

BRAVERY MEDAL

Detective Senior Constable Keith Graeme DUNHAM,
Victorian Police Force.

On 7 June 1983 Detective Senior Constable Dunham was called to a house where a deranged man armed with a shotgun was holding his father-in-law as a hostage. He had already shot and wounded his mother-in-law. At the deranged man's request Constable Dunham went unarmed into the house. Although he was then held at gun point he unsuccessfully tried to grab the shotgun from him. After further discussion he left the house to get ambulance assistance and later came back with two ambulance officers and continued to negotiate with the man who at times pointed the gun towards his stomach. The injured woman was placed on a stretcher and Constable Dunham and the ambulancemen were allowed to leave with her. He was about to re-enter the house when the deranged man came out with his hostage and was then overpowered.

By his actions Detective Senior Constable Dunham displayed considerable bravery.

Jennifer Anne LONG,
3 Carpenter Street,
BENDIGO VIC. 3550

On 9 January 1986 Jennifer Long, 12 years, was one of 3 passengers in a car driven by her grandmother when it crashed through a safety railing on Taylor's Bridge, Burramboot, and plunged into the swiftly flowing Waranga Western Channel. After advising the others in the car to unfasten their seat belts she unfastened hers, swam out of the a window and was swept away by the current. On a number of occasions she swam back to the car and tried to open the doors only to be swept away at each attempt. Although exhausted she managed to climb up on to the bridge from where she jumped down on to the roof of the car trying unsuccessfully to break a rear window with her hands and feet. She grabbed hold of her grandmother's arm through the driver's window but she did not respond. Believing that all the passengers were dead Jennifer climbed back on to the bridge and walked to the nearest farmhouse to raise the alarm.

By her actions Jennifer Long displayed considerable bravery.

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Mr Bradley Barry MOORE,
10 Armytage Street,
MANLY QLD 4179

On 30 November 1985 Mr Moore was driving across the Story Bridge when he passed a woman standing on the railing. He stopped his car, and as he got out, she began to climb up on to the bridge structure. Mr Moore followed her and after 5 minutes caught up to her when she was 3 metres from the top of the southern peak but as he attempted to grab hold of her she pushed him away and climbed higher. She was hysterical and struggling violently. On one occasion she broke free but Mr Moore held on to the woman for 20 minutes until the fire brigade arrived. Mr Moore assisted in getting the woman down and then climbed down himself.

By his actions Mr Moore displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Clive Templeton MURRAY, (Deceased)
26 Prince Street,
GOULBURN N.S.W. 2580

On 27 December 1985 a twelve year old girl got into difficulties when she was caught in a strong rip while surfing at Rosedale Beach. She called for help to other young girls and Mr Murray, aged 65, suffering from high blood pressure and hardened arteries, was on the beach and saw that they could not assist her. He then entered the water, swam out to the girl and told her to place her hands on his shoulders. He commenced to swim towards the shore against the current but was not making any headway and began to tire. Waves broke over them and Mr Murray then collapsed and died. The young girl was finally rescued by another swimmer while Mr Murray was brought ashore by surfboard.

By his actions Mr Murray displayed considerable bravery, thereby losing his life.

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Anthony (Tony) John Robert ODINE,
17 Earnley Way,
BALGA W.A. 6061

On 26 March 1986 Tony Odine, then aged 15, saw smoke coming from the front door of a home unit in Balga. He could not see inside because of the thick black smoke but when told that there could be a woman in the unit smashed a window with a shovel and climbed in. Tony kicked out the locked security door but had to leave the unit because of breathing difficulties. He got back in to the unit on four occasions, disconnected the power at the meter board, and attempted to put out the fire by throwing salt on the flames and with water. Seeing a woman huddled in a corner near the back door he, with some help, managed to carry her outside. He was taken to hospital suffering from the effect of smoke.

By his actions Tony Odine displayed considerable bravery.

Able Seaman Michael George OLIVER, (Deceased)
Royal Australian Navy.

On 22 October 1985, HMAS "STALWART" was 210 miles north-east of Darwin when Able Seaman Oliver became concerned about the odour of the waste he was pumping overboard. He shut down the pump and then saw two sailors collapsed in the compartment below. He immediately raised the alarm, collected breathing apparatus, put one on and, with another sailor, took a spare into the compartment. The other sailor left to get more breathing apparatus, and returned to find that Oliver was unconscious. It was apparent that Oliver had been attempting to put the spare breathing mask and his own that he had removed, on to the two unconscious sailors. He died on 19 November 1985 without regaining consciousness.

By his actions Able Seaman Oliver displayed considerable bravery, thereby losing his life.

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Mr Brian James RUDDELL,
24/320 Canning Highway,
BICTON W.A. 6157

On December 15, 1985, Mr Ruddell was about to leave North Beach after fishing with his companions, when they were told that a man had been washed into the sea. They ran along the beach and saw the man in difficulties 40 metres from the shore. Mr Ruddell crossed the slippery reef with difficulty, hanging on to it as the surf broke over him, and then scrambling forward 3 to 4 metres at a time. When he reached the edge he saw the swimmer floating face downwards 30 metres away. He dived beneath breaking surf and on surfacing swam a further 20 metres to reach him. Mr Ruddell found him to be unconscious and towed him back through the surf. Within 10 metres of the shore his companions came to his assistance and together they dragged the man in and gave him artificial resuscitation.

By his actions Mr Ruddell displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Matthew Wayne SPRINGER,
McEwans Road,
LEGANA TAS. 7251

On 16 March 1986 Mr Springer was competing in a motor race meeting at the Baskerville Raceway near Hobart. He was involved in a collision with another car which burst into flames four metres high. Mr Springer jumped out and ran to the other driver's aid. He could not see him through the flames until he put his head through the shattered driver's door. Forced back by the fumes he then returned to the car leant inside and unbuckled the racing harness. Mr Springer saved the man's life by disentangling the driver from his harness and dragging him clear.

By his actions Mr Springer displayed considerable bravery.

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Mr Peter Garnett STACEY,
Dorsett Road,,
WAROONA W.A. 6215

On 7 April 1985 the Donnybrook Easter Fair was being held at Mitchell Park. A driverless tractor was set in motion at one of the displays and as it moved downhill at between 20 - 25 kilometres per hour it struck buildings and collided with seating. Many people were forced to run for safety. The tractor then crashed through a fence on to the oval and headed towards the beer tent where, unaware of the danger, two hundred to three hundred people had gathered. Mr Stacey was on the oval competing in the log chop event. He ran 30 metres across the wet and slippery ground towards the tractor and when a few feet away leapt on to it, notwithstanding the danger of falling under the wheels. He landed between the canopy and the mudguard, grabbed the steering wheel, applied the brakes and stopped the tractor a few metres from the tent.

By his actions Mr Stacey displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Barry Gordon TICKLE,
13 Baker Avenue,
MORPHETTVILLE S.A. 5043

On 28 July 1985 Mr Tickle was stopped at an intersection in Regency Park when two other cars collided. He ran to the Nissan sedan where flames 8 feet high were rising from its front, rear and passenger sides. After trying, unsuccessfully, to open the passenger door he smashed a window reached in and pulled a woman out. The inside of the car was so thick with smoke that he could not see but by feeling around he found a teenage girl and pulled her over to the passenger side door and out of its window. Returning to the car he found the driver half through the window and he helped him out also, as flames spread round the car and petrol spilled onto the ground.

By his actions Mr Tickle displayed considerable bravery.

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Mr Terry Robert WIGZELL,
Dorsetvale Road,
CHERRY GARDENS S.A. 5051

On 22 November 1985 two cars collided on the track at the Winfield Speedway Park. Fuel spilt on to the track and ignited. Flames engulfed the rear section and driving compartment of one of the cars and the driver was struggling to get out of his driving harness. Mr Wigzell, the driver of one of the cars in the collision, ran 120 metres, climbed on to the blazing car released the driver's seat belt and dragged him through the flames to safety.

By his actions Mr Wigzell displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Len William WILLIAMS,
9 Seaview Grove,
BLAIR ATHOL S.A. 5084

On 13 March 1986 Mr Williams, aged 73, after having left the Blair Athol branch of the State Bank of South Australia, returned on hearing shouting to find a robbery in progress. An offender, armed with a sawn off .303 calibre rifle, had demanded money from the tellers and forced customers to lie on the floor. Mr Williams approached the gunman from behind and a struggle took place which resulted in Mr Williams wrestling the offender to the floor. Other customers then assisted Mr Williams in restraining him until the police arrived.

By his actions Mr Williams displayed considerable bravery.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Anthony Grant BROGAN,
58 Durham Terrace,
FERRYDEN PARK S.A. 5010

On 28 July 1985 Mr Brogan was driving his car towards the intersection of South and Regency Roads, Regency Park, when he heard a loud explosion and saw flames erupt from a car at the intersection. The rear, roof and right hand side of the car were alight. Notwithstanding that the flames were spreading he assisted in pulling the occupants from the car.

By his actions Mr Brogan displayed commendable courage.

Mr Robert Charles COCHRANE

On 9 April 1985 two masked offenders entered a shop in Gulliver. One offender went to the cash register while the other armed with a .22 rifle demanded more money from Mr Cochrane's daughter. Hearing her call Mr Cochrane confronted the offender who aimed the rifle at his head and squeezed the trigger. Mr Cochrane grabbed the rifle and during the ensuing struggle he was knocked to the floor and struck with rifle butt. When the offender moved towards his daughter Mr Cochrane continued to struggle. He received injuries to his forehead and mouth before the offenders left the shop.

By his actions Mr Cochrane displayed commendable courage.

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Mr Gregory Norman HALL,
14 Albert Street,
GOULBURN N.S.W. 2580

On 16 March 1985 four men were fishing from an aluminium boat three to four kilometres east of Broulee Island. The boat capsized throwing the men into the water. They clung to it and after about an hour Mr Hall volunteered to swim to the shore for help. At first he wore a life jacket, then when tired used it as a float. After swimming for some three hours he reached the beach and raised the alarm. Shortly after he was admitted to hospital suffering from hypothermia.

By his actions Mr Hall displayed commendable courage.

Mr Glyn McMillan JONES,
2 Buckland Avenue,
NEWTOWN VIC 3220

On 3 September 1985 a ten year old boy went canoeing on the Margaret River. His canoe capsized in the turbulent water; his uncle Mr Glynn Jones paddled to him in his canoe but also capsized. Hanging on to his upturned canoe he was able to give the boy artificial resuscitation. When the boy's father paddled to assist, his canoe too capsized but together they righted it and lifted him aboard. His father swam ashore with his son; leaving Mr Jones, by now exhausted, to be assisted from the water by police.

By his actions Mr Jones displayed commendable courage.

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Mr Peter Brian KESSELL,
27 Hawke Crescent,
SALISBURY EAST S.A. 5109

On 28 July 1985 Mr Kessell was driving along South Road, Regency Park, when he saw two cars on fire at the intersection. He stopped and went to one of them which was on fire forward of the windscreen. The driver was unconscious and slumped on the passenger's seat. Mr Kessell assisted in lifting the woman through the passenger's door.

By his actions Mr Kessell displayed commendable courage.

Mr Julian Stephen McEWAN,
266 Russell Street,
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

On 4 February 1985 a RAAF helicopter crashed into Perseverance Dam trapping the pilot inside the submerged cockpit; the tail of the plane had broken away. The cockpit was precariously balanced on a ledge in the water sixty metres from the bottom. Sharp pieces of wreckage and aircraft fuel floated nearby. Under these hazardous conditions Mr McEwan and a companion ran into the water and commenced to dive. Mr McEwan dived on six occasions finally releasing the pilot from his seat belt and bringing him to the surface. Then with some assistance he applied mouth to mouth resuscitation and persisted until the pilot revived sufficiently for him to be transported to hospital.

By his actions Mr McEwan displayed commendable courage.

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Mr Phillip Charles MOBBS,
C/- Ambulance Station,
DUNGOG N.S.W. 2420

On 8 December 1983 a young man fell sixty metres from a cliff face when abseiling on Alum Mountain. Ambulance Officer Mobbs climbed to the mountain top and carrying life support equipment and rope abseiled down to the injured person lying on narrow rock ledge. He tied him to a tree, lowered a rope and hauled up a spine board attached by the rescue party at the base of the cliff. He then managed to get the young man on to it and for more than an hour, unassisted, he applied cardiac pulmonary resuscitation but the young man died before he could be moved from the ledge.

By his actions Ambulance Officer Mobbs displayed commendable courage.

Mr Leonard Norman PAYNE,
28 Collins Street,
ENFIELD S.A. 5085

On 28 July 1985 Mr Payne was stationary in his car at the intersection of Regency and South Roads, Regency Park, when two cars collided. Sparks were emitted on impact and the front section of one of them erupted into flames. Mr Payne went immediately to the car and gave assistance in lifting the unconscious driver out through the passenger's door.

By his actions Mr Payne displayed commendable courage.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Michael Kingsley STARK,
35 Curnow Street,
CROWS NEST QLD 4355

On 4 February 1985 a RAAF helicopter crashed into Perseverance Dam trapping the pilot inside the submerged cockpit; the tail of the plane had broken away. The cockpit was precariously balanced on a ledge sixty metres from the bottom. Sharp pieces of wreckage and aircraft fuel floated nearby. Under these hazardous conditions Mr Stark and a companion ran into the water. Mr Stark first searched for the pilot in the back of the helicopter with his feet. Then he dived in to the cockpit found the pilot, and tried to pull him out but without success. When the pilot was released Mr Stark assisted in carrying him to the water's edge and also assisted with resuscitation.

By his actions Mr Stark displayed commendable courage.