

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of several members from the Tathra Surf Life Saving Club, New South Wales.***

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On the evening of 18 November 2008, members of the Tathra Surf Life Saving Club responded to calls to mount a rescue from the freezing waters at Tathra Wharf.

During a sectional meeting of the Tathra Surf Life Saving Club, the several members present were notified of the need for their assistance with a water rescue at the nearby wharf. As light faded the surf life savers heard that four people were in the freezing waters, a father, his two young sons and another person who had attempted a rescue. Two life savers jumped into the choppy sea and helped the exhausted man grab a rescue tube, pulling him away from pylons to prevent further injury. The surf life savers then made a search for the father and his two sons before dragging the man to a ladder so that he could be lifted back up to the wharf for treatment. Hearing from police that three people could be seen a short distance from the wharf, surf life savers jumped into the water with a rescue tube and board and were able to find the two children and get them out from underneath the wharf while giving initial resuscitation. With the assistance of other surf life savers who had organised an inflatable rescue boat, the children's father was quickly transported to shore where resuscitation was administered to the three victims by surf life savers and ambulance. Tragically, the young man and his two children were unable to be revived.

For their actions, the members of Tathra Surf Life Saving Club are recognised by the award of the Group Citation for Bravery.

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