



2009 King Edward VII Cup

Citation for Neville Bayfield OAM

Neville Bayfield OAM was one of the giants of Royal Life Saving. He served for over 40 years in many capacities including Deputy President of RLSS Commonwealth from 1995 to 2009 and was RLSS Australia National President from 1988 to 1994. He was awarded the Order of Australia in 1997.

Neville was an outstanding example of a person who dedicated much of his career to the promotion of water safety and life saving at both the national and international level. He achieved this through an ongoing involvement with Royal Life Saving Society – Australia (RLSSA) and the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth.

Service to RLSSA Neville Bayfield served as National Treasurer of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia from the 1984 incorporation date of the National Branch up to October 1988. He progressed to being appointed National President on the 25th October 1988, holding this position for six years till October 1994. During his tenure as President, Neville was instrumental in the development of key water safety education strategies including the development of the Swim and Survive program which today teaches many hundreds of thousands participants each year. With over 40 years of service to the society, Neville was Vice Patron of RLSSA where he remained firmly committed to raising the standard of awareness of life saving education in Australia and around the world.

As the Commonwealth Deputy President of the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth (1995–2009), Neville's role required enormous leadership and dedication. The RLSS Commonwealth grew dramatically during Neville's tenure. Neville was instrumental in directing the RLSS Commonwealth's attention on the needs of developing nations and was instrumental in raising the standards of water safety worldwide.

For a lifetime of outstanding service to the Royal Life Saving Society

Mr Neville Bayfield is awarded the 2009 King Edward VII Cup