

Dolphin rescue attempt ends in disappointment

LAST Thursday, the Falkland Islands Whale Project received a call reporting a dolphin stranded on Bertha's Beach. The dolphin was still alive and military personnel along with Kyle Biggs, and Andrew Miller, who were on the scene, tried to assist the dolphin back into the water. Unfortunately, the creature kept turning upside down and so Caroline Weir from the FI Whale Project was called to offer assistance.

By the time Caroline had arrived, the dolphin had managed to be re-floated and had swum out to sea. It was identified as a southern right whale dolphin, a highly sociable species, and its presence so close to the shore and alone raised concerns.

The dolphin was observed for a while as it was thought that it may become stranded again. Three hours later, tourists further up the beach had spotted another dolphin stranded. Caroline and the team managed to get the dolphin moved so that it was in the same vicinity of the previous dolphin, but it was clear that it did not have enough strength to swim through the surf-zone of the water.

The team tried to get both dolphins re-floated but they had both



Above: Southern right whale dolphins found on Bertha's Beach. Below: keeping the dolphins cool and wet. Pics: Caroline Weir

been struggling on the beach for too long and were tired.

Unfortunately, it was established that the two dolphins would not be able to survive a successful release and it was decided that euthanasia would be the best option to prevent further suffering.

Caroline and Andrew remained with the dolphins on the beach as euthanasia equipment was not available until the morning. The dolphins were kept in an upright position overnight, with sand dug from under them to relieve pressure. Their skin was kept wet and

cool and the team kept scavenging birds away.

The smaller juvenile female, who had been in the worse condition, died in the evening, with the larger male passing away in the morning.

The FI Whale Project will perform necropsies on both animals to find out what might have caused the initial stranding.

Anyone visiting Bertha's Beach is encouraged to contact the project if you come across any dolphins, stranded or dead, as this particular type of dolphin tends to

travel in groups.

The southern right whale dolphin is small cetacean, found in the sub-Antarctic waters of the Southern Hemisphere.

They have distinctive black and white markings on their streamlined body and no dorsal fin.

They are energetic swimmers and when porpoising at speed can resemble penguins.

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