



**SWANBOURNE NEDLANDS
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

THE SIMON DAVIES AWARD

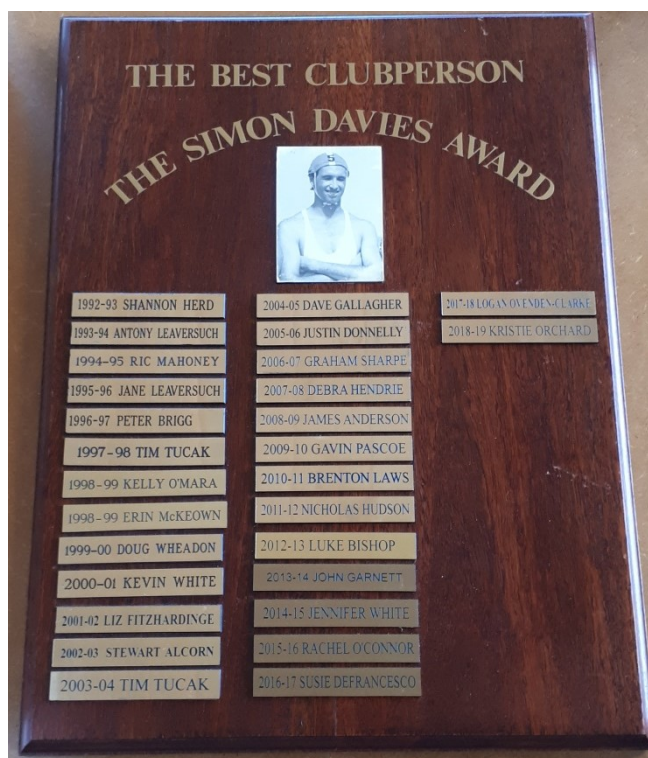
DETAILS

First awarded: May 1953,
as the Best Clubman

Times awarded: At least 27 times over 40 seasons

First awarded: Saturday, 29 May 1993
as The Best Clubperson,
The Simon Davies Award

Times awarded: 27 times (consecutive)



ENGRAVING

The Best Clubperson,
The Simon Davies Award

Black and white photograph of Simon Davies
from R&R competition.



HISTORY

The Best Club Man award is first recorded in the Annual Report for the 1952/53 season, although it may have presented in the seasons prior (It is not mentioned in the 1947/48 Annual Report and copies of the intervening Annual Reports are not held). The 1952/53 recipient was Robert (Bob) McLaughlan.

By 1962 the By-Laws provided for the Best Club Man: Best Club Man (Conditions as laid down in Appendix C of these By-Laws). Unfortunately a copy of Appendix C was unable to be located at this time.

By 1978 the By-Laws were simplified to the "Best Club Man (selected by the Management Committee annually)". Winners of this event (and other events) were to have their names suitably engraved on perpetual trophies, however such a trophy for the Best Club Man is not known to exist from this era.

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HISTORY cont.

The Simon Davies Best Club Person Award

This award was previously known as the Best Clubman Award, but in 1992 after the passing of Simon Davies, was renamed in his honour and to reflect the involvement of both men and women at Swanbourne. It is awarded in recognition of the most dedicated Club member of the season.

The criteria on which the award is judged are not concrete or specific. It is generally conferred to a member who has contributed to a number of areas within the Club. In a reflection of Simon's own personal qualities, it is often awarded to someone who has taken on tasks unasked, without the expectation of recognition or reward, but simply because the job needed to be done. In many instances, these activities were time-consuming, tedious and not intrinsically rewarding.

Extract from Striving to Serve Part 1½, Swanbourne-Nedlands S.L.S.C., The next 25 years, 1982-2007, Chapter 9, Club Awards, page 75 by Peter Brigg.

President's Report

The lows first - the sudden death of our member Simon Davies. Simon was a silent, tireless worker for our Surf Club, always willing to help in any capacity required. Simon's death was a loss to us and the community. The Club has seen fit to rename our Best Club Person award, "The Simon Davies Best Club Person Award". We also proudly display a photo tribute in memory of Simon.

Annual Report 1992/93

Vale Simon Davies

It is with the greatest regret that we notify members of the death of one of our best known and best liked members - Simon Davies.

Simon died on Tuesday, 21 July 1992.

Simon, at 24 years of age, was the eldest son of the Davies family. Our deepest sympathy goes to Richard, Rebecca and Timothy.

Since joining the club as a junior, Simon progressed through to the senior ranks and became one of the club's most valuable members. He was an active competitor in all surf events, where he became one of the club and states leading Lifesavers.

However, it was Simon's efforts both on the beach and as committee member where he excelled. Simon was an outstanding Patrol Captain at the club and lead the way in re-establishing Swanbourne as one of the best patrolling clubs on the coast. In addition, Simon worked tirelessly on the management committee where he held such positions as Committeeman and Club Treasurer. Simon always put lifesaving as his number one priority at the club, therefore keeping the club true to its goal of "Vigilance and Service".

Simon will be sadly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Newsletter July 1992

It was decided that as a tribute to Simon Davies, the new tower will be named after him. The best clubman award will have a trophy in his name and his photo will be placed in the hall. C. Cook to organise trophy.

Management Committee Minutes Tues 4 August 1992

It is with sadness that I write concerning the recent death of club member Simon Davies. Simon was a great ally of mine at the club and his death is a great loss to both myself and the club.

Simon's memory will remain with me and other club members for ever and his widespread contribution to the club will also remain. I hope however that our respect for Simon can be on-going.

Letter from Michael Tucak, dated 1st September 1992, to Ivan Martinovich, Club President.

Mike then suggested two ways to remember Simon. Firstly was to organise a Club car rally in 1992 in recognition of Simon's efforts in organising the car rally (described by Mike as "moderately successful") in the pre-season 1991. Secondly was a permanent memorial in the planting of a tree in the upper courtyard, with or without a plaque in respect of Simon.

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HISTORY cont.

Swanbourne
1st Sept. 1992

Ivan Martinovich
President
Swanbourne-Nedlands S.L.S.C.

Dear Ivan,

I am directing this letter to you as Chairman of the Management Committee regarding two matters I hope will be raised at September meeting. It is with sadness that I write concerning the recent death of club member Simon Davies. Simon was a great ally of mine at the club and his death is a great loss to both myself and the club.

Simon's memory will remain with me and other club members for ever, and his widespread contribution to the club will also remain. I hope however that our respect for Simon can be on-going. There are two ways I would like to suggest the club may do this.

Firstly, Simon and I organised a club car-rally in the pre-dawn of 1991-92, which was moderately successful. Simon was very keen to build on that effort, and held another rally before the 1992 season. I was sceptical about doing so based on the mediocre response the rally received. However, I know it would have been Simon's wish to see the rally go ahead for 1992. It would be a fitting tribute for Simon if it does, and ~~he~~ hopefully becomes an annual event.

I would be more than willing to assist in the organisation, however I could not take full charge due to heavy study commitments. In 1991 the rally was organised at minimal cost to the club, and catered for all ages. It is also an ideal event for commencing the season and introducing new club members. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this matter.

Secondly, the club may also wish to establish a permanent memorial of Simon. I would like to suggest to the committee the idea of planting a tree of some type in the upper courtyard, with or without a plaque in respect of Simon.

Thank you for the opportunity to express these suggestions. I look forward to hearing from the committee in ~~that~~ regard.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Tucak.

**Letter from Michael Tucak, dated 1st September 1992,
to Ivan Martinovich, Club President.**

Club President Ivan Martinovich replied as follows:

The management committee decided at its August meeting that to honour Simon we would do the following:

1. Have a photo suitable inscribed in the hall or trophy room.
2. Have a trophy made and called "the Simon Davies Best Club Member Award" to be awarded on an annual basis.
3. The new portable tower, which Simon worked on, and is now in construction, will have a suitable plaque mounted on it.

**Letter from Ivan Martinovich, Club President,
dated 6th September 1992, to Michael Tucak**

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6 September 1992

Mr Michael Tucak
4 Wood Street
Swanbourne 6010

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter regarding the death of Simon Davies, and suggestions regarding the club's remembrance of Simon.

At these sad moments it is sometimes easier to say yes than no, but the facts were that people wanted to name IRBs, surf boats, trailers, and the gym, to donate trophies and plant trees in honour of Simon. All these are worthy suggestions in their way.

The management committee decided at its August meeting that to honour Simon we would do the following:

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3. The new portable tower, which Simon worked on, and is now in construction, will have a suitable plaque mounted on it.

The idea of a car rally has been referred to the social secretary. I thank you for your interest and support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ivan Martinovich
President

Amanda to write letter of thanks to Ron Harland for making Simon Davies Best Clubman Award trophy. Also to John Le Bras for supplying the photo and to Tash Kremers for the photo of Simon.

Management Committee Minutes Tues 4 August 1992

No change was made to the By-Laws following the August 1992 decision to name the Best Club Man trophy after Simon Davies.

Prior to 1997 the By-Laws provided for the "Best Club Man (selected by the Management Committee each year)". No changes were proposed to rename this during changes to the Constitution when the Club operational structure was updated in the July 1997,

The renaming may have occurred at this time as by time of next change to the By-Laws in August 1998 the relevant clause was "The Simon Davies Award - Best Club Member Award (as selected by the Management Committee each year)."



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Simon Davies

1968 – 1992

BM-ARC-ARCI-ROC-FAC



A true clubman and gentleman

Photo of Simon Davies as currently displayed on framed tribute in the Club Office.

BM - Bronze Medallion;

ARC - Advanced Resuscitation Certificate

ARCI - Advanced Resuscitation Certificate Instructors

ROC – Radio Operators Certificate

FAC - First Aid Certificate

There is a card from his family included with the photo:

SNSLC Members

We appreciated very much your bereavement notice and card together with your support at Simon's funeral.

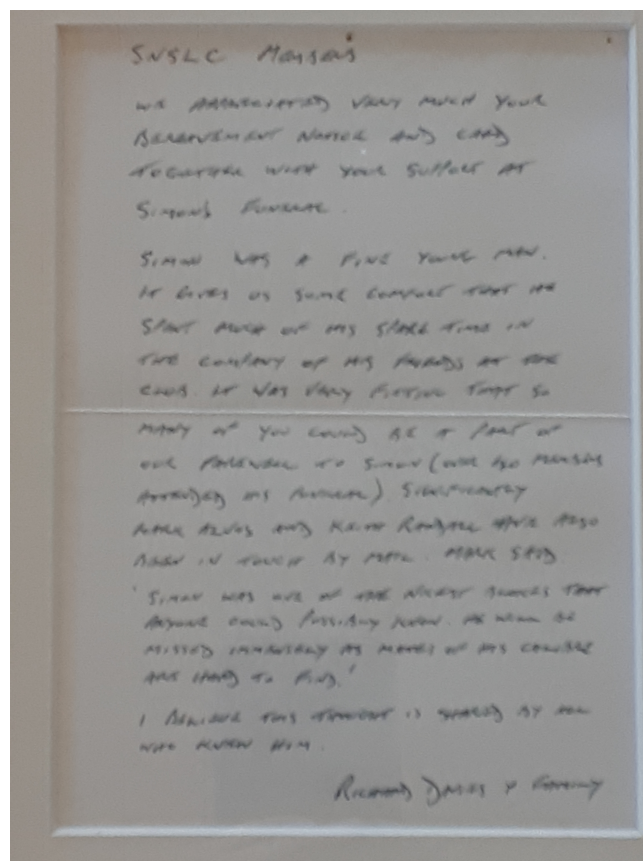
Simon was a fine young man. It gives us some comfort that he spent much of his spare time in the company of his friends at the Club.

It was very positive that so many of you could as a part of our farewell to Simon (over 40 members attended his funeral). Significantly Mark Alvos and Keith Randall have also been in touch by mail. Mark said

'Simon was one of the nicest blokes that anyone could possibly know. He will be missed immensely as mates of his calibre are hard to find.'

I believe thus thought is shared by all who knew him.

Ronald Davies & Family



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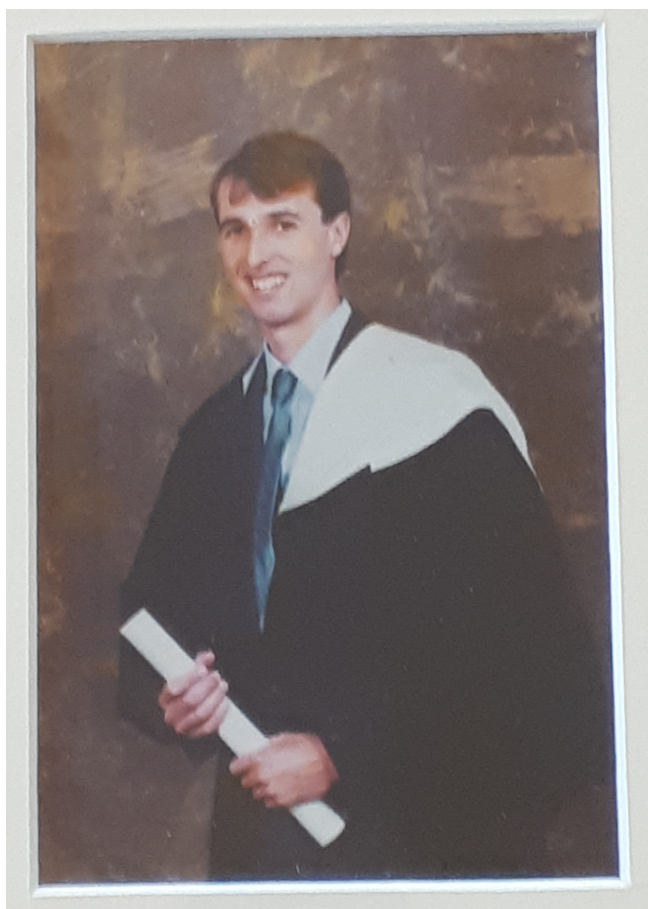


Photo of Simon Davies as currently displayed on framed tribute in the Club Office.



Photos of portable patrol tower (the "Yellow Pages trailer") that Simon worked on along with Andy Bonnell and Tony Leaversuch. Also shown is the construction of the current patrol tower. In the top photo are (left to right) Anna Lee (Trott), possibly Fiona Broomhall (Taylor), unknown to me, Dave Gallagher, Claire Tucak with radio, Dave Robertson and unknown to me.

BY-LAWS

2.5.9 The Simon Davies Award - Best Club Member Award (as selected by the Management Committee each year).

PROPOSED

2.5.9 The Simon Davies Award

The Best Club Person Award, as selected by the Management Committee each season.



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RECIPIENTS – BEST CLUB MAN

Season	Recipient(s)	Season	Recipient(s)
1949/50		1971/72	
1950/51		1972/73	
1951/52		1973/74	
1952/53	Robert (Bob) McLauchlan	1974/75	Alf Mort (Senior) Tim Mort (Junior)
1953/54		1975/76	Gary Williamson (Senior), Bill Walsh (Junior), Tim Mort (Juvenile)
1954/55	John Craze, Derry Barber (Cadet)	1976/77	
1955/56		1977/78	Russell Brimage
1956/57	Ronald (Ron) Vivian	1978/79	
1957/58	Ian Atkinson	1979/80	
1958/59	Barrie (Barry) Kernaghan	1980/81	J. Renouf
1959/60	Ian Atkinson	1981/82	
1960/61	Donald (Don) Greenhill	1982/83	
1961/62	Donald (Don) Greenhill	1983/84	
1962/63	Colin Cook	1984/85	
1963/64	William (Bill) Herdsman	1985/86	
1964/65	Terence (Terry) Colby	1986/87	Rob Erhard (Senior), Paul Entwsitle (Junior)
1965/66	Robert (Bob) Dorizzi	1987/88	Andrew Bonnell
1966/67	Colin McLeod (Clubman) Miss Liane Mayne (Clubwoman)	1988/89	Andrew Bonnell (Senior), Jeremy Eagleton (Junior)
1967/68	Terry Foley	1989/90	Keith Randall
1968/69	John Thomas	1990/91	Amanda Simper
1969/70	Michael (Mick) Miller	1991/92	Mark Walsh
1970/71	Colin Cook		

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RECIPIENTS – THE BEST CLUBPERSON, THE SIMON DAVIES AWARD

Season	Recipient(s)	Season	Recipient(s)
1992/93	Shannon Herd *	2012/13	Luke Bishop
1993/94	Antony Leaversuch	2013/14	John Garnett
1994/95	Ric Mahoney	2014/15	Jennifer White
1995/96	Jane Leaversuch	2015/16	Rachel O'Connor
1996/97	Peter Brigg	2016/17	Susie Defrancesco
1997/98	Tim Tucak	2017/18	Logan Ovenden-Clarke
1998/99	Erin McKeown, Kelly O'Mara	2018/19	Kristie Orchard
1999/2000	Doug Weadon	2019/20	
2000/01	Kevin White	2020/21	
2001/02	Elizabeth Fitzhardinge	2021/22	
2002/03	Stewart Alcorn	2022/23	
2003/04	Tim Tucak	2023/24	
2004/05	Dave Gallagher	2024/25	
2005/06	Justin Donnelly	2025/26	
2006/07	Graham Sharpe	2026/27	
2007/08	Debra Hendrie	2027/28	
2008/09	James Anderson	2028/29	
2009/10	Gavin Pascoe	2029/30	
2010/11	Brenton Laws	2030/31	
2011/12	Nicholas Hudson	2031/32	

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