



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

June 15, 2018

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Professor John Pearn, AO, Queensland, Australia **Diploma Award Recipient**

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Professor John Pearn, Queensland, Australia has been honoured with the Diploma Award for his significant contribution to our knowledge in the areas of drowning, near drowning through academic and practitioner research for over 40 years of productive impactful research.

His work has spanned a broad array of research and drowning and rescue topics including immersion drowning; pre-existing medical conditions; prehospital resuscitation; disability and drowning; snorkeling- related deaths; bystander rescue, lifeline rescues; rescue altruism; and safety legislation, public health policy and drowning prevention.

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.

Professor John Pearn's work often represented the first studies undertaken on a range of topics including non-fatal drowning. His impressive body of work has contributed significantly to our understanding of drowning and its prevention.

In addition to his Professor Pearn's research, he has also been a valuable mentor to younger researchers in the field. He also assists Royal Life Saving Society – Australia to be across new research in the field through his role as National Medical Advisor.

The Royal Life Saving Society commends Professor John Pearn for his sustained important contributions and his commitment to drowning prevention.