

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

***Awardees comprise of several people who assisted in the rescue of residents during the floods in Warmun, Western Australia on 13 March 2011.***

**Mrs Kathleen Susan BURNBY  
Mr Rodney John BURNBY  
Mr Christopher James CHURCHILL  
The late Mr Christopher CLARE  
Senior Constable Donald James COUPER  
Mrs Tanya Maree COUPER  
Ms Julie Ann ECHO  
Mr Cecil Peter MOSQUITO  
Mr Leon PINDAY**

On 13 March 2011, several members of the Warmun community joined with the local police and worked together as they evacuated residents who were trapped by floodwaters.

After days of heavy rain in the central East Kimberley region, the community of Warmun was swamped by floodwater. The fast flowing water contained large amounts of debris and completely destroyed or made uninhabitable all sixty-five houses of the community. Over several hours the group conducted various rescues and, on occasion, entered the chest deep fast-flowing floodwater to evacuate various residences throughout the emergency.

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

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***Awardees comprise of several members of the Marysville Country Fire Authority who were involved in the Victorian bushfires on 7 February 2009.***

**Mr Glen Francis FISKE  
Mr Kellan Frederick FISKE  
Mr Patrick Joseph FLANNAGAN  
Mr Christopher Michael GLEESON BM  
Mr Michael John GLEESON  
Ms Susan Irene GLEESON  
Mr Travis Christopher GLEESON  
Mr Christopher John HADEN  
Mr Mark Douglas HAMDORF  
Mrs Pauline Marion HARROW  
Mr John MALCOLM  
Mr Roger Stewart MARTIN  
Mr Stewart Wesley POTTER  
Mr John Stephen RATCLIFFE  
Mr Richard John UDEN**

On 7 February 2009, members of the Marysville Fire Brigade were deployed in response to extreme bushfires in the area.

While some remained at the Marysville Fire Station to maintain communications, others joined the Alexandra Group Strike Team to fight a blaze at Murrindindi Mill and then moved on to Granton and Marysville. When fire threatened to engulf Marysville, they retreated to Gallipoli Park, where they provided protection to 250 people who had evacuated to the sports ground there. After the fire had passed Marysville, the team protected remaining assets and community members who had not left the town in the evacuation convoy.

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## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

***Awardees comprise of members of the Queensland Police who apprehended two armed offenders at Killarney Queensland on 27 July 2012.***

**Senior Constable Peter BRIDGER  
Senior Constable Paul John COATES  
Senior Sergeant Brett Lee WENDT**

In the evening of 27 July 2012, three Ipswich district police officers apprehended two armed offenders at Killarney, Queensland.

The pair was known to police having previously committed several armed and violent robberies. Police responded to the reported sighting of the offenders at Aratula following an earlier assault on a man at Boonah. However, the offenders rammed two police vehicles and managed to escape. During the 80 kilometre pursuit that followed, the police officers relayed information that allowed interception sites with tyre deflation equipment to be established. The offenders drove over two such sites and lost control of their vehicle, crashed and eventually stopped. The police officers exited their vehicles, drew their revolvers, surrounded the crashed vehicle and ordered the offenders to surrender. The male offender produced a sawn-off rifle and fired in the direction of one of the police officers who fell to the ground. Believing his colleague to have been shot, another police officer fired at the offender and wounded him. The second offender surrendered and the police then removed both offenders from the crashed vehicle and restrained them.

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## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

***Awardees comprise of several people who went to the rescue of people trapped in flood water at Gin Gin, Queensland on 26 January 2013.***

**Senior Constable Daniel Paul LUKAN  
Senior Constable David Randall ROFE  
Mr Peter TULLY**

On the night of 26 January 2013, two policemen and another man rescued several people who were trapped in floodwater at Gin Gin, Queensland.

The police officers had responded to reports that several people were trapped at a rest area following significant flash flooding. Arriving on the scene, they saw that a group of people stranded after their vehicles had been swept away were in imminent danger from the rapidly flowing floodwaters. The police officers attempted to reach the group but were forced to retreat because of the depth and speed of the water. They then directed the driver of a nearby truck to use his vehicle to rescue the group. The driver drove the truck toward the group and the police officers pulled the stranded people on board. As the floodwaters continued to rise, the truck stalled, but it was eventually towed to safety by another heavy truck.

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## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

*Awardees comprise of several members of the public who went to the rescue of several people caught in a rip at Yeppoon, Queensland on 13 April 2012.*

**Mr Matthew Leslie DANES**  
**Mr Jake Robert GUNSTON**  
**Mr Shane Andrew HAGARTY**  
**Mr Michael David HIGGINSON**  
**Mr Alex John SAINSBURY**  
**Mrs Kylie Sheree SMITH**

On 13 April 2012, a group of people attempted to rescue several people from drowning at Sandy Point Creek in Yeppoon, Queensland.

Four children, who were being supervised by a woman, were playing on a sand bank at the mouth of the creek when they started to be swept out to sea. The woman supervising and another woman entered the water to attempt to rescue the children but also got into difficulty. On hearing screams, two other people entered the water to help. They were assisted by four men who were driving along the beach and had been alerted to the situation. Against a rip, the rescuers swam between 15 and 40 metres out to sea to rescue and safely bring back to shore the four children and one of the women. The second woman had gone beneath the surface of the water and become unresponsive. After multiple attempts to rescue her, she was eventually pulled to shore with the assistance of a rope and given CPR, but could not be revived.

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## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of members of the public who went to the rescue of several people who were in difficulty in rough surf at Marcoola Beach, Queensland on 23 January 2013.***

**Mr Damon Scott BELL  
Mr Blake Edward COLE**

On 23 January 2013, two men rescued two others who were drowning at Marcoola Beach, Queensland.

Arriving at the beach to fish, the two men, who were friends and co-workers, quickly realised a group of six men, all international tourists, were struggling in the rough surf. The two friends immediately entered the water to help. One of the friends swam to the man who was nearest to the shore and brought him safely back in. The other friend swam to the man who was furthest from shore, approximately 100 metres away. The man in difficulty was much larger than the rescuer, who attempted for 20 minutes to swim the man back to shore in large surf. The rescuer's friend returned to the water to assist and, together, they brought the semi-conscious man safely back to shore where he was treated by paramedics. An unknown surfer helped two other men return safely to shore, while the remaining two men in the group were able to make their own way back.

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## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

***Awardees comprise of members of the public who went to the rescue of a man trapped in a submerged crane at Habana, Queensland on 10 May 2013.***

**Ms Kathleen Margaret ALLEN  
Mr Peter John PRICE  
Mr Andrew James ROSIER  
Mr John Steven TESKE  
Mr Micheal Shane WALLACE**

In the morning of 10 May 2013, a group of people came to the assistance of a man who was trapped in a submerged crane cabin following an accident at Habana, Queensland.

The crane was being driven in heavy rain when it skidded off a causeway bridge at Reliance Creek and toppled into the flooded waterway. The cabin, with two people inside, became submerged in the creek where crocodiles were known periodically to inhabit. As the first two witnesses entered the water and began wading toward the crane, they saw one man emerging from the cabin. Although he was disoriented, this man reached into the cabin and pulled his colleague's head above the water. One of the witnesses held the injured victim's head out of the water while the other dived under the surface and tried to release his feet, which were trapped. Soon afterwards, three other persons entered the water and took turns holding the victim. Eventually, they managed to free his legs and pull him to the creek bank. They continued to hold and reassure the victim until the arrival of paramedics.

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## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

***Awardees comprise of members of the public who went to the rescue of a colleague trapped in flood water at Marlborough, Queensland on 2 March 2011.***

**Mr Russell James CHARLESTON  
Mr Gavin Wayne FOX**

In the evening of 2 March 2011, a group of colleagues rescued a man from drowning in floodwater near Marlborough, Queensland.

The man had stopped at a flooded creek crossing with one colleague, awaiting the others, when he decided to wade into the water to check the depth. He was swept off his feet by the strong current and dragged into the mouth of a pipe where the water was chest deep. The first colleague seized the man and held him to prevent him from being dragged further under the water and into the pipe. Other colleagues arrived on the scene but they were unable to pull the man from the water. They tied a rope around his chest to steady him and gave him a piece of garden hose to assist him to breathe in the rising water. Eventually, however, the man slipped below the water and began to have difficulty breathing through the hose. The group devised a strategy to release the man into the pipe and to rescue him when he surfaced at the other end. One member of the group swam to the man and the others then assisted in pulling him from the water to safety.

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## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION**

*Awardees comprise of several people who worked as a paramedic rescue team during the Beaconsfield mine rescue, Tasmania.*

**Mrs Jude May BARNES  
Mr Nicholas William CHAPMAN  
Mr Matthew James EASTHAM  
Mr Gregory EDSALL ASM  
Mr Paul John FEATHERSTONE BM ASM  
Mr Ian Robert HART  
Mr Peter Warren JAMES  
Mr Graeme Robert JONES BM ASM  
Dr Richard Walter MORRIS BM  
Mr Daryl James PENDREY  
Mrs Karen PENDREY**

On the night of 25 April 2006, a substantial rock fall incident occurred underground at the Beaconsfield Gold Mine where seventeen miners were working. Three of the miners were unaccounted for. Within 24 hours, rescuers were able to make contact with two men who were trapped almost a kilometre below the surface. Several paramedics volunteered to support the mine rescue efforts of the trapped miners. When it was confirmed one miner was deceased but two remained alive the paramedics worked shifts in teams of two for eight days at levels of up to 925 metres underground. They focussed on the psychological wellbeing, health, and safety of the two trapped miners. The paramedics also managed the expectations of the rescue team during an intense and complex situation until the miners were rescued on 9 May 2006.

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

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

*Awardees comprise of several people who worked as a low-intensity explosive mine rescue team during the Beaconsfield mine rescue, Tasmania.*

**The late Mr Brett Henry CHALMERS  
Mr Darren Thomas FLANAGAN  
Mr Scott FRANKLIN  
Mr Jeremy Matthew ROWLINGS**

On the night of 25 April 2006, a substantial rock fall incident occurred underground at the Beaconsfield Gold Mine where seventeen miners were working. Three of the miners were unaccounted for and, several days later, the body of one of the missing miners was recovered. Within 24 hours, rescuers were able to make contact with the two remaining men who were trapped almost a kilometre below the surface. On 30 April 2006, a team with extensive knowledge of low-intensity explosives arrived at the Beaconsfield Mine, a few of which had travelled from the Stawell Gold Mine, Victoria. The team worked in pairs at levels of up to approximately 925 metres underground during 12-hour shifts. They initially carried out test blasting while a raise borer was used to drill a one metre diameter tunnel about sixteen metres through the rock, to within approximately two metres, underneath the miners. Over the next twenty-nine hours, the explosives team meticulously fired more than sixty low-level intensity explosives to blast another metre towards the men. Rescue teams then used hand held jackhammers to cut through the last metre of rock to reach the miners who were rescued on 9 May 2006.

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## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

The following recipients are added to the Group Bravery Citation gazetted on 19 March 2012.

***Awardees comprise members of the public who went to the rescue of two girls who were trapped inside a burning house at Kelso, New South Wales on 22 July 2010.***

**Miss Kristie CLAYTON  
Mr Amos John MILLS**

On 22 July 2010, as several family members were asleep, a fire began in the lounge room at a house located at Greville Place, Kelso.

A fifteen-year-old girl grabbed her one-year-old sister and immediately woke several family members before they escaped from the house through different bedroom windows. When the family of nine gathered outside, they realised two young family members remained inside the burning house. Neighbours, as well as two others working in the area, also ran to the scene and called 000. Unable to enter through the front, the group began to smash holes in the walls and bedroom windows. One of them then used a hose to attack the flames as they moved around the house. After smashing a wall below another window and pulling the insulation out, one man was lifted up into a bedroom. He yelled for the children and felt around the room through the thick smoke. He saw a girl wrapped in a blanket and pulled her outside, where a woman quickly commenced CPR and took the unconscious girl away. The group then managed to retrieve the other girl, who was also unconscious, from the bedroom before she was given CPR.

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