

POSTHUMOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – ALLEN LOWRIE

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On behalf of the ICPS, I am pleased to announce that the ICPS has determined to award a posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award to Allen Lowrie. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding leadership and contribution to the field of Carnivorous Plants. This may be achieved in research, cultivation, conservation, or other ways deemed to be above and beyond the everyday with a significant impact on the field.

The citation for Allen's award demonstrates his outstanding contribution to the field.

"Allen James Lowrie (1948-2021) is the recipient of an ICPS Lifetime Achievement Award, awarded posthumously in December 2021 for his significant impact on the understanding of the Carnivorous Plants of Australia and his continuous scientific contributions in this field from 1982-2021.

Allen Lowrie dedicated his scientific work to the research of Australian Carnivorous Plant taxonomy, systematics and biology, especially the genera *Drosera*, *Utricularia*, and *Byblis*, which he studied more intensively than anyone else before him and until today. His impact on that field is unreached, spanning 40 years of scientific research.

Allen authored 6 books on Australian Carnivorous Plants and co-authored 3 further works on the *Drosera* of the world and wrote many scientific papers naming the many new species of plants he discovered. During his botanical career Allen named 167 new taxa (species and subspecies) and contributed to the infrageneric classification of *Drosera* and *Utricularia* in particular. In addition to his work on Carnivorous Plants, Allen was also a world authority on triggerplants, and his contribution to the genus *Stylidium* is significant. His name is honoured in two carnivorous plant species, *Drosera lowriei* and *Utricularia lowriei* and the triggerplant *Stylidium lowrieianum*."

As recipient of this award the Lowrie family have been presented with an original botanical artwork by François Mey commissioned by the ICPS specifically for this occasion.



The Lowrie family with Allen's Lifetime Achievement Award - L-R: Felicity (daughter), Trinity (daughter), Evan (grandson), Pauline (wife), Lochlan (grandson), and Yana (granddaughter).



Botanical artwork of *Drosera lowriei* by François Mey presented to the Lowrie family.



Allen Lowrie at the Northernmost point of Australia, taking some time out on a field trip, an area that he spent much time studying and describing new species of tropical *Drosera* and *Utricularia*. Photo by R. Nunn