

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of two people who took action following a collision between two heavy vehicles at Myalup, Western Australia.***

**Mr Brian Ugo DELL'AGOSTINO  
Mrs Lynette Amy GILBERT**

On the afternoon of 11 December 2012, a prime mover with two semi-trailers attached crashed into the rear of a smaller truck on the Old Coast Road at Myalup. The prime mover was quickly engulfed in flames and the driver was unable to be rescued. Mrs Gilbert called 000 then checked the driver who was trapped in the smaller truck. She saw he was initially unconscious and placed a space blanket on him. Despite the intense heat and concerns that the fire was about to engulf the truck, she and Mr Dell'Agostino used shovels to dig a firebreak between the two vehicles. The fire threat eased and Mr Dell'Agostino continued to monitor it as Mrs Gilbert returned to the driver to further assist in his rescue. When the police and emergency service authorities arrived, the fire was extinguished and the injured driver was removed from the cabin of his truck.

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

Mr Brian Ugo DELL'AGOSTINO  
Lescheault WA 6223

Mrs Lynette Amy GILBERT  
Waroona WA 6215

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of several people who rescued two women from being set alight at Daleys Point, New South Wales.***

**Mr Jarrod Carl LYMBURNER**

**Mr Jordon REMFREY**

In the early afternoon of 5 April 2013, three teenagers were inside a house and heard a woman screaming. The boys immediately went outside to investigate and saw a man drag a woman along the driveway and then douse her in petrol. They ran approximately thirty metres to the distressed woman and shouted at the man to stop as they saw him attempting to light paper and set the woman on fire. As one boy struggled with the man two others called 000 and used a hose to pour water onto the woman. They again confronted the man and stopped him from setting fire to a vehicle where the woman's elderly mother sat inside. Soon after, the man drove away from the scene. As they waited for the ambulance and police to arrive, they continued to pour water onto the woman and helped her mother out of the vehicle to a safe place.

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

Mr Jarrod Carl LYMBURNER

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Mr Jordon REMFREY

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## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

***Awardees comprise of several people who rescued a boy who fell over a waterfall at Devil's Thumb, near Mossman, Queensland.***

**Mr Sam GIBSON**

**Mr Matthew Aaron WERNER**

On the afternoon of 17 August 2008, four teenagers were returning from a hike to Devil's Thumb when one of the group slipped on a rock. The boys saw their friend fall over a waterfall and plunge about fifteen metres into a shallow pool of water below. Two of the boys immediately scrambled down the cliff as the third boy ran for help and called 000. As the boys neared their friend they saw his limp body slip over the edge and fall down a second drop of about twenty metres. When they reached their injured friend he had been in the water for nearly two minutes. When they pulled him from the water he was unconscious so they administered CPR for nearly thirty minutes until he began to respond. Meanwhile, the third boy, despite injuring his ankle, ran about two kilometres through rough terrain until he was met by an ambulance. Soon after, the boy was winch rescued by helicopter and transported to hospital where he made a full recovery.

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

**Mr Sam GIBSON**

**Oak Beach Qld 4877**

**Mr Matthew Aaron WERNER**

**Details unavailable**

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of members from the Goolwa Country Fire Service who rescued a woman trapped in floodwater at Finniss, South Australia.***

**Mr Andrew John GABELL  
Mr Cory John JOHNSON  
Mr Thomas Peter McPEAKE  
Mr Kenneth Roger SMIRKE  
Mr Paul John THURKLE  
Mr Amos Bradley ZADOW**

In the early evening of 27 July 2012, several members of the Goolwa Country Fire Service responded to the Finniss River following a report that a woman who attempted to drive across a flooded ford was trapped in floodwater. After the group checked several crossings in the area they heard a woman's screams. Using torchlight the fire fighters made their way through uneven terrain and chest deep water to reach higher ground where they spotted the woman who was desperately clinging onto a tree branch in the main river channel. Realising the urgency of the situation they formed a plan to rescue the woman. After one member volunteered to enter the torrent he had a rope tied around him and went into the water about fifteen metres upstream and used the current to reach the woman. He reassured her and when a second rope was thrown to him he tied it around her. The pair was then pulled to safety by his colleagues.

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

Mr Andrew John GABELL  
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Mr Cory John JOHNSON  
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Mr Thomas Peter McPEAKE  
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Mr Kenneth Roger SMIRKE  
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Mr Paul John THURKLE  
Goolwa SA 5214

Mr Amos Bradley ZADOW  
Goolwa SA 5214

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of the Australian Defence Force helicopter crew, from Warhorse 104, involved in the rescue of several people trapped in floodwaters at Bundaberg, Queensland.***

**Corporal Kim Elizabeth GRAY  
Captain Robert William JONES  
Corporal Matthew Paul KENNEDY  
Captain Dion PALMER**

On 28 January 2013, the crew of the Army Black Hawk helicopter, Warhorse 104, from 5 Aviation Regiment were conducting evacuation operations in response to major flooding which inundated the northern region of Bundaberg. With emergency coordination still being established, the crew observed two police officers waving for attention near the crippled Quay Street Bridge. Despite intermittent showers and gusting winds, and to establish rescue priorities, a crewman was winched to the officers approximately sixty metres below. During this time the crew had to avoid tall light poles, antennas, power lines and a colony of fruit bats which became projectiles while ensuring the helicopter's rotor wash did not dislodge the roof iron of nearby houses. Over a two hour period, they conducted seven hazardous hoists from high levels and rescued six people in the north Bundaberg area.

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

Corporal Kim Elizabeth GRAY  
Queensland

Captain Robert William JONES  
Queensland

Corporal Matthew Paul KENNEDY  
Queensland

Captain Dion PALMER  
Queensland

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of the Australian Defence Force helicopter crew, from Warhorse 214, involved in the rescue of several people trapped in floodwaters at Bundaberg, Queensland.***

**Captain Rex David CURTIS  
Corporal Brett Arthur HOY  
Captain David Dennis REES  
Corporal Scott Robert RUEHLAND**

On 28 January 2013, the crew of the Army Black Hawk helicopter, Warhorse 214, from 5 Aviation Regiment were conducting evacuation operations in response to major flooding which inundated the northern region of Bundaberg. After conducting a sweep of the area the crew observed four people stranded on a small balcony at a house which was surrounded by floodwater. Despite intermittent rain and wind gusts which buffeted the helicopter, a crewman was lowered about forty metres onto the balcony while the crew avoided power poles, overhanging wires and antennas. After signalling to the crew, the crewman and the first evacuee were winched up to the helicopter. Although the winch crewman was suffering from significant discomfort, the crew agreed to continue to conduct rescue operations and rescued the other three people. While they conducted a sweep of the area, the crew spotted a dozen people at a fuel station who were huddled together in waist high water. When the crewman was lowered to the group he was advised that plans were already underway for their rescue. After one concerned parent requested that his son be rescued, the crew agreed. When the crew observed rotor wash loosen plywood signage, the 'down the wire' crewman moved out into deeper debris laden water with the boy and hoisted him to safety. Over a two hour period, the crew conducted several hoists from high levels and rescued five people in the north Bundaberg area.

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

Captain Rex David CURTIS  
Queensland

Corporal Brett Arthur HOY  
Queensland

Captain David Dennis REES  
Queensland

Corporal Scott Robert RUEHLAND  
New South Wales

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

*Awardees comprise of members of the Australian Defence Force and Customs and Border Protection personnel who were involved in the rescue of forty-one people when a suspected illegal entry vessel impacted the rocks at Rocky Point, Christmas Island on 15 December 2010.*

**Mr Daniel Ronald BLACKBURN**  
**Mr Michael Terence BURGESS**  
**Mr Troy Adam DANIELS**  
**Leading Seaman Mitchell Scott DAVIDSON**  
**Lieutenant Jeremy Michel EVAIN RAN**  
**Mr Graham John GOURLAY**  
**Private Dane Robert HEINEMANN**  
**Leading Seaman Adam Daniel HUBBARD**  
**Mr Paul Michael JARDINE**  
**Chief Petty Officer Raymond Charles MANLEY**  
**Mr Brett Patrick MARMONT**  
**Private Kale Raymond MORRISSEY**  
**Leading Seaman Shannon MUNDY-CASTLE**  
**Able Seaman Cory James ROBERTS**  
**Mr Leigh RULE**  
**Able Seaman Jake Andrew SMITH**  
**Private Samuel Kurt WILLIAMSON-ROBERTSON**

On the morning of 15 December 2010, a Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel (SIEV) was adrift to the north of Christmas Island. Despite extreme weather conditions and very rough seas, the patrol boat HMAS *Pirie*, launched two rigid-hulled inflatable boats with twelve Australian Defence Force personnel onboard to intercept the vessel. Soon after the SIEV suffered engine failure and began to impact the cliff face at Rocky Point. As the vessel broke apart approximately ninety people were thrown into the turbulent water. The Australian Customs Vessel (ACV) Triton also responded to the incident and launched a life raft and tenders with six Customs and Border Protection personnel onboard to assist. When the sea boat rescue crews reached the scene they observed the semi-intact hull of the SIEV smashing against the jagged rocks and people already spread out in the water with the sea throwing debris and people onto the cliff face. Over the next few hours the crews manoeuvred their boats around and through the scuttled SIEV's debris to within metres of the cliffs as they were blinded by sea spray and diesel. The rescuers used ropes, lines, lifejackets and bare hands as they repeatedly pulled multiple traumatised and injured survivors into their boats. At times the rescuers were forced to cover the survivors with their own bodies to keep them from being hurled out of the boats due to the rough sea. When the rescue vessels were full they transferred the survivors back to HMAS *Pirie* and ACV Triton prior to returning to the shipwreck and searching for more survivors. Following repeated endeavours the crews were able to rescue forty one people but tragically fifty people perished.

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

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Lieutenant Jeremy Michel EVAIN RAN  
New South Wales

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Leading Seaman Adam Daniel  
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Private Kale Raymond MORRISSEY  
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Leading Seaman Shannon MUNDY-  
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Able Seaman Jake Andrew SMITH  
Western Australia

Private Samuel Kurt WILLIAMSON-  
ROBERTSON  
Northern Territory



## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of several police officers who took action as bushfires threatened residents in Heathcote, New South Wales on 26 December 2001.***

**Mr Bernard James DOYLE  
Senior Constable Mathew John DREVERMAN  
Senior Constable Kelvin Roy MADDALENA  
Senior Constable Jamie David OLIVER  
Sergeant Andrew Paul SETTER  
Sergeant Christopher YORK**

During the evening of 26 December 2001, several members of the New South Wales Police Force attended the area of Garvan Road, Heathcote in response to an intense bushfire that was beginning to threaten homes. The police drove their vehicles through nearby streets to evacuate the area. After the initial evacuation the officers returned and saw that some residents had remained. Shortly after midnight the wind changed direction and the fire began to impact on properties. The police drove through heavy smoke to identify spot fires and were, at times, within metres of the fire front. The officers requested once again for the residents to leave however they refused so the officers remained to provide assistance. When the situation became desperate, due to the intense heat and smoke, they were forced to retreat into backyards. The officers grabbed hold of garden hoses and attempted to attack the fire. Soon after a number of fire trucks arrived and the blaze was able to be subdued.

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

Mr Bernard James DOYLE  
Blackbutt NSW 2529

Senior Constable Mathew John  
DREVERMAN  
New South Wales Police

Senior Constable Kelvin Roy MADDALENA  
New South Wales Police

Senior Constable Jamie David OLIVER  
New South Wales Police

Sergeant Andrew Paul SETTER  
New South Wales Police

Sergeant Christopher YORK  
New South Wales Police

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of several people who assisted during the rescue of several children who were swept out to sea at Patonga Beach, New South Wales.***

**Mr James BILLINGTON  
Mr Chadd William HOFNER  
Mr Liam John PETTIT  
Mr Clint PILLING**

On the afternoon of 12 January 2013, a group of children who were visiting from overseas and an accompanying adult were swimming at Patonga Creek, about 200 metres upstream of Patonga Beach, when they were swept out to sea by a strong tidal current. Passers-by quickly managed to bring two children back to the beach. After being alerted to the incident, several men who were fishing on the southern side of the inlet, attempted to start their tinnie but when it failed to start three of them dived into the water and swam to a distressed woman who was about 100 metres from shore. Meanwhile the fourth member of the group managed to start the tinnie and reached her prior to his friends. After giving the woman a life jacket he drove the tinnie another 100 metres to a girl who was also struggling in the water. The three men then swam over and managed to put the girl into the boat before they saw a man who was unconscious underwater. The group pulled him to the surface and put him into the tinnie before they also climbed aboard. As they were returning to the beach one of the men dived back into the water and assisted the woman towards the beach before they were picked up by another vessel. Sadly, the man was unable to be revived.

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

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Mr Liam John PETTIT  
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Mr Clint PILLING  
New South Wales

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

***Awardee is a member of Queensland Fire and Rescue Service who conducted rescue operations in Toowoomba during the Queensland Floods in January 2011.***

**Mr David Robert CRIGHTON**

On 10 January 2011, a man caught in floodwaters was clinging to a tree on the corner of Dent and Margaret Streets, Toowoomba. Queensland Fire and Rescue Service members responded to the scene and quickly entered the turbulent floodwater. One member positioned himself downstream of the man in case he lost his grip of the tree in the fast flowing water. At this time, another member arrived and immediately went to assist. Other firefighters, who did not enter the mainstream of the floodway, managed to get a throw bag line to the man who tied it to the tree. As the second member who had entered the water made his way to the man, he was swept off his feet several times by the force of the water and went under the surface. When he reached the man, he set up diagonal tension lines and put a floatation device on him before they let go of the tree. When their safety line failed they began to float downstream towards a ute. One of the other members climbed over the bonnet and grabbed hold of both men. He then tied a safety line around the side mirror of the ute and assisted both men make their way out of the water.

For his actions, the recipient is recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Mr David Robert CRIGHTON  
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