



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

November 29, 2017

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

James Robert McClelland, Queensland, Australia
Diploma Award Recipient

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that James (Jim) Robert McClelland 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 the writing and publishing a history of RLSS.

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.

Mr. McClelland studied and documented the early history of the Royal Life Saving Society including summarizing and analyzing the history of lifesaving in Australia.

In 2016, on the occasion of the 125-year anniversary of the Royal Life Saving Society, James authored and published a key resource that carefully illustrates the rich history of the RLSS and its impact in lifesaving, lifeguarding and drowning prevention touching the lives of millions of people in twenty-seven Commonwealth countries, and many non-Commonwealth countries. The book includes a focus on the RLSS iconic symbol of the lifesaving award that symbolises a qualified lifesaver – the Bronze Medallion. Topics explored include information, illustrations and archival photographs about the people, the teaching, the awards and member countries that built the success of RLSS over its 125-years.

The Royal Life Saving Society honours and commends James Robert McClelland for his stellar contribution and his commitment to drowning prevention.