

Nick's a Memorial Award winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Marine Conservation Branch oceanographer Nick D'Adamo (pictured below) on winning the 1997 Kevin Stark Memorial Award.

Nick shares the award with WA Department of Environmental Protection senior environmental officer Dr Des Mills and University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ, professor David Wilkinson, who jointly produced the winning paper

titled *Exchange Processes in Cockburn Sound - a Seasonally Stratified Embayment off Southwest Australia*.

Their paper comprised the results of a fundamental component of Perth's recently completed Southern Metropolitan Coastal Waters Study (SMCWS), which encompassed ecological, social and economic considerations in Perth's vast coastal zone, including three marine parks.

Marine Branch manager Chris Simpson, marine ecologists Jim Burt and Jennie Cary were key members of the SMCWS team.

The Kevin Stark Memorial Award was established in 1993 by the Institution of Engineers, Australia, National Committee on Coastal and Ocean Engineering (NCCOE) to foster and encourage excellence in coastal and ocean engineering in Australia across the full range of professional practice, research and teaching.

The committee found the trio's paper "of a very high standard, was well presented and also embodied the breadth of multi-disciplinary expertise which we have been keen to encourage in Kevin's memory."

The award was established in honour of the late professor Kevin Percy Stark of James Cook University, following his untimely death in 1989.

At the time of his death professor Stark had established the University's reputation as an internationally recognised centre of excellence in coastal and ocean engineering and technology.

His greatest successes were in marine science and technology, in which he sought to break down the barriers between disciplines, and in 1987, he received the Sir John Monash Medal awarded by the Institution of Engineers for this work.



Nick D'Adamo. Photo by Verna Costello.

