



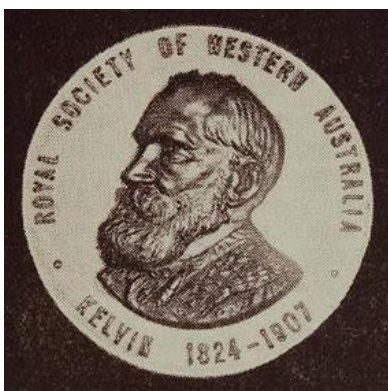
# The Royal Society of Western Australia

## RSWA Awards

### Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia

#### History

The Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia was instituted in 1924 to mark the centenary of the birth on 26 June 1824 of Lord Kelvin, the distinguished mathematical physicist who was President of the Royal Society in London from 1890 to 1895. The Medal, which bears in relief the head of Lord Kelvin, was originally referred to as the 'Gold Medal'. The original dye for the medal, first struck in 1924, remains in the safe-keeping of The Society. The first three medals were struck in gold, and all subsequent medals in silver. There have been 24 distinguished recipients of the Medal from 1924 to 2010. In 1979 there were three recipients.



#### Award for Medal of The Royal Society of Western Australia

In accordance with clause 63 of The Society's Constitution, "A Medal, for which Council will call for nominations through its Proceedings, shall be awarded by the Council every fourth year or at such other times or periods as the Council may from time to time decide for distinguished work in science connected with Western Australia. The Council shall appoint a Medal Committee consisting of five members of the Council to assess the nominations and recommend a recipient of the Medal. The recipient shall, on the awarding of the Medal, be requested to deliver a public address to be known as The Royal Society of Western Australia Medal Lecture".

#### Nominations

Nominations should include:-

- Nominee's CV
- a supporting statement from the Nominator
- supporting letters from three referees

Nominations should be sent to:-

The President, The Royal Society of Western Australia,  
PO Box 7026, Karawara, WA 6152.



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#### PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. 1924 Dr W J Hancock: Radiography; medical application of X-rays
2. 1929 Dr E S Simpson: Mineralogy and geology of W.A.
3. 1933 Mr W M Carne: Plant pathology; the bitter pit of apples
4. 1937 Mr A G Maitland: Pilbara survey and artesian water supplies
5. 1941 Professor E de C Clarke: Geology of W.A.
6. 1945 Mr L Glauert: Natural sciences
7. 1949 Mr C A Gardner: Botany, the flora of W.A.
8. 1955 Dr H W Bennetts: Veterinary science; livestock diseases
9. 1959 Professor E J Underwood: Animal nutrition and husbandry
10. 1966 Mr C F H Jenkins: Agricultural entomology and natural history
11. 1970 Professor R T Prider: Geology, petrology and mineralogy
12. 1979 Professor R M Berndt: Anthropology; aboriginal studies
13. 1979 Emeritus Professor B J Grieve: Botany; ecophysiology and the flora of W.A.
14. 1979 Dr D L Serventy: Zoology; ornithology and nature conservation
15. 1983 Dr J S Beard: Botany; vegetation classification and mapping
16. 1986 Professor C A Parker: Soil biology
17. 1993 Professor J R De Laeter: Geophysics and geochronology
18. 1995 Emeritus Professor A R Main: Zoology; ecology and nature conservation
19. 1997 Professor E P Hodgkin: Estuarine studies
20. 1997 Professor A J McComb: Plant growth and ecology
21. 2001 Dr P Playford: Geology and history of discovery in W.A. 2005
22. 2005 Professor D I Groves: Economic geology and mineralogy
23. 2005 Dr K J McNamara: Palaeontology and evolutionary palaeobiology
24. 2010 Emeritus Professor S D Bradshaw: Ecophysiology; wildlife conservation



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6. At the RSWA AGM on 15/07/2013 the Annual Report for 2012-2013 (page 2) refers to Council deciding, as part of RSWA Centenary activities to change the name of the medal to the RSWA Forrest Medal. At the RSWA AGM on 22/09/2014 the Annual Report for 2013-2014 (page 2) states that "The first Forrest Medal will be presented in 2015". At the AGM on 20/07/2015 no Medal was presented and at that time the Constitution remained unchanged referring to "The Medal of the Royal Society of Western Australia". Given these facts, and the long history of presentation as the Medal of the Royal Society of Western Australia, at a Meeting on 20/03/2017 the RSWA Council revoked the 2013 Council decision and affirmed continuing the name in the current Constitution "The Medal of the Royal Society of Western Australia".  
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