



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

November 29, 2017

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Dr. Jeff Wilks, Queensland, Australia
Diploma Award Recipient

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Dr. Jeff Wilks has been honoured with the Diploma Award for his significant contribution to our knowledge in the areas of drowning, near drowning, lifesaving and lifeguarding, through his diverse contributions to water safety and drowning prevention across the areas of scuba diving, lifesaving, beach and recreational water safety.

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.

Dr. Wilks has made a significant contribution to drowning prevention and has focused much of his drowning prevention work on vulnerable groups such as tourists and children through peer reviewed scientific publications; seminars and training programs, as well as sharing findings at national and international forums.

A scientist-practitioner, Dr. Wilks has shared locally, nationally and internationally, researching, authoring and co-authoring training manuals, book chapters, journal articles on a wide range of drowning prevention topics including beach safety and the law; river rescue; scuba diving safety; youth engagement in lifesaving and lifeguarding; and tourists' risk for drowning,

The Royal Life Saving Society commends Dr. Jeff Wilks for his stellar contribution and his commitment to drowning prevention.