

STAR OF COURAGE

Senior Constable Luke Alan ANDERTON, Victoria Police

In the evening of 16 April 2011, Senior Constable Luke Anderton attended a two car accident at Clyde North, where he found some people trapped and one vehicle resting on its roof. He ran to the upturned vehicle and, smelling strong fumes, saw a man twisted and trapped inside the cabin. After advising bystanders to move away, Senior Constable Anderton crawled inside the cabin and elevated the man's head, despite leaking fuel falling onto his head and gas discharging from a cylinder into the vehicle. Although he was feeling dizzy and nauseous from the fumes, Senior Constable Anderton remained with the man for almost 40 minutes until he was cut free from the vehicle by emergency services.

By his actions, Senior Constable Luke Alan Anderton displayed conspicuous courage.

Mr Clayton Trevor GIDDINGS, 19 Tomalpin Street, Kearsley NSW 2325

In the early morning of 13 February 2007, Mr Clayton Giddings helped rescue a man from a burning vehicle in Mudgeeraba. The car had left the road, rolled several times down an embankment and come to rest upside down, catching alight immediately. Mr Giddings was one of several motorists who arrived at the scene to find the driver of the vehicle semi-conscious and held by his seatbelt. Mr Giddings crawled inside the vehicle through a rear window and tugged at the driver's shirt. When the driver's hair and clothing caught alight, he used some clothing to smother the flames on the man and his seat. At one point, Mr Giddings had to back out of the vehicle because of the intensity of the fire. After another man kicked in a window and caused the flames to retreat slightly, Mr Giddings re-entered the vehicle. He pushed the driver upwards and managed to undo his seatbelt, then worked with two others to pull the driver out and lift him to safety shortly before the vehicle exploded. Mr Giddings was subsequently treated for burns to his arms.

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