



# COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

2024

## NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Dr Emily Francis

### Diploma Award Recipient

**The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Dr Emily Francis has been honoured with a second Diploma Award for their significant contribution to our knowledge in the areas of lifeguarding, water safety and drowning prevention, through a doctoral thesis exploring Indigenous First Nations people's insights into living and surviving with water.**

The Royal Life Saving Society is a charity registered in the UK and we work with various organisations across different sectors to support communities in developing lifesaving education initiatives and drowning prevention programmes. Our Commonwealth President is HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO. The Diploma is one of the Society's oldest and most prestigious international awards and is awarded to individuals and groups who have added to our knowledge in ways that can save lives and prevent drowning.

Dr Emily Francis' contribution, entitled *A Drowning Prevention Policy Framework*, explores Indigenous First Nations people's insights into living and surviving with water, and the ways in which communities can be supported in the implementation of drowning prevention programmes. This insight will be valuable as the global drowning prevention community works towards more inclusive policies and practices.

**The Royal Life Saving Society commends Dr Emily Francis for this insightful contribution and their commitment to drowning prevention.**