

NATURE CONSERVATION AWARD

Field Naturalists' Societies form a link between professional scientists and lay people by providing facilities and activities for interested amateur naturalists and conservationists. The award is therefore open to lay people as well as professionals working in the cause of natural history conservation. Outstanding contributions may be in the form of significant effort in promoting natural history and nature conservation through writing, photography, film-making and other activities; demonstrating by example the value of conservation of natural areas, assisting others in protecting areas or species under threat or conducting relevant research.

The award currently takes the form of a medal. It is of solid sterling silver, silver being the first metal to be mined in South Australia. The converse side of the medal bears three flowers of Sturt's Desert Pea - the floral emblem of the State and of the Society - ringed by the full name of the Society. The reverse side carries an impression of the pre-Cambrian (Ediacaran) fossil animal, *Tribrachidium heraldicum*, which is unique to South Australia. As the name suggests, it occurs in the form of three heraldic arms. Thus the medal depicts an animal, a plant and a mineral, and the three arms represent the non-living elements of the environment: earth, air and water.

RECIPIENTS

2015 - Graham Medlin	2000 - Darrell Kraehenbuehl
2014 - David Armstrong	1999 - Michael Grady
2013 - Colin and Joan Beer	1998 - Tony Spooner (posthumous)
2012 - Gillian Briggs (posthumous)	1997 - (no award)
2011 - Tony Robinson	1996 - Bryan Mitchell
2010 - Chris Daniels	1995 - David Symon
2009 - Rona Sakko	1994 - Joan Paton
2008 - (no award)	1993 - Gordon Gardiner
2007 - Pam and David Catcheside	1992 - Hans Mincham
2006 - Robert Sharrad	1991 - Enid Robertson
2005 - Bryan Womersley	1990 - Maud McBriar
2004 - David Paton	1989 - (no award)
2003 - (no award)	1988 - John Sibley
2002 - Mike Tyler	
2001 - Archie McArthur	