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POINT LONSDALE SURF LIFE SAVERS USE NEW ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE TO ASSIST PARAMEDICS TO EVACUATE AN INJURED WOMAN OFF AN ISOLATED POINT LONSDALE BEACH

Point Lonsdale Surf Lifesavers have today utilised their new All Terrain Vehicle to assist Paramedics with the evacuation of a woman from the isolated Step's Beach; one of the more isolated beaches along the Point Lonsdale coastline.

Media Release

At approximately 2pm this afternoon a woman, believed to be in her 30's had sustained a lower leg injury while at the Beach. An Ambulance was summonsed but as the woman had inured herself at a rather inaccessible location, Rural Ambulance Victoria Paramedics requested the assistance of Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Surf Lifesavers to assist to safely and expediently evacuate her off the Beach.

The Club used it's new 6x4 wheel drive All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to safely transfer the woman off the Beach and back over the steep sand dune to the waiting Ambulance, after she was treated by Paramedics at the Beach.

Club Captain, Mr. Dean Smith stated that "this is an example of how such equipment can be used to make the local beaches a safer place. The Club received a grant from the State Government, under the Community Safety Emergency Support Fund to assist with the purchase of a number of pieces of lifesaving equipment last year and the ATV was one of those."

"The ATV is primarily used to assist with the transportation of lifesaving equipment, but as this example demonstrates today, it may also be useful in assisting with the evacuation of injured persons off local beaches and other less accessible locations."

For further information please contact the Secretary / Media Liaison Officer - Matthew Ponsford on 0419 52 52 58

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