



Jack Kinnear, left, and Richard Harris (Photograph courtesy of the West Australian)

CALM scientist wins award

Jack Kinnear, a principal research scientist at CALM's Woodvale wildlife research station, has won the inaugural Alex Harris Medal, which is awarded for excellence in science and environmental writing.

The award honours the late Alex Harris, who was the science and environment writer for the *West Australian*. It was presented by her widower, Richard Harris, and son,

Leon, at a special ceremony held in the CSIRO laboratories.

Jack received the award for his article entitled *Trappings of Success*, which appeared in *LANDSCOPE* last year. The editor of the *West Australian*, Paul Murray, said Dr Kinnear had won the award based on the attributes Mrs Harris had displayed in her own work.

"This medal is important because it honours a

truly remarkable woman who set real standards with her journalism," Mr Murray said.

The Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science, the CSIRO, and the *West Australian* launched the award soon after Mrs Harris's death.

The Alex Harris Medal is open to any writer of a major news or feature report on a WA topic published or broadcast in WA.

