



LETTER OF THANKS

Presented to

Dean Wergerle

From 11th to the 13th April 2022, days of heavy rain across KwaZulu-Natal led to deadly floods. Particularly hard-hit were areas in and around Durban. At least 435 people died across the province, with an unknown number of people still missing as of 13th April 2022. Several thousand homes were damaged or destroyed. Critical infrastructure, including major roads, transportation, communication, and electrical systems, was impacted by the flooding, and this damage greatly hampered rescue, recovery and relief efforts.

Dean Wergerle, is being recognised for his courage and determination on 11th April 2022 when he and members of their NSRI Station, along with the national and local emergency services, rendered aid and assistance in multiple flood-related incidents along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline and inland, caused by the heavy rainfall and devastating floods in the Durban and surrounding areas.

In particular, we acknowledge Dean's part in Malcolm Manion's Team and his own actions in the support of various NSRI and associated Rescue Teams conducting the locating and rescuing of numerous people trapped in houses, warehouses and vehicles throughout the night into the following day, often wading through waist deep water to reach casualties trapped by the surging floods.

Dean Wergerle's personal bravery that day, going to the aid of persons in trouble, in known dangerous conditions, without concern for his own safety, was in the very finest traditions of the National Sea Rescue Institute, which we are pleased to recognise with this Chief Executive Officer's Letter of Thanks.

Dr Cleeve Robertson
Chief Executive Officer



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Date