

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of several people who rescued a man who was being attacked by a crocodile at Weipa, Queensland

Mr Kevin Allan BEVEN
Mr Simeon Wilfred JAWAI
Ms Raylene Anne MOTTON
Mr Alfred PORT

In the afternoon of 9 March 2011, a group of people came to the assistance of a man who had been attacked by a 300 kilogram crocodile while fishing at a creek in Weipa. When the alarm was raised, one member of the group drove to the scene and grabbed the man and tried to free him from the animal's jaws. Others waded across the creek and beat the crocodile with stones, logs and sticks until it let go of the victim. The victim was pulled up the bank, but remained within striking distance of the crocodile. Members of the group remained in the water to distract the animal until the arrival of emergency services personnel.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of several people who rescued three people from a burning vehicle at Wagga Wagga NSW

Mrs Judith Therese HENNOCK
Senior Constable Francis PEDLER
Mr Graham THOMPSON
Mr Peter Raymond YELLAND

In the afternoon of 5 February 2007, several motorists rescued three people trapped in burning vehicles near Wagga Wagga. Two vehicles had collided head-on while travelling on the Junee to Bomen road and both cars caught alight. The driver of one of the vehicles was conscious but injured and trapped, and her son, a passenger, was injured and in shock. One member of the group assisted the passenger from the vehicle while another entered the vehicle to comfort the driver until she too was able to be rescued. Meantime, the first member of the group, assisted by another person, tried to put out the flames with small fire extinguishers. Another member of the group arrived and organised for the driver of a truck in the banked up traffic to come forward with his fire extinguishers to continue these efforts. He then prised open the rear door of the first vehicle and pulled the driver's seat down, enabling her to be dragged from the vehicle and lifted to safety. Then, with the first man, he went to the second vehicle, cut the seatbelt from the driver's body, and removed him from the vehicle. The area was cleared of bystanders before both vehicles were engulfed in flames.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise four members of the Australian Defence Force who rescued two colleagues from a burning truck at Banjool, Queensland on 29 September 2010..

Corporal Todd William BARNES
Lieutenant Brandon COGHILL
Major Patrick William DAVISON
Corporal Shawn Allan SCOTT

At around 2:30pm on 29 September 2010, members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) were driving a packet of six armoured vehicles, with other ADF members onboard, along the Bruce Highway towards Townsville when they witnessed a collision between two trucks near Bajool. They saw, upon impact, the trucks immediately burst into flames spreading debris over 100 metres. The men stopped their vehicles and immediately went to assist the occupants of the two trucks, one of which was an Army vehicle. One of the drivers had been thrown clear of his vehicle while the occupants of the Army truck remained trapped. After using a fire extinguisher on the fuel tank, the men then grabbed the two soldiers and pulled them out of the cab through the windscreen. They then assisted them to safety clear of the burning trucks.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Corporal Todd William BARNES
NSW

Lieutenant Brandon COGHILL
Qld

Major Patrick William DAVISON
Qld

Corporal Shawn Allan SCOTT
NSW

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of a group of security guards who apprehended a man armed with a pistol at Penrith Leagues Club, New South Wales on 30 May 2010..

Mr Anthony William BROWNE
Mr Vimal Chand NARAYAN
Mr Matthew William STEEN

In the early morning of 30 May 2010, a group of security officers assisted with the apprehension of a man armed with a pistol at the Penrith Leagues Club. The security officers noticed a man was intoxicated and requested he leave the premises, escorting him to exit gates. The security officers retained his membership card as proof of identification. One officer noticed the man's jacket was on inside-out and mentioned it to him. While the man removed his jacket, the security officers noticed he was carrying a pistol. Concerned for the safety of Club patrons, the security officers allowed the armed man to walk away. However, they monitored and followed him until he reached an area away from the public. One officer caught the man's attention by indicating he still had his membership card, and, as the armed man reached for the card, two officers grabbed his arms while one removed the pistol, which was later found to be fully loaded. The man was restrained and detained by the group of officers until police arrived.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Mr Anthony William BROWNE
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Mr Matthew William STEEN
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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of three people who went to the rescue of a man who was in difficulty at Berringer Lake, New South Wales on 24 January 2010.

Mr Brian Andrew EVANS
Miss Madeline Mary KENNEDY
Mr Joshua Phillip SHARP

On 24 January 2010, a group came to the assistance of a man who had been caught in a rip after rendering assistance to three children at Lake Conjola. When the alarm was raised, two members of the group entered the surf and swam to the victim, while the third member paddled a body board to provide assistance. The group saw that the man had drowned and attempted to pull him towards the beach. In the prevailing conditions, the group was forced to let the deceased man go, and returned to the beach with the assistance of other swimmers.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Mr Brian Anthony EVANS
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Miss Madeline Mary Kennedy
VINCENTIA NSW 2540

Mr Joshua Phillip SHARP
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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees Comprise of members of the Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club who rescued several people from rough seas at the Tweed River Bar, Tweed Heads, New South Wales on 3 January 2004

(added to the Group Bravery Citation awarded and gazetted on 19 March 2012)

**Mr Jason HURST
Mr Ross Terence THORLEY**

On 3 January 2004, a charter dive vessel with twelve people attempted to negotiate the bar at Point Danger, Tweed Heads. In treacherous conditions and driving rain, the motor cut out and a wave swamped the vessel, throwing those on board into the water and out to sea. At the time, visibility was poor and the swell was two to three metres breaking the full width of the bar. One lifeguard paddled a rescue board to reach the vessel, getting several victims to hang onto the board and others to hold a rope. Two other lifeguards launched an inflatable boat to rescue others. Another pair of lifeguards launched a second boat however they were hindered from reaching the victims due to the debris from the swamped vessel however they managed to provide rescue tubes to those in the water. Both rescue boats operated in very dangerous sea conditions.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Mr Jason HURST
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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardee is one of the five men who attempted to rescue a colleague following explosion in a mine at Nymbodia, New South Wales on 12 January 1976.

(added to the Group Bravery Citation awarded and gazetted on 19 March 2012)

Mr Francis Albert SMIDT

At approximately 3:00pm on 12 January 1976, an explosion occurred at the Nymbodia colliery, located about 40 kilometres west of Grafton. The explosion occurred about 370 metres along the tunnel when gas and coal dust ignited as the men were preparing to blast the coal face in readiness for digging the following day. Four badly injured miners managed to stagger themselves to near the mine entrance where they were met and assisted by their colleagues. Conscious that one miner had not emerged and, aware that a rescue team was hours away, several miners entered the burning mine to rescue their colleague, and found the young man deceased at the seam coalface. Two other miners also entered the mine and helped to carry the body outside.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Mr Francis Albert SMIDT

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