RESCUED AFTER 40 HOURS

Fine Work By Port Elliot Life Savers

Members of the Port Elliot Life Saving Club on Tuesday afternoon figured in a courageous rescue of an employe of the Broken Hill Pty. Co., Ross Hicks, who had been marooned in the company's launch in high seas for 40 hours at Rapid Bay.

Following an urgent call from the superintendent of the company to the president of the Port Elliot Life Saving Club (Mr. P. L. Bannon), Messrs. Joe Sibly, Cliff Barton, Don Green, and Harold Vorwerk, accompanied by Mounted Constable Fraser, made a dash of 40 miles in a motor lorry with life-saving equipment, and effected the rescue. Another life-saving team was got ready from the city in case of emergency.

Early on Monday morning concern was felt for the safety of the company's £1,500 launch. Hicks and Edward Poppel, employes of the company, volunteered to go out. Hicks reached the launch, but a big wave overturned the rowing boat with Poppel underneath. Fierce seas washed this boat ashore with Poppel underneath it most of the way. He was taken to the Victor Harbor Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from concussion, shock and bruises.

Hicks was left in a perilous position, for huge waves were breaking over the launch. Several attempts were made by other employes on Monday and

by other employes on Monday and Tuesday to get through the breakers to the launch, but the dinghy was swamped every time, and the occupants were washed ashore.

When the lifesavers arrived they found the coast too rocky and that there was too much seaweed for reel work. Eventually Barton and Sibly got out to the launch in the dinghy, and, in tremendous breakers, edged the dinghy close enough to get Hicks off. They brought him back to shore, the dinghy sinking as it reached the shallow water.

These two members of the club are already holders of the Royal Life Saving Society's bronze medals, awarded when they risked their lives in mountainous seas at Port Elliot several years ago.