

## **CURRICULUM VITAE - CARL EDMONDS OAM**

**DEGREES:** MB, BS. MRCP (Lond), FRACP, Dip DHM, DPM, FRANZCP, MRCPsych, FAFOM.

**POSITIONS.** Residencies and registrar positions at Sydney Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital, Hollymoor and Rubery Hill Hospitals in Birmingham, Prince Henry Hospital in Sydney, Callan Park and Roseville Hospitals in Sydney,  
Honorary positions in Sydney Hospital, Alanbrook Hospital and the Evesham Clinic, Balmoral Naval Hospital, all in Sydney.

1967-1975 Officer in Charge, Royal Australian Navy School of Underwater Medicine.

1971-2001 Co-founder and Director of the Diving Medical Centre, Australia.

1975-1999 Consultant in Diving Medicine to the Royal Australian Navy Submarine and Underwater Medicine Unit, HMAS Penguin.

1971-1975 Foundation President of the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society.

1969-75 Australian Standards Committee into Compressed Air Diving,

1992-6 Honorary Medical Adviser to the State Volunteer Rescue Association, NSW.

1973-1991 Foreign Affairs Committee, Undersea Medical Society. Workshop Committee, Undersea Medical Society.

1986-1987 Editorial Committee for the "Undersea Biomedical Research" UMS.

1993 - 1995 Editorial Committee. Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Journal

Many South Pacific Underwater Medical Society Committees, from 1971 onwards.

Consultant to DAN.SEAP on diving accidents and deaths 1996-2011

**AWARDS** 1987 Recipient Craig Hoffman Memorial Award for services to Diver Safety, International Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society.

1989 South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society. Honorary Life Membership.

1998 Recipient Divers Alert Network (SE Asia/Pacific) award for Medical Advisory Services to the Diving Industry

1999 Recipient Charles W Shilling Award by International Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society.

2003 DAN AMERICA Award

2004 Citation for Contribution to Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

2008 Recipient, Order of Australia OAM, Queens Birthday Honours List

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## **AUTHOR**

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3<sup>rd</sup> edition (*eBook*) 2010 at [www.divingmedicine.info](http://www.divingmedicine.info)

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## **BIOGRAPHY re. DIVING MEDICINE. DR CARL EDMONDS**

Undergraduate training at the University of Sydney, Australia. Residencies at Sydney Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital. General medical practice, including a post as the Royal Australian Flying Doctor, in Derby, Western Australia. Post-graduate training and qualifications in both Internal Medicine and Psychiatry obtained during 3 years in England. Other honorary and post-graduate qualifications in internal medicine, psychiatry, diving medicine and occupational medicine obtained after returning to Australia.

Introduced to SCUBA diving during an exceptionally calm surfing period in HAWAII, 1962, and returned there on numerous diving excursions, since. Diving certification from Underwater Research Group in Sydney, 1965, FAUI and RAN (Supervisory Officer, Clearance Diving Course). Participated in >150 courses in Diving Medicine, by 2005.

Also dived around Australia, including: Sydney Harbour, when in charge of the RAN School of Underwater Medicine, for almost 9 years, and the Great Barrier Reef - while convening many Diving Medicine Courses, but often for no good reason. Dived in all States and including abalone diving (NSW, SA, Tasmania) and pearl diving (WA).

Pacific Islands e.g. Fiji, Tonga, Solomons, Philippines, Palau, Sipidan, Manado, Truk Lagoon, Tahiti, Tuamotos, Rarotonga and Aitutiki, Lord Howe, New Guinea, Manus, New Zealand, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Western Samoa, etc.

Mediterranean sites around the Greek islands, Italy, Yugoslavia, Spain.

The North American zone, including both East and West Coasts of U.S.A., the Gulf of Oman, Bahamas, Caribbean and the Galapagos.

South East Asia, the Maldives, Africa, Antarctica (see article "The deep frozen diving physician"), in bubble tubs and Jacuzzis (see article on "Suicide Soup").

### EXPEDITIONS

*Practical research and field work expeditions included:*

- Antarctica, during a three month expedition under the auspices of the Department of the Antarctic, mainly involved in marine biology and diving.
- Australia-wide survey of marine animal injuries, under the auspices of the Royal Australian Navy.
- Abalone diver survey, involving most of southern Australia over a period of one year, at the instigation of the Fisheries Industry Research Committee.
- Pearl diving surveys, involving northern Australia, and carried out at the request of the pearling industry.
- North American tour of diving research establishments, whilst attached to the U.S. Navy for one year, at their invitation.
- Diving medicine courses, in dozens of remote and exotic localities (not entirely devoted to duty).

Involvement with various *expeditions and documentaries* (more as a mascot than a medic), including:

- HMS Pandora diving expedition and excavations
- Joshua Slocum's voyage, re-enactment



- Sir Douglas Mawson, Antarctic expeditions documentary.

**CURRENT INTERESTS**

Windsurfing, surfing, television viewing, family and friends, avoiding repetitive work, playing with computers, refusing to acknowledge the effects of age and blindness, not feeling guilty about spelling mistakes.

**FUTURE INTENTIONS** - Never to knock back a good offer.