



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

RLSS - RYDE'S LIFESAVING SWIMMING SUCCESS

Sandown are celebrating the national success of their Blue Flag winning Beach Manager Todd Miller, recently awarded National Trainer Assessor status by the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society), one of only 5 nationally to receive the Award at the December presentation, and possibly the only Islander to be recognised by the Award,

Todd, who also manages Ryde's Waterside Pool, manages the Town's beach safety service, as well as services at leisure centres, holiday parks and beaches around the south coast, with the lifeguard service recently obtained Royal Yachting Association Trainer Centre status, enabling Todd who is a qualified RYA instructor, to train their Beach Lifeguards in house to achieve their Powerboat Level 1 & 2 and Personal Watercraft qualifications.

Sandown Mayor Paddy Lightfoot said 'Sandown and the Island are fortunate to have Todd spearheading Beach Safety services, and this recognition reflects the high standards Todd and the Beach Service provides for residents and visitors.'

Todd said 'I work with a great team in Sandown and Ryde, and we are always looking to improve and develop the standard of service we provide - and the talent that we have developed is evidence of this, and we are delighted this has been nationally recognised.'

Sandown's Beach safety service is working to develop provision, with Todd, to include additional accessible wheelchairs, improvements to the lifeguard station, walkie talkie network with concessionaires, and a possible jetski facility.

Deputy Mayor Alex Lightfoot concluded 'Todd is a credit to the Island, and his work with Sea Safe Sessions has enabled 100's of local young people to safely enjoy the sea and beaches around the Island - this award is worthy recognition.'

