

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

### **Mr Robert Luis BOSETTI**, Victoria

On the morning of 24 March 2008, a Commodore was travelling along the F3 Freeway, near Somersby. Approaching the exit a vehicle in front of the Commodore stopped and reversed. Mr Robert Bosetti braked but collided with the Commodore. The tow bar on the Commodore punctured the fuel tank and the vehicle burst into flames.

Mr Bosetti and a bystander ran to the burning vehicle. They pulled the injured woman and children from the vehicle. Soon afterwards the vehicle was engulfed in flames.

For his actions, Mr Bosetti is commended for brave conduct.

### **Ms Lynn Maree BROOKS**, Doncaster East Vic 3109

On the afternoon of 26 February 2009, District Nurse Ms Brooks was driving along Brunswick Road, Brunswick when she saw a man being chased by another man holding a large stick. Ms Brooks stopped her vehicle when the two men ran onto the road. The first man looked petrified and had a large amount of blood over his body from stab wounds to his head, neck, hands and leg. As the man pleaded for help, Ms Brooks wound down her window, leaned back and managed to open her rear door. Ms Brooks then yelled to the man to get in. After driving for about fifty metres, she stopped and called 000. Her injured passenger then yelled concern for his female partner, exited the vehicle and ran to where she was standing. The attacker then began to chase the injured man again. The injured man ran back and re-entered Ms Brooks' vehicle and she again drove off. After seeing the police and ambulance arrive, Ms Brooks drove back to the scene.

By her actions Ms Brooks is commended for brave conduct.

### **Leading Senior Constable Allen Bradgate DAVIES**, New South Wales Police

On the evening of 23 July 2008, several police officers, including Leading Senior Constable Allen Davies, responded to a siege in Taralla Road, Wentworth Falls. A man had telephoned 000 threatening he had a bomb and a child hostage in the house. He continued to call 000 throughout the siege saying he was executing hostages. As police tried to negotiate with the man, he showed an LPG gas canister and threatened to throw it into a burning fireplace. He then smashed a window with a machete which showered the officers with glass. Leading Senior Constable Davies and a colleague went to the rear door and forced it open. The offender was in the lounge room threatening to throw the machete at them. When he refused to put the machete down, Leading Senior Constable Davies used a baton to disarm him. The offender lost his grip on the machete, and Leading Senior Constable Davies and his colleague tackled him to the floor. Assisted by two other officers they subdued and arrested him. The officers subsequently found no one else in the home.

For his actions, Leading Senior Constable Davies is commended for brave conduct.

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**Detective Senior Constable Ross DOBBIE**, Queensland Police

In the evening of 26 March 2009, Detective Senior Constable Dobbie and a colleague were tasked to a unit on fire in Ronald Street, Wynnum. Arriving first on the scene, they saw a large amount of black smoke coming from the unit. Unaware if any occupants remained inside the unit, the officers entered the smoke-filled residence through the front door. Despite the poor visibility and choking smoke, Detective Senior Constable Dobbie and his colleague searched each room. After entering the lounge room they found a woman laying on the lounge semi-conscious. Detective Senior Constable Dobbie and his colleague picked up the woman and carried her outside onto the footpath where ambulance personnel treated her.

For his actions, Detective Senior Constable Dobbie is commended for brave conduct.

**Mr Daniel John DOBLE**, 287 Dunbar Street Koongal Qld 4701

On the afternoon of 1 September 2009, Mr Daniel Doble assisted a woman who was attacked by two dogs in North Rockhampton. The two dogs were roaming the area and had earlier attacked a teenager. The dogs bit the woman on her left calf, thighs and back and she fell to the ground. As she struggled to regain her feet, they pulled her down again. Mr Doble and a neighbour, hearing the woman's screams, ran to investigate. Mr Doble waved his arms and yelled at the dogs as his neighbour grabbed a shovel and approached the dogs. One of the dogs was driven off, but the remaining dog continued to attack the woman, his neighbour swung his shovel at the dog, which caused it to stop and cross the street. The two men kept watch for the dogs as they assisted the injured woman.

For his actions, Mr Doble is commended for brave conduct.

**Mr Byron Willard DOUGLAS**, Kirra Qld 4225

On the morning of 3 January 2004, a charter dive vessel, with twelve people on board, attempted to negotiate the bar at Point Danger, Tweed Heads. Driving rain made visibility poor with a two to three metre swell. In the treacherous conditions, the motor cut out and a wave swamped the vessel. Those on board were thrown into the water and dragged out to sea. Mr Douglas, a lifeguard, paddled a rescue board to reach the vessel. He organised several victims to hang onto the board and others to hold onto a rope tied to the vessel. Lifeguards from nearby launched inflatable rubber boats and rescued those in the water to return them to shore.

For his actions, Mr Douglas is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Corporal Brenton EDWARDS**, Seymour Vic 3660

On the afternoon of 20 March 2010, an army transport convoy of semi-trailers was descending a steep stretch of the Warrego Highway when the third vehicle's brakes failed, causing it to increase speed and lose control. It struck the rear of the second vehicle, and continued down the decline, gathering momentum. The driver of the lead vehicle, Corporal (then Private) Edwards, radioed the driver of the rampant semi-trailer and told him to collide into the rear of his vehicle. Significant damage was done to both vehicles however, Corporal Edwards managed to slow the momentum of the failed vehicle and brought both semi-trailers to a halt.

For his actions, Corporal Edwards is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Mark Jason ENRIGHT**, 39 Bonsey Road, Highton Vic 3216

On the morning of 7 August 2007, Mr Enright and his 84-year-old grandfather were fishing off Lucky Bay in the Spencer Gulf when large waves lifted the outboard motor off their dinghy. When they tried to row to shore, their oars broke. They couldn't set anchor and began to drift in the opposite direction. Mr Enright decided to swim ashore to raise the alarm. He swam about 1.5 kilometres through a 2 metre swell to rocks where he was rescued. Mr Enright's grandfather was towed back to shore by the air sea and rescue squad. Mr Enright was hospitalised with hypothermia but released soon afterwards.

For his actions, Mr Enright is commended for brave conduct.

### **Miss Ashleigh Audrey FLANAGAN**, PO Box 57, Oatley NSW 2223

On 25 November 2010, Miss Flanagan was at Wairo Beach when she saw a distressed girl further along the beach. Miss Flanagan and a school friend spoke to the girl who said three members of her family were in trouble. Miss Flanagan and her friend immediately entered the rough water and paddled towards the panicking family. When they reached the family she attempted to calm them as she helped them onto a foam board. Miss Flanagan, along with others, assisted the family to paddle out of the rip and back to the shore.

For her actions, Miss Flanagan is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Mr David Michael GRABHAM, 87 Grandview Drive, Newport NSW 2106**

On the afternoon of 17 November 2010, Mr Grabham was flying a Cessna 172 accompanied by a flight instructor completing low level flying training near Innisfail. As they headed towards a mountain, the flight instructor attempted to climb the aircraft over the rainforest canopy but the plane clipped a tall tree and plunged nearly twenty metres to the ground. After impact, Mr Grabham saw that his colleague was unconscious. He unstrapped him from his seat and pulled him from the crippled aircraft, aware that leaking aviation gas was present. Mr Grabham then re-entered the plane, removed and activated the portable EPIRB transmitter and grabbed the first aid kit. Outside the plane, he controlled his colleague's blood loss by applying bandages. Mr Grabham then started a fire nearby while he continued to observe his colleague's condition. More than two hours later, Mr Grabham heard a helicopter close by and fired a flare. Soon after, two Emergency Management Rescue personnel arrived to assist the evacuation of Mr Grabham and his colleague.

For his actions, Mr Grabham is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Allan Frederick HARMS, 29 Kantara Road, Cantor Beach NSW 2263**

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A bystander Mr Allan Harms, and the driver of the other vehicle ran to the burning vehicle. They pulled the injured woman and children from the vehicle, soon afterwards the vehicle was engulfed in flames.

For his actions, Mr Harms is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Michael James HAY, 112 Darley Road, Caboolture Qld 4510**

On the afternoon of 25 August 2010, an 80-year-old woman was returning to her car in the Caboolture Park Shopping Centre when a woman grabbed her purse and handbag, and tried to pull them away. When the victim refused to let go the offender bit her on the wrist. Mr Hay saw the woman lying on the ground and another woman standing over her. As he went to assist, the offender grabbed the woman's handbag and ran into the car park. Mr Hay followed the offender, who told him she had a syringe, before attempting to strike him. As the offender searched the handbag, Mr Hay kicked the bag away. The offender then ran to the next level. After retrieving the contents, he returned the handbag to the owner. Mr Hay and another man noticed the offender and were able to force her to the ground. In the struggle the offender bit Mr Hay on the hand before a security officer came to assist. After Mr Hay checked on the elderly woman, he returned and assisted in restraining the offender until police arrived.

For his actions, Mr Hay is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Constable Kim HENDERSON, Queensland Police**

On the early morning of 17 December 2010, Constable Henderson and a colleague attended an accident at Springfield Street, Macgregor where a vehicle had veered into a flooded creek, overturned, and was partially submerged. A seemingly intoxicated man stood on the vehicle attempting to get a trapped woman out. Constable Henderson and her colleague entered the waist deep water forced open the door and assisted the woman to the creek bank. They returned to the vehicle and assisted the man to safety.

For her actions, Constable Henderson is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Frederick Charles HOARE, 192 Horton Street, North Rockhampton Qld 4701**

On the afternoon of 1 September 2009, Mr Hoare assisted a woman who was attacked by two dogs in North Rockhampton. The two dogs were roaming the area and had earlier attacked a teenager. The dogs bit the woman on her left calf, thighs and back and she fell to the ground. As she struggled to regain her feet, they pulled her down again. Mr Hoare and a neighbour, hearing the woman's screams, ran to investigate. Mr Hoare grabbed a shovel and approached the dogs. One of the dogs tried to attack the men, but was driven off. The remaining dog continued to attack the woman, Mr Hoare swung his shovel at the dog, which caused it to stop and cross the street. The two men kept watch for the dogs as they assisted the injured woman.

For his actions, Mr Hoare is commended for brave conduct.

### **Constable Shaun Robert JONES, Queensland Police**

In the evening of 26 March 2009, Constable Jones and a colleague were tasked to a unit on fire in Ronald Street, Wynnum. Arriving first on the scene, they saw a large amount of black smoke coming from the unit. Unaware if any occupants remained inside the unit, the officers entered the smoke filled residence through the front door. Despite the poor visibility and choking smoke, Constable Jones and his colleague searched each room. After entering the lounge room they found a woman laying on the lounge semi-conscious. Constable Jones and his colleague picked up the woman and carried her outside onto the footpath where ambulance personnel treated her.

For his actions, Constable Jones is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Michael Thomas KENNEDY, 20 Marlene Street, Bellmere Qld 4510**

On the afternoon of 25 August 2010, an 80-year-old woman was returning to her car in the Caboolture Park Shopping Centre when a woman grabbed her purse and handbag, and tried to pull them away. The victim refused to let go, and the offender bit her on the wrist and pushed her to the ground as she ran off. Mr Kennedy, who had his arm in a sling, saw the woman on the ground and came to assist. Mr Kennedy and another man then saw the offender, and immediately went after her and forced her to the ground. They were assisted by a security officer in restraining the offender until police arrived.

For his actions, Mr Kennedy is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Mr Angus Frank KENT**, Bungendore NSW 2621

On the evening of 4 December 2010, during extremely heavy rain, Mr Kent was driving along Lady Denman Drive, Yarralumla, when he saw a vehicle lying on its passenger side in a flooded stormwater drain. He went to assist, along with another man. They entered the water and saw an injured woman inside the vehicle. The other man pushed the vehicle towards the top of the drain, enabling Mr Kent to straddle the ledge of the drain and the driver's side of the vehicle. Mr Kent directed the woman to wind down her side window from where he pulled her to safety.

For his actions, Mr Kent is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Arthur KOOLE**, Geelong Vic 3220

On the morning of 28 November 2010, Mr Koole was watching floodwaters on the Maryborough road at Newstead, Victoria. He saw a vehicle with a caravan enter the flooded intersection and attempt to turn when it fell into a torrent of water. Under the weight of the caravan, the vehicle began to sink. Mr Koole immediately jumped onto the vehicle's roof. The shocked driver, seated in waist deep water, had to be coaxed by Mr Koole to exit through the passenger window. Mr Koole then assisted the man back to safety.

For his actions, Mr Koole is commended for bravery.

### **Miss Jovana LJUBOJEVIC**, New South Wales

In the early hours of the morning of 3 November 2001, Miss Ljubojevic intervened after armed offenders attacked a man at North Wollongong, New South Wales.

Miss Ljubojevic was socialising with a group of friends when one of her companions became involved in an argument with a couple of strangers who had taken his mobile phone. As the dispute escalated, the offenders increased to around fifteen, and armed with a range of weapons, including a machete and a tyre leaver, set upon the five young men in Miss Ljubojevic's circle. Four of the victims managed to escape, however the fifth became isolated and was attacked by the armed youths. He fell to the ground defenceless as the attackers repeatedly kicked and punched him, stomping on his head, and using their weapons to hit and slash the young man. Miss Ljubojevic positioned herself between him and the attackers, yelling at them to stop. As she called to her friends to phone for help, the assailants circled and continued to threaten her life. The attackers eventually retreated, leaving Miss Ljubojevic to comfort her friend until ambulance arrived. Sadly, the young man's injuries were especially serious, and he requires constant care for the remainder of his life.

For her actions, Miss Ljubojevic is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Senior Constable Rohan Ian McDONALD, Queensland Police**

On the evening of 18 February 2010, Senior Constable McDonald and his colleague responded to a woman trapped in floodwaters after her vehicle was washed into a swollen creek on Palm Island. They arrived at the first causeway crossing and searched for the vehicle. They were then informed that the vehicle was at the next causeway. With approximately 1.5 metres of water rushing over the causeway, they crossed the floodway and ran two kilometres to the second causeway. When they arrived, they saw a sedan in the creek, its rear lodged into trees. The policemen tied a strap to a metal pole and waded into the creek, forcing open the door and dragging the woman free. The officers then carried her back to the creek bank and administered first aid.

For his actions, Senior Constable McDonald is commended for brave conduct.

### **Miss Maeve McLOUGHLIN,**

211 Belfast Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8AS, Northern. Ireland

On 25 September 2010, as three young children played on their property near Springsure Queensland, a 2-year-old child fell into Oakey Creek and was swept downstream. Her Nanny, Miss McLoughlin, jumped in to search for her in the fast flowing water, 1.5 metres deep and several metres wide. Unable to locate her, Miss McLoughlin yelled to the eldest child to call 000, and then searched along the creek. After travelling about one kilometre she saw a floating nappy. She leapt into the water and grabbed the child, and attempted to expel water from her lungs. After giving CPR, she carried the child, breathing but unconscious, to the house where she kept her warm until ambulance personnel arrived. She was transported to hospital where she made a full recovery.

For her actions, Miss McLoughlin is commended for brave conduct

### **Mr Nathan Scott McSWEEN, 34 Fitzroy Road, Warrnambool Vic 3280**

On the evening of 16 January 2011, Mr McSween and his wife were walking near the mouth of the Hopkins River, Point Ritchie, when they heard screams from three teenage boys who had been swimming. One boy had been dragged out to sea and two were stranded on rocks. Mr McSween immediately entered the fast flowing current and swam to the boy. He told the distressed teenager to hold onto him and then swam back to shore. He then re-entered the water, swam to the two boys trapped on rocks, and swam them back to safety.

For his actions, Mr McSween is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Nicholas William MACREADIE, Longford Vic 3851**

On 9 February 2009, during the 'Black Saturday' bushfires, a fire crew were using a bulldozer to put a containment track around a fire. When the driver of the dozer turned across the steep slope, the dozer rolled three times down hill. Mr Macreadie raced to the dozer and climbed into the cabin which was almost upside down. The driver, having sustained head injuries, was initially unresponsive and remained strapped in his seat. As the driver began to respond, Mr Macreadie undid the seat belt, supported the driver and assisted him out of the cabin to safety.

For his actions, Mr Macreadie is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Mr Luke Zac MARTIN**, Toongabbie NSW 2146

On the afternoon of 29 September 2010, teenager Mr Martin was at home when he heard screams coming from a nearby residence at Buckland Road St Clair. He immediately ran across the road to investigate where he saw a bull terrier dog attacking his female neighbour. He grabbed hold of the woman and attempted to drag her away from the dog. The dog then turned onto him as he managed to grab a piece of wood to defend himself. He was then assisted by another man to drag the woman outside to safety.

For his actions, Mr Martin is commended for brave conduct.

### **Constable Megan Louise MELEADY**, Queensland Police

On the early morning of 17 December 2010, Constable Meleady and a colleague attended an accident at Springfield Street, Macgregor where a vehicle had veered into a flooded creek, overturned, and was partially submerged. A seemingly intoxicated man stood on the vehicle attempting to get a trapped woman out. Constable Meleady and her colleague entered the waist deep water forced open the door and assisted the woman to the creek bank. They returned to the vehicle and assisted the man to safety.

For her actions, Constable Meleady is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Ricky Frederick MORSE**, 6 Bamboo Court, Mount Louisa Qld 4814

On the evening of 18 February 2010, Mr Morse (then Constable) and his colleague responded to a woman trapped in floodwaters after her vehicle was washed into a swollen creek on Palm Island. They arrived at the first causeway crossing and searched for the vehicle. They were then informed that the vehicle was at the next causeway. With approximately 1.5 metres of water rushing over the causeway, they crossed the floodway and ran two kilometres to the second causeway. When they arrived, they saw a sedan in the creek, its rear lodged into trees. The policemen tied a strap to a metal pole and waded into the creek, forcing open the door and dragging the woman free. The officers then carried her back to the creek bank and administered first aid.

For his actions, Mr Morse is commended for brave conduct.

### **Constable Gregory Arthur NAOUM**, Queensland Police

On the evening of 12 November 2010, Constable Naoum and a colleague responded to a traffic accident on the Landsborough Highway. A man was trapped in an overturned vehicle mostly covered by rising flood waters in Yarraman Creek. In the darkness, they entered the water, and unsuccessfully attempted to force open the damaged door. Constable Naoum's colleague immersed himself in the water and told the man to dive down to the window. He then pulled him through the window to the surface. Constable Naoum checked the man's condition and then carried him to the embankment to safety.

For his actions, Constable Naoum is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Mr David Francis NOLAN**, 5 MacLachlan Street, Holder ACT 2611

On the night of 18 May 1961, Mr Nolan was a passenger in a car that ran out of fuel on Port Germein Road, near Port Pirie. A friend's vehicle also stopped, and they alighted from their vehicles. They heard distant cries for help. Several youths including Mr Nolan entered the darkened swamp through ankle deep mud to a fast flowing tidal creek about fifteen metres wide. The group decided it was too dangerous, but Mr Nolan removed his clothes and swam to the other side. Three children stood on the other side of another fast flowing creek about five metres wide. Despite darkness and cold, Mr Nolan undertook several trips through the swollen creeks individually assisting each boy to safety.

For his actions Mr Nolan is commended for brave conduct.

### **Senior Constable Sebastian Robinson POLLOCK**, Queensland Police

In the early evening of 16 February 2010, Senior Constable Pollock and a colleague responded to a call that a vehicle was trapped in floodwaters at Brock Creek near Taroom. Arriving at the scene, they saw two distressed women and a child sitting on the roof of a Nissan Patrol. The vehicle was submerged to near its roof and was beginning to move in the rising water. Senior Constable Pollock's colleague used ropes to set the line and anchor points and tied him to the line. Senior Constable Pollock entered the water and swam more than 30 metres to the vehicle and ascertained that one of the women and the child were unable to swim. Senior Constable Pollock secured the child and waded back to shore with her, then rescued the women using the same method.

For his actions, Senior Constable Pollock is commended for bravery.

### **Mr Arnold Russell PORTER**, 68 Wohdah Street, Cobram Vic 3644

On an afternoon in 1953, the Hodgson family went to Carrum Beach, Melbourne, where the Patterson River flows to the bay. With their parents unaware, the two older children, Ray and Geoff attempted to return to their parents by crossing the river with their brother Colin, five, holding their shoulders. When the boys were midway across, Colin panicked and grabbed his brothers tightly around their necks. The boys began to go under the water. Mr Arnold Porter saw the boys in trouble and he swam out to them fully clothed. He grabbed Colin and swam him back to shore. He then swam back to the boys and helped Ray, whilst Geoff swam back to the bank.

For his actions Mr Porter is commended for his brave conduct

### **Mr Grant Robert RIDLEY**, Canberra ACT

On the evening of 4 December 2010, during extremely heavy rain, Mr Ridley was driving along Lady Denman Drive, Yarralumla, when he saw a vehicle lying on its passenger side in a flooded stormwater drain. He went to assist, along with another man. They entered the water and saw an injured woman inside the vehicle. Mr Ridley pushed the vehicle towards the top of the drain, enabling the other man to straddle the ledge of the drain and the driver's side of the vehicle. The man then directed the woman to wind down her side window from where he pulled her to safety.

For his actions, Mr Ridley is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Mr James Anthony ROHAN**, 6 Maroona Road, Highett Vic 3190

On the afternoon of 29 September 2010, during a sailing race, a man fell overboard into rough sea at Port Phillip Bay. The crew of a nearby yacht began a search. After locating the man, one of the crew members, Mr Rohan, dived into the sea and swam about twenty metres to reach the victim, lifting his head out of the cold choppy water. Mr Rohan assisted the man for about fifteen minutes until he could grab a rescue rope for the man. The crew then dragged the man back to their yacht and pulled him onboard. The rope was then thrown to Mr Rohan, who was also dragged onto the rescue yacht. After returning to dock, Mr Rohan was treated for hypothermia and the victim was hospitalised for six days.

For his actions, Mr Rohan is commended for brave conduct

### **Inspector Christopher Charles SAMMUT**, New South Wales Police

On the evening of 23 July 2008, several police officers including Inspector (then Sergeant) Sammut responded to a siege in Taralla Road, Wentworth Falls. A man had telephoned 000 threatening he had a bomb and a child hostage in the house. He continued to call 000 throughout the siege saying he was executing hostages. As police tried to negotiate with the man, he showed an LPG gas canister and threatened to throw it into a burning fireplace. He then smashed a window with a machete which showered the officers with glass. Sergeant Sammut and a colleague went to the rear door and forced it open. The offender was in the lounge room threatening to throw the machete at them. When he refused to put the machete down, Sergeant Sammut's colleague used a baton to disarm him. The offender lost his grip on the machete, and Sergeant Sammut and his colleague tackled him to the floor. Assisted by two other officers they subdued and arrested him. The officers subsequently found no one else in the home.

For his actions, Inspector Sammut is commended for brave conduct.

### **Dr Stephen Anthony SIMMONS**, 561 Botany Road, Waterloo NSW 2017

In the early evening of 20 January 2008, two men and a woman entered a storm water drain at South Coogee. Following a short period of intense rainfall, the tunnel flooded and the three were swept toward the grille towards Lurline Bay. One man escaped through a bent bar in the grille and was carried into the sea. Dr Simmons became aware that the man was in trouble, grabbed a surfboard and body board and paddled out to the man and brought him back to a rock shelf. Dr Simmons then comforted the man who had realised his two friends had drowned in the tunnel.

For his actions, Dr Simmons is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr James Danforth SMALL**, 1/5 Camira Court, Tweed Heads NSW 2485

On the morning of 1 November 2006, Mr Small of Mollymook Surf Lifesaving Club was driving along Mitchell Parade when he saw two people caught in a rip about 150 metres offshore. Mr Small entered the surf and swam through rough seas to reach the couple and assisted them to keep their heads above water. He managed to swim them both back towards shore to waist deep water. His colleague entered the water to assist him with the distressed swimmers, one heavily pregnant, and bring them to shore.

For his actions, Mr Small is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Sergeant Scott Thomas SPENCE**, Queensland Police

On the evening of 12 November 2010, Sergeant Spence and a colleague responded to a traffic accident on the Landsborough Highway. A man was trapped in an overturned vehicle mostly covered by rising flood waters in Yarraman Creek. In the darkness they entered the water, and unsuccessfully attempted to force open the damaged door. Sergeant Spence immersed himself in the water and told the man to dive down towards the window. He then pulled him through the window to the surface. His colleague checked the man's condition and then carried him to the embankment to safety.

For his actions, Sergeant Spence is commended for brave conduct.

### **Constable Adam Gary STAFFORD**, Queensland Police

On the evening of 5 November 2010, police responded to a call about a female intending to jump off the Storey Bridge near Fortitude Valley. When Constable Stafford and a colleague arrived, the woman had climbed onto the bridge superstructure, and was about eighty metres above ground level. Another woman was also on the girder holding onto the suicidal woman. With the suicidal woman inserting herself through the cross bracing of steel beams Constable Stafford's colleague climbed onto the structure and grabbed her under the arms. The suicidal woman dropped, which forced the colleague to take hold of her full weight. He maintained his grip on the woman as she yelled at him saying she wanted to die. Constable Stafford quickly climbed onto the structure and removed the other woman on the girder to safety. He then grabbed hold of the suicidal woman and assisted to hold her while she continued to struggle for approximately twenty minutes. When the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service arrived, they secured a harness and line onto the woman and brought her to safety.

By his actions, Constable Stafford is commended for brave conduct.

### **Miss Joanna STAVROU**, Beverley Park NSW 2217

On 25 November 2010, Miss Stavrou was at Wairo Beach when she saw a distressed girl further along the beach. Miss Stavrou and a school friend spoke to the girl who said three members of her family were in trouble. Miss Stavrou and her friend immediately entered the rough water and paddled towards the panicking family. When they reached the family she attempted to calm them as she helped them onto a foam board. Miss Stavrou, along with others, assisted the family to paddle out of the rip and back to the shore.

For her actions, Miss Stavrou is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Anthony John STEEP**, Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South Vic 3163

In the early morning of 6 November 2010, a Holden Barina driven along Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield crashed into a parked car trapping the driver. Living nearby and hearing a loud crash, Mr Steep and his neighbour rushed to the scene. Mr Steep unsuccessfully attempted to open the driver's door, and called 000. The vehicle then caught fire and, as it intensified in the engine bay area, Mr Steep continued to attempt to open the door until forced back by fire. After several attempts, Mr Steep and his neighbour managed to open the door enough for the driver to squeeze himself outside to safety. When police arrived soon after, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames.

For his actions, Mr Steep is commended for brave conduct.

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### **Mr Lance Carlyle TILL deceased**, late of Highfields Qld 4352

In the late afternoon of 18 January 1930, Mr Till, then 15 years old, saw a boy struggling in the strong current at Main Beach, Yamba. Mr Till immediately entered the rough water and battled his way through the undertow to reach the boy. Although the boy fought against him, Mr Till was able to hold his head above water, and pull him back toward shore. A lifesaver arrived and used a life line to bring both exhausted youths back to safety.

For his actions, Mr Till is commended for brave conduct.

### **Mr Nathan Elliott WEBB**, Kingsley WA 6026

On the morning of 26 June 2008, excavation works were underway in Keane Street, Midland for an underground car park. On his second day, Mr Webb was assisting the supervisor and operator, and standing about six metres from the excavator bucket, when it suddenly traversed towards them. When Mr Webb noticed the bucket it was about three metres away. Mr Webb pushed his colleague out of the way but the bucket struck his lower left leg pinning him against the wall. He remained in hospital for nine weeks and had numerous operations to his leg. His colleague was struck on the head by the bucket but escaped more serious injury.

For his actions, Mr Webb is commended for brave conduct.