

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Peter Douglas BOYD  
137 Marlborough Street,  
HENLEY BEACH SA

At about 4.30 p.m. on 4 January 1982, at Granite Island near Victor Harbour, South Australia, Mr Boyd saw a sailing boat in extreme difficulties close to the water's rocky edge. He climbed down to the rocks, and when the boat struck the rocks and keeled over, attempted to hold its mast in order to let the occupants, a man and his wife, get to the shore. He failed in this endeavour and the boat twice struck the rocks throwing the couple away from it. Mr Boyd climbed down further, and although in constant danger of being swept off the smooth surface of the rocks, managed to take hold of the man and pull him to safety. When the man, in attempting to reach his wife, who was still in the water, was swept back into the sea, a number of persons who had meanwhile joined Mr Boyd were able to assist him in bringing the man to safety a second time.

By his persistent efforts Mr Boyd displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Kenneth George GOODCHILD  
Unit 12,  
4 Keen Avenue,  
GLENELG EAST SA

At about 4.30 p.m. on 4 January 1982, at Granite Island near Victor Harbour, South Australia, a man and his wife were thrown into the water when their sailing boat was smashed against the rocks at the edge of the shore. Upon being advised that they were in danger Mr Goodchild climbed down to the rocks and, despite the danger of being swept off the smooth surface of the rocks by the rush of the incoming water, assisted another person who had earlier climbed down to the rocks to rescue the husband. When the husband was swept back into the water, Mr Goodchild continued to assist to rescue him a second time.

Mr Goodchild displayed considerable bravery in such hazardous circumstances.

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Mr Terence John LANGE,  
1 Maple Street,  
COOROY QLD

Late in the afternoon of 5 December 1981, at Cooroy Queensland, two young boys, one of them Mr Lange's son, were attempting to retrieve a small raft in the creek adjacent to their homes. In doing so the boys pulled on some disused wires hanging in the water from an electricity pole, which had come into contact with some live wires, electrifying the water and killing the boys. Upon being advised that they appeared to be in some danger Mr Lange's wife, and a young man, dived into the water, not knowing it was electrified, and were also killed. Mr Lange and another man then dived into the water but although realising it was electrified Mr Lange brought the young man back to the bank and then returned into the water and brought his wife to the shore.

Mr Lange displayed considerable bravery in such hazardous and tragic circumstances.

Mr Owen Keith McERLANE  
Lavina Caravan Park,  
Commercial Road,  
VINEYARD NSW

On 25 September 1981 at about 8 a.m. Owen Keith McErlane, then 17 years of age, noticed flames coming from the roof of a caravan. He took hold of a fire hose to extinguish the fire, but upon being advised that a baby was inside the caravan, without hesitating went into the caravan, rescued the child from a burning bed, rushed outside and placed the child on the floor of the annexe to the van. Being then told that another child was inside he immediately went back inside the still burning van and saw her covered in black soot lying on the floor at the other end of it. He made his way through the smoke, grabbed the child and took her outside. Taking hold of the fire hose again, Mr McErlane sprayed the van until the fire was extinguished.

Mr McErlane displayed considerable bravery in twice entering the burning van to rescue the young children.

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Mr George Henry Cranswick PARKER  
29 Topaz Street,  
COOROY QLD

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Mr Parker displayed considerable bravery in such hazardous circumstances.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Robert Glenn COOTE,  
4 Barrelder Road,  
TORRENS PARK SA

on 27 January 1982 at about 12.20 p.m. two armed men committed a robbery at a shop in the vicinity of Mr Coote's business premises. When a customer in Mr Coote's shop established what had occurred, and that the robbers were making their escape on a motor cycle, Mr Coote and the customer gave chase in Mr Coote's motor vehicle. After some distance the robbers dismounted and proceeded to run on foot. They separated and Mr Coote and the customer chased one of them through a number of residential premises and eventually caught and held him until the police arrived.

By his actions Mr Coote displayed commendable courage.

Mr Terry GILLON  
(Posthumous Award)

Next of kin (wife)  
Mrs Loraine Elizabeth GILLON  
1 Florence Street,  
KURRI KURRI NSW

During operations at the Aberdare East Colliery, Cessnock, New South Wales, on 3 June 1981, a fall occurred in a mine shaft partly burying the driver of a mining machine. Mr Gillon and others went to the man's assistance; however, another fall occurred and although the other persons got clear Mr Gillon, being in a more dangerous position, was unable to do so and was completely buried. The driver of the machine, who was completely buried on this occasion, survived, but Mr Gillon died from the injuries which he sustained.

Mr Gillon showed commendable courage and lost his life in going to the assistance of a fellow worker.

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Constable Neil Russell GILLOWAY

Queensland Police Force

On 13 July 1980 at about 11.30 a.m. near Beenleigh, Queensland, a semi-trailer overturned on a bridge, killing one person, severely injuring the driver and trapping the other four occupants in the cabin of the vehicle when it came to rest against the bank of the creek. As the vehicle overturned the fuel tank ruptured thereby allowing diesel oil to pour into the cabin. Upon arriving at the scene of the accident, Constable Gilloway quickly assessed the situation and, despite the fumes from the heated engine and the proximity of the diesel oil, entered the crushed cabin a number of times over a period of about one hour and freed all the surviving trapped occupants.

Constable Gilloway displayed commendable courage in such circumstances.

Senior Constable Willem LIEFTING

Victoria Police Force

At about 12.30 a.m. on 2 July 1980 at Rye, Victoria, Constable Liewting attended the scene of a shooting in which a person had been seriously wounded. While searching the premises Constable Liewting came upon the armed offender and, although he attempted to move to a place of safety, was shot in the chest with a rifle bullet. Despite his severe injuries Constable Liewting returned the offender's fire in an attempt to capture him but was unsuccessful. The offender then shot Constable Liewting a second time and left the scene. He was later arrested by other police.

By his actions in facing an armed and dangerous man Constable Liewting displayed commendable courage.

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Master Dobre RISTEVSKI  
41 Dunvegan Road,  
MACLEOD VIC

Soon after 6 p.m. on 2 January 1982 a 29 year old woman, who was obviously mentally disturbed, called at Master Ristevski's home saying she wanted a gun to kill herself. When she left his home Master Ristevski, aged 10 years, followed her fearing she would commit suicide some other way. Later he talked to the woman and attempted to dissuade her from going to a nearby railway line. However, she climbed down to the line and stood in front of a fast approaching train. Dobre, who was with her, pulled her to one side and saved her life.

By his actions and quick thinking Master Ristevski displayed commendable courage.

Sergeant Second Class Donald Joseph SMITH  
New South Wales Police Force

At about 9.30 p.m. on 22 July 1981 at Nambucca Heads, New South Wales, an emotionally disturbed man, who had earlier been spoken to by police, was firing a pump action single barrel shotgun in an indiscriminate manner from his business premises. Sergeant Smith and another police officer approached him but he continued firing and the police officers returned to their office to summon further assistance. Shortly after, and before other police arrived, the man was seen to be walking towards the police station with the shotgun in his hands. Sergeant Smith approached the man who threatened to fire the weapon; however, Sergeant Smith continued to walk towards him and, although the shotgun was then thrust heavily into his stomach, managed to take the weapon from the man and effect his arrest.

Sergeant Smith showed commendable courage in such circumstances.

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Mr Graham Ross SMITH  
19 Bonnin Street,  
REYNELLA SA

On 27 January 1982 at about 12.20 p.m. two armed men committed a robbery at a shop in the vicinity of other premises where Mr Smith was making some purchases. When he established what had occurred and saw that the robbers were making their escape on a motor cycle, he and the shop owner with whom he had been dealing, gave chase in the shop owner's car. After some distance the robbers dismounted and proceeded to run on foot. They separated and Mr Smith and the shop owner chased one of them through a number of residential premises and eventually caught and held him until police arrived.

By his actions Mr Smith displayed commendable courage.

Mr Mark Ronald WALLACE  
273 Waverley Road,  
MT WAVERLEY VIC

On 7 December 1981, Mr Wallace was the crewman aboard a rescue helicopter which was despatched to an area about 30 kms off Cape Otway, Victoria, to rescue a man whose vessel had sunk in the heavy seas. Winds at the time were about 100 kms per hour with an approximate 7 metre swell in the water. When the helicopter arrived on the scene Mr Wallace jumped into the water and assisted the then unconscious man into rescue equipment. A life raft which had been dropped from the helicopter blew away in the strong wind. Because of the combined weight of the two men it was not possible to winch both persons into the helicopter at the same time. The unconscious man was winched into the aircraft and was taken for treatment to a ship standing nearby, while Mr Wallace remained in the water before being picked up a short time later.

By his actions in entering and remaining in the very rough seas Mr Wallace displayed commendable courage.

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Mr. Christopher John WELLMAN,  
12 Pinnuck Street,  
NUMURKAH VIC

At about 8.30 p.m. on 16 December 1981, Christopher Wellman, aged 15 years, after playing tennis outside his home in Numurkah, Victoria, entered the house and detected the smell of smoke. Upon discovering a fire in an adjacent bedroom he immediately alerted nearby neighbours to advise the fire brigade. Christopher then re-entered the house to rescue his three year old sister but was forced back, his hair and eyebrows being singed in the attempt. He again re-entered the house, and by crawling on the floor reached his sister's bedroom, and then brought her in the same manner to safety outside the blazing building.

Christopher Wellman displayed commendable courage and initiative in effecting a rescue in such circumstances.