



COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

2024

NOTICE OF DIPLOMA AWARD

Stephen Waterman
Diploma Award Recipients

The Royal Life Saving Society is very pleased to announce that Stephen Waterman has been honoured with the Diploma Award (Applied) for their significant contribution to our knowledge in the areas of lifeguarding, water safety and drowning prevention, through a shared reflection on the experiential learning from the Kimberley River Safety Program, in Western Australia.

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.

Stephen Waterman's contribution, the *Kimberley River Safety Program, Western Australia*, is a thoughtful reflection on their own experiential learning related to this programme and will assist other practitioners to build on this learning as they embark on similar projects. We especially appreciate the reflections on the value of respectful community partnerships and building understanding of the local context. As evidenced in this contribution, the programme has had tangible impact on the communities involved.

The Royal Life Saving Society commends Stephen Waterman for this impactful contribution and their commitment to drowning prevention.