support TIPS unit gave in assisting the Manly LSC member deal with the trauma many experienced following such a harrowing event.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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