



# GALLANTRY AWARD

# SILVER

Presented to

**Sean Dickie**

From 11 to 13 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 13 April 2022. Several thousand homes were damaged or destroyed. The flooding impacted critical infrastructure, including major roads, transportation, communication and electrical systems, and this damage greatly hampered rescue, recovery and relief efforts.

Sean Dickie is being recognised for his courage and determination on 11 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. These incidents occurred along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline and inland due to heavy rainfall, resulting in devastating floods in Durban and surrounding areas.

In particular, we acknowledge Sean's part of Johan Muller's Team and his own actions in the joint rescue of numerous people found in a variety of predicaments down Peter Road

where people were found trapped on house roofs, vehicles, cranes and building windows. Especially noteworthy is Sean's and 3 colleagues' support of Johan working with SRU and IPSS evacuating about ten houses in Verulam, and then at Flamingo Heights assisting people in the river as well as recovering two deceased people and another two alive who had been missing. Earlier that day, they were tasked to Umdloti which was busy flooding. On arrival, Sean Divine, Sean Dicky, Mike Bishop and Johan Muller evacuated all its residents due to a big embankment giving in and creating a river of sand and water mix which was so bad that it pushed through the front doors of the apartments flooding them with this mud slurry. Later still, Sean and his Team evacuated several people in the Verulam area, notably the family of a mom and baby, from a collapsing building.

Sean Dickie's bravery that day, going to the aid of persons in trouble, in known dangerous conditions, without concern for his safety, was in the very finest traditions of the National Sea Rescue Institute, which we are pleased to recognise with this Gallantry Award Silver.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Velloza'.

Jonathan Velloza  
Chairman: Board of Directors



19 July 2024

Date