



# COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

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## NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

**David Browne**, Dublin, Ireland  
**Diploma Award Recipient**

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that **David Browne, Dublin, Ireland** has been honoured with the Diploma Award for his contribution to our knowledge of lifesaving. **Mr. Browne prepared a thorough 200+ page history of the Royal Lifesaving Society in Ireland. The book documents the lifesaving practices including technique development are discussed as is the lifeguarding competition movement. Additionally, the book** creates awareness of the rich history and heritage of the Royal Life Saving Society.

The Diploma is one of the Society's oldest and most prestigious international awards. RLSS Diploma is awarded to individuals and groups who have added to our knowledge in ways that can save lives and prevent drowning.

David Browne's historical review of the drowning problem in the UK in the late 1800s and the development of the Society in response to this issue. The book highlights the approaches taken in reducing drownings in the United Kingdom and Ireland over 125 years. The book chronicles the development of lifesaving rescue techniques and lifesaving award schemes, resuscitation procedures, and the evolution of life saving sport as strands in the drowning prevention strategy.

**The Royal Life Saving Society commends David Browne for his contribution and his commitment to drowning prevention.**