



Citation for
THE KING EDWARD VII CUP
awarded in 1991 to
STUART EDWARD NICOL QSO MBE
The Royal Life Saving Society New Zealand

STUART EDWARD NICOL first became associated with lifesaving when he gained his Elementary Award at Primary School in 1935. Bronze Medallion was obtained in 1937 at Christchurch Boys School and progressing up the Awards ladder rapidly he gained the Society Diploma in 1942.

Subsequent to distinguished service in the Royal New Zealand Air Force during the Second World War he worked as teacher and examiner with the Canterbury Branch later becoming Chairman and then President. He first became a New Zealand Council member in 1954 and in the ensuing years held numerous key offices until his election as President in 1973 a position he held until retirement in 1989 - an unbroken term of 16 years.

RLSS New Zealand considered that the contribution Stuart Nicol had made to the development of their Member Branch was immeasurable and the singular honour of President Emeritus was bestowed in recognition of a lifetime of service to the Society.

His influence on assisting the spread of vital lifesaving skills throughout the world was of no less significance and of particular note was the research conducted into the effectiveness of Expired Air Resuscitation - research which took him to many parts of the world as international conference delegate and presenter. He then vigorously ensured that the technique was adopted not only in New Zealand but throughout the Commonwealth.

He is the recipient of every honour the Society can bestow both in New Zealand and in the Commonwealth Council of which he is a Vice President. In the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1988 he was awarded the Companion of the Queen's Service Cross.

Stuart Nicol's unselfish dedication and total involvement with the Royal Life Saving Society is an inspiration and example to lifesavers throughout the Commonwealth and he is awarded the King Edward VII Cup for 1991.

Her Majesty The Queen presented the Cup to Mr J Allen Lee, President The Royal Life Saving Society New Zealand, who received it on behalf of Mr Stuart Nicol at Buckingham Palace on the 24th June 1991 at the Reception for Commonwealth Conference Delegates and Guests