

## STAR OF COURAGE

Mr Stephen William BADGER,  
20 O'Donnell Street,  
NORTH BONDI NSW 2026

On 4 January 1987 Tamarama Beach was declared "closed" because large waves, undertows and rips made the sea turbulent and dangerous. At about 2.40 p.m. Mr Badger, who was on patrol duty at the Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club, saw two surfers with Boogie boards in the water. One of them lost his board about 25 metres from a rocky area known as the "Mixing Bowl". Dragged towards Bronte Beach by the rip a wave threw him against the rocks and another threw him back. Mr Badger ran along the rocks but could not enter the water because of the sheer cliff face. He ran back and dived in from "Twin Rocks" which overlook the "Mixing Bowl". Twice he was thrown back on to rocks cutting his shins and feet. Then, swimming clear of them, he glimpsed the surfer floating face downwards. The waves were too high for him to see him clearly and he took his directions from onlookers. Then, hit by a set of waves, the surfer disappeared. Although continually pounded himself, Mr Badger waited about five minutes for him to resurface. When he did not, Mr Badger, fatigued and bleeding from his wounds, swam 200 metres to Bronte Beach, which was also closed and came ashore there.

By his actions Mr Badger displayed conspicuous courage.

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Constable First Class Larry James COOK,  
New South Wales Police Force

At 3.45 p.m. on 26 January 1987 Constable First Class Cook was off duty at Wamberal Beach. The seas were extremely dangerous with swells of eight to ten feet. Hearing that a windsurfer was in difficulties, he volunteered to drive the Inshore Rescue Boat and with a companion proceeded to Spoon Bay. As they neared the cliffs they saw a swimmer in front of the rock face and in breaking surf with waves four metres high. Taking a rescue tube he swam 50 to 70 metres to the woman and began to place the tube around her body. As he did so a four metre high dumping wave broke over them and a second wave tore the woman from his arms. Constable Cook searched unsuccessfully for her but onlookers on the cliff top soon assured him that she was no longer there. Fearing for his own life, he began to swim for safety. He was repeatedly hit by large waves and his legs struck rocks. When he cleared the breaking surf on the cliff front he could not board the rescue boat as it was in danger from large waves. The boat moved away and Constable Cook swam further out to be picked up 100 metres offshore. After waiting in the area for three to four hours, Constable Cook and his companion returned to Wamberal Beach.

By his actions Constable First Class Cook displayed conspicuous courage.

STAR OF COURAGE

Mr William Percival LOWTHER,  
23 Gabrenol Court,  
NOARLUNGA DOWNS SA 5168

At 5 p.m. on 13 August 1987 three men were involved in a boating accident at Murray Mouth. Mr Lowther, in a 12 foot aluminium boat, went to the assistance of two of the men who were clinging to their submerged dinghy. They asked him to help their companion who had been swept into the surf line. Mr Lowther manoeuvred his boat so that the man could hold the bow and took him to a beach nearby. Realizing that his boat was too small and underpowered to rescue the other men, he returned to Sugars Beach where he had a 15 foot aluminium boat. In his haste he did not put on a life jacket. Accompanied by his daughter and her friend, he motored to the Mouth and headed into the surf, where they immediately ran into a six foot wave. Afraid to endanger the lives of the young women, he put the boat about. His companions persuaded him to continue with the rescue. They headed out through the Mouth and crashed through several six foot waves before reaching the open sea. They found the men a mile from the Mouth and guided by headlights, they came through on a large wave, collected the swimmer from the beach and took the three men to Number 19 Beacon where an ambulance was waiting.

By his actions Mr Lowther displayed conspicuous courage.

STAR OF COURAGE

Senior Constable Stephen Charles TIMMINS,  
Tasmania Police Force

At 5.40 a.m. on 16 January 1988 Senior Constable Timmins accompanied another police officer in a police wagon to investigate reports of gunfire in the upper Burnie area. As three young people approached the junction of Sutton and Mount Streets, Sergeant Timmins saw that one of the men had his hand behind his back. Enquiring whether they had seen anyone with a firearm, he then saw that the young man at the back was wearing a shotgun belt containing cartridges. He realized that the other young people were being held hostage and leapt from the car and climbed an embankment to the footpath. As he did so he saw the offender quickly bring a shotgun from behind his back and move his right hand on to the middle of the weapon. He swung it around and pointed it at Senior Constable Timmins who, although he believed he was going to be shot at, kept moving towards him. He screamed "No, no, no" and as he did so saw the young man back away. Moving quickly he grabbed the shotgun and a struggle ensued. During the struggle the gun discharged and the bullet missed Senior Constable Timmin's right leg by a few inches. As he grabbed the offender in a headlock and held the shotgun in his right hand the other police officer arrived and handcuffed him.

By his actions Senior Constable Timmins displayed conspicuous courage.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr David Charles BARRETT,  
7 North Court,  
BOWEN QLD 4805

At about midnight on 29 March 1984 a mob of 400 cattle was being drafted into pens at Dalrymple Saleyards, Charters Towers. The Brahman stock being drafted were "range cattle" and one of the bullocks was behaving aggressively. Mr Barrett was operating the drafting gates, approximately two and a half metres from the ground, while another stockman was in the yards with the cattle. Suddenly the aggressive bullock charged from the back of the mob striking the stockman and with the impact he fell to the ground. As he was in danger of being gored by the bullock and trampled by the other cattle, he tried to get under the rails. Mr Barrett jumped to the ground, went through two gates and entered the yard among the cattle. He ran to the injured man and warding the charging bullock off with a length of poly pipe, he dragged him 30 feet across the holding pen to safety.

In saving the man's life Mr Barrett displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Paul Howard BURROWS,  
7 Travis Close,  
CLAYTON SOUTH VIC 3169

On 3 October 1987 a fire broke out in a Women's Refuge at Walker Street, Prahran. Mr Burrows was walking to his car when he saw the fire. He heard a woman screaming that there was a baby inside and ran to the back door. When the door would not open he and an unknown man kicked the glass in. Mr Burrows found his way to the stairs and ran up through the smoke and intense heat. He searched unsuccessfully until, almost overcome, he kicked out a bedroom window and jumped out on to a shed where he waited until he was able to see again. After he had recovered he climbed to assist a man who was on top of the roof with a hose. He threw him a brick to break a window and put the hose into the house. When the fire brigade arrived, he climbed down and was driven to hospital for treatment to burns on his arms and face.

By his actions Mr Burrows displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Roy Philip BURTON,  
59 Janitor Street,  
BROOMEHILL WA 6318

At about 9.45 pm on 29 August 1987 Mr Burton went out of his house at Broomehill to get a jemmy bar and saw flames coming from the house opposite. As he ran over, the lounge room windows blew out sending glass onto the lawn. There were flames in the background and it was very hot. Calling out loudly he heard a sound coming from inside. Mr Burton smashed the bedroom window with the jemmy bar, knocked the flyscreen out and threw himself into the room. He felt around amid the smoke and found a thirteen year old girl crouching on the floor. Taking hold of her in his arms, he dragged her out through the window head first. He placed the girl on the ground and as she lay there she told bystanders that her mother was still inside. Mr Burton then went to her bedroom window and smashed it but the heat was too intense and the smoke too dense for him to re-enter the house.

In saving the girl's life Mr Burton displayed considerable bravery.

Petty Officer Brian Thomas CHADWICK,  
HMAS CERBERUS,  
WESTERNPORT VIC 3920

On 30 July 1987, at the Fire Ground HMAS CERBERUS, General Entry Recruit Class 35D was participating in a "smoke walk". When two recruits entered the Damage Control Training Unit they were suddenly enveloped by a fireball. Petty Officer Chadwick was standing by the unit. Wearing only minimal protective clothing and without breathing apparatus he entered the flames. He found the recruits, dragged them to the ground to avoid the heat, and then dragged them from the unit. He carried one of them to a fire hydrant and ensured that they both received first aid treatment. Then Petty Officer Chadwick re-entered the burning unit, which was still extremely hot, to conduct a further search for any remaining recruits. In the fire he received superficial burns to face, scalp and both cheeks and second degree burns in the vicinity of the eyes.

By his actions Petty Officer Chadwick displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Senior Constable Peter John EDWARDS,  
Tasmania Police Force

On 2 March 1988 Senior Constable Edwards was a passenger in a car on South Arm Road, South Arm when he saw a cloud of dust rise about a kilometre ahead. On arrival at the scene Constable Edwards saw that two cars had collided. He ran to both cars and in the second car found the woman driver trapped in her seat belt unconscious and there was a fire burning under the bonnet. Attempting to extinguish the flames he pushed his suit coat into the engine but the fire continued to spread rapidly. He smashed the rear driver's side window with a wheel brace and reached in to undo the driver's seat belt. As the car doors were jammed, Constable Edwards tried several times to pull the driver out through the window. These attempts were unsuccessful and the flames spread quickly through the car and he was driven back by the heat and smoke.

By his actions Senior Constable Edwards displayed considerable bravery.

Mr David Mark CUMERFORD,  
45 Albert Street,  
CAMP HILL QLD 4152

On 18 April 1987 Mr Cumerford (then Senior Constable) with other police officers was called to a house at Carina where a woman had fired a rifle. He went to the door where the woman warned him that she had a loaded rifle. Drawing his service revolver, he entered to find the woman pointing a .22 rifle at him. After talking to her for 15 minutes, she put the rifle down. He moved towards the rifle but she took it, pointed it at him and ran down the hall. Two children were removed from the house and he went to the bedroom door and demanded that the woman hand over the rifle. Kicking the door open he saw her pointing the rifle at another police officer in the hallway. This officer talked to the woman until she briefly lowered the rifle to her knees. Mr Cumerford then lunged in, grabbed the woman, knocked the rifle from her grasp and she was restrained.

By his actions Mr Cumerford displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL - Posthumous Award

Mr William George DENNE (Deceased),  
Late of 26 Turner Street,  
BLACKTOWN NSW 2148

Next of kin:  
Mrs N. Denne,  
26 Turner Street,  
BLACKTOWN NSW 2148

On 22 August 1987 Mr Denne was a member of a canoeing party travelling in kayaks on the Nepean River. The river was fast flowing and turbulent in shallow areas. At Castlereagh a young canoeist in the party got into difficulties and his kayak struck a staunchion of an old quarry bridge. Mr Denne, who was travelling behind him, rowed to the Eastern embankment and left the water. Taking a rope, in an attempt to reach the pylon, he went further up river to find a place at which he could enter it. He tied one end of the rope around his waist but failed to secure the other end. The rope snagged on undergrowth in the river and a few minutes later his arm was seen waving from beneath the water. A number of attempts were made to rescue him but they were not successful.

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

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mrs Carolyn Joy EATHORNE,  
19 Joiner Street,  
MELVILLE WA 6156

At about 4.30 p.m. on 5 August 1987 Mrs Eathorne was riding her bicycle along a cycleway off Burke Drive, Attadale with her two small children and her dog. She saw an elderly man walking towards her with a large boxer dog. As they drew closer the two dogs began fighting and the man tried to separate them. He collapsed and Mrs Eathorne began to massage his chest while her daughter sought help from two golfers nearby. At Mrs Eathorne's request one of them applied mouth to mouth resuscitation for a short time but the dying man's dog kept charging and biting them and he withdrew. Then Mrs Eathorne continued this and also applied cardiac massage while the dog maintained its attacks. After about 30 minutes, and only when the man appeared dead, Mrs Eathorne gave up her attempts to resuscitate him. During this time Mrs Eathorne had been bitten on the face, under her right eye and on the left ear.

By her actions Mrs Eathorne displayed considerable bravery.



BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Derek David GARRETT,  
4/104 Bower Street,  
MANLY NSW 2095

At about 7 p.m. on 23 April 1987 Mr Garrett was jogging at Manly, when he heard cries for help coming from the ocean. He ran forty metres to the Fairy Bower Rock Pool where there was a lifebuoy. Taking the buoy he ran to the railing, removed his glasses and dived in. He swam at least 150 metres in the dark guided only by the repeated cries for help. After about 15 minutes he saw a man hanging on to an overturned boat. Swimming to it he came upon the body of a second man floating face down in the water. He took the lifebuoy to the first man and swam back to raise the alarm. When he ran back to the beach he saw the man with the lifebuoy swimming his companion to the shore. Mr Garrett went into the water and helped to drag the body on to the rocks. He applied external cardiac massage until the police and the ambulance arrived.

By his actions Mr Garrett displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Gary Reginald HANGER,  
47 Smith Street,  
KINGSWOOD NSW 2750

On 22 August 1987 a young canoeist got into difficulties at Castlereach when his kayak struck a staunchion of an old quarry bridge. Mr Hanger saw a man clinging to a pylon in the middle of the river. Mr Hanger spoke to an older man who was going further up river to enter the water in an attempt to reach the young man. Shortly after Mr Hanger saw the older man's arm waving from beneath the water. He ran to the bank, and tried unsuccessfully to reach the man by holding on to a tree and passing a branch to him. He then entered the water and grabbed hold of his foot but lost his grip in the strong current. Floating with the current he reached the pylon and grabbed hold of it. The young canoeist, still in his kayak then caught hold of him. Mr Hanger tried continually to pull him up but eventually the young canoeist let go and sank from sight. Later Mr Hanger was winched from the bridge by helicopter.

By his actions Mr Hanger displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Miss Sharon Marie LOWTHER,  
23 Gabrenol Court,  
NOARLUNGA DOWNS SA 5168

At 5 p.m. on 13 August 1987 three men were involved in a boating accident at Murray Mouth. Miss Lowther's father went to their assistance. Miss Lowther and a friend helped to launch his boat and, putting on their life jackets, climbed aboard. They motored to the Mouth, headed into the surf and immediately ran into a six foot wave. When Mr Lowther put the boat about the young women persuaded him to return. They crashed through several waves of more than six feet in height before reaching the open sea. They found the men a mile from the Mouth and Miss Lowther and her friend, who were in the stern, pulled one of them aboard. Guided by headlights, they came back through the Mouth on a large wave and after collecting a third man from the beach took them to Number 19 Beacon, where an ambulance was waiting.

By her actions Miss Lowther displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Duncan James MacDONALD,  
17 Daldgan Street,  
SOUTH OAKLEIGH VIC 3167

On 3 October 1987 a fire broke out in a Women's Refuge at Walker Street, Prahran. Mr MacDonald left his car when he saw the fire and ran to the scene. Looking up he saw a man on top of a wall just outside a first floor window. Mr MacDonald ran into the yard and, picking up a hose, doused himself with water and placed a wet cloth over his face. Entering the building, he followed a wall into a burning room where visibility was at two feet. Pieces of the roof were falling around him, the carpet was smouldering and the stairs were about to collapse. He was forced outside by the intense smoke and heat. Picking up the hose again, he went to a window and sprayed water inside for two to three minutes. A woman bystander told him that a baby was upstairs and he climbed up in an attempt to reach it. Another man passed him a brick and a hose and he sprayed water into the room until the fire brigade came.

By his actions Mr MacDonald displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Sperry Edward MARSHALL,  
117 Barossa Road,  
GLENORCHY TAS 7010

At about 1.15 a.m. on 9 December 1987 a car left the road in Kalang Avenue, Lenah Valley, overturned and caught fire. Mr Marshall and his family ran about 100 metres from their homes to the burning car. The driver was unconscious and lying the full length with his feet under the dashboard. Mr Marshall crawled into the car and tried to move him forwards while turning his head to the open door. He crawled out, put his hands under the driver's arms attempting to drag him free. Although the fire had spread to the interior, he climbed in again to release his feet which were now on fire. Realising that the driver was held by his seat belt, and unable to release it he ran to his home for a knife. On his return the car was ablaze and although he tried twice more to re-enter it, he was finally driven back by the flames. Throughout the rescue attempt, Mr Marshall was supported by his family.

By his actions Mr Marshall displayed considerable bravery.

Mrs Joy Annette NEWMAN,  
22 Mary Street,  
YEPPOON QLD 4703

On 18 December 1985 Mrs Newman took her children and a five year old girl to the beach at Yeppoon. The children were playing in shallow water near the entrance to Ross Creek when Mrs Newman saw the girl move slowly back in the water feet first. Suddenly she began to move into deeper water. The tide was running out, there was a 20-25 knot wind and the waves were one to one and a half metres high. Mrs Newman dived in and swam after the girl. She caught up with her near the end of the rock wall on the other side of the creek. Grabbing her by her arms, Mrs Newman held her up so that she could breathe. She reassured her and holding her with both arms placed her on her chest as they floated out to sea. Whenever Mrs Newman attempted to let go and swim with one arm, the girl panicked. They had drifted 200 metres from the beach when they were rescued by two men in a boat. Mrs Newman was treated at Yeppoon Hospital.

In saving the girl's life Mrs Newman displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Miss Julie Ann PATTERSON,  
13 Naretha Street,  
HOLDEN HILL SA 5088

At 5 p.m. on 13 August 1987 three men were involved in a boating accident at Murray Mouth. Mr Lowther, a friend, went to their assistance. Miss Patterson and his daughter helped to launch his boat and putting on their life jackets, climbed aboard. They motored to the Mouth, headed into the surf and immediately ran into a six-foot-wave. When Mr Lowther put the boat about the young women persuaded him to return. They crashed through several waves of more than six feet in height before reaching the open sea. They found the men a mile from the Mouth and Miss Patterson and her friend, who were in the stern, pulled one of them aboard. Guided by headlights, they came back through the Mouth on a large wave and, after collecting a third man from the beach, took them to Number 19 Beacon where an ambulance was waiting.

By her actions Miss Patterson displayed considerable bravery.

Corporal Glenn Noel SAGE,  
22 Redfern Street,  
COOK ACT 2614

At about 12.35 a.m. on 29 May 1988 a utility collided with a stationary car at the intersection of Belconnen Way and Bindubi Street, Aranda. Corporal Sage saw the collision and when he arrived the intersection was ablaze with burning fuel. He took an extinguisher from his van and ran to the burning utility where he tried the passenger door handle but it was too hot for him to hold on to it. Going to the blazing car Mr Sage saw that there were several people inside. He dragged a woman passenger out of the front window and smashing a rear window, he pulled two children from the car. The flames were coming up through the floor and the fire was increasing in intensity. Corporal Sage then ran to the utility, where with another man, he was able to free the driver and together they dragged him more than 15 metres across the intersection to safety.

By his actions Corporal Sage displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Detective Sergeant First Class Kelvin Douglas SALM,  
Queensland Police Force

On 18 April 1987 Detective Sergeant First Class Salm, with other police officers, was called to a house at Carina where a woman had fired a rifle. A police officer known to the woman entered the house. Detective Sergeant Salm waited at the foot of the stairs and when told that the woman had a rifle pointed at him he immediately went to his support. The woman briefly placed the rifle against a chair, then grabbed it up again and ran down the hall. Two children were removed from the house and Detective Sergeant Salm positioned himself outside the bedroom while another police officer kicked the door open. The woman, pointed the rifle at Detective Sergeant Salm. He in turn pointed his revolver at her and told her to put hers down. To focus her attention on him he talked to her constantly until she lowered the rifle briefly. Then the other policeman lunged through the door, knocked the rifle from her grasp and she was restrained.

By his actions Detective Sergeant First Class Salm displayed considerable bravery.

Sergeant Nelson Henriks SANDER,  
Western Australia Police Force

At about midnight on 1 April 1988 a man was reported climbing the 230 metre crane tower on St George's Terrace, Perth. Sergeant Sander attended and a spotlight was used to illuminate the tower but no one could be seen. He climbed 38 metres up the tower and found the man lying on a narrow platform. He had talked to him for about 30 minutes when without warning the man jumped headfirst over the side. Sergeant Sander grabbed him by the right leg, grappled with him and held on to him for twenty minutes until he was joined by another police officer. Together they restrained the man who lapsed into unconsciousness. Then they hauled him back onto the platform and handcuffed him. The man recovered and began kicking and moving towards the edge. A fire brigade officer who had joined them tied the man's legs together with rope. He was then strapped into a rescue harness and lowered to the ground.

By his actions Sergeant Sander displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr William Gregory THOMAS,  
8 Terben Street,  
WARNER QLD 4500

On 14 January 1988 Mr Thomas was at Mooloolaba Beach when three youths entered waist deep into rough surf and one of them was caught in a rip. Mr Thomas, who had his left arm in a splint, went into the water and swam 50-60 metres off shore to reach him. Finding that the youth was unconscious, he gave him one breath of mouth to mouth resuscitation before they were hit by a wave, pushed to the bottom and separated. When he came to the surface Mr Thomas swam five metres to reach the youth, put his broken arm around his chest and tried to sidestroke to the shore. They were hit by a series of waves and pushed to the bottom but each time Mr Thomas brought them back to the surface and a little closer to the shore. Continuing in this way Mr Thomas reached a place where he could stand. There others came to assist and took the youth to the beach where they resuscitated him.

In saving the young man's life Mr Thomas displayed considerable bravery.

Constable Gregory Paul TRICKETT,  
South Australia Police Force

On 19 June 1987 following a robbery at Vale Park, two armed offenders escaped in a stolen car. Shortly after 8.20 p.m. Constable Trickett saw the stolen car in Hampstead Road, Broadview. Running towards it, he stood slightly behind the passenger door, drew his revolver and ordered the offenders to get out. They drove off and he gave chase at high speeds until they stopped suddenly at Collinswood. They made off on foot and he saw that one of them, a woman, was carrying a shortened rifle. Running after her, he shouted at her to stop. When about three metres away she suddenly turned round and raised her rifle pointing it at his waist. Constable Trickett had the opportunity to use his own weapon but did not do so. He ordered her to lower the rifle or he would shoot. She did so, and then began to raise it again still pointing it at him. Constable Trickett repeated his order and this time she dropped it on the footpath. He restrained her until a police patrol arrived.

By his actions Constable Trickett displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Bruce Collin WOODS,  
10 Boonery Street,  
BLACKWATER QLD 4717

On 10 October 1984 five men were working near the coal face at Cook Colliery when the roof began to cave in. Two of the men sheltered in the cage of the mechanical miner which was parked at the closed end of the tunnel. One of the men ran towards the opening and was struck on the head and dazed by a piece of rock. He was trapped by the cord of his cap lamp which caught under the rocks. With the roof still falling, he called for help. Mr Wood, who had been near the cliff face was now safely at the intersection. He had seen his companion covered with stones and then saw him try to get up. He ran back, dragged him clear of the rocks and pulled him to safety. Mr Wood returned to the area of the fall and called to the man remaining in the miner. He reassured him and told him when and where to run to safety. Shortly afterwards the roof collapsed completely burying the mechanical miner and the area in which the men had been trapped.

In saving the men's lives Mr Woods displayed considerable bravery.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr John Joseph ASNICAR,  
1 Benaroon Avenue,  
ST IVES NSW 2072

On 19 March 1987 Mr Asnicar saw thick black smoke coming from a house in Kulgoa Road, Pymble. He went to investigate and ran to look for a hose. Going to the garage window he heard groans coming from inside. When Mr Asnicar entered the garage was well alight and the heat was intense. He found the smouldering body of a woman suffering from extensive burns. Carrying her outside he placed her close to the garage and sprayed her with water from the garden hose until the ambulance arrived.

By his actions Mr Asnicar is commended for brave conduct.

Assistant Superintendent Frederick George ATTWOOD,  
8 Faraday Road,  
CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

On 27 August 1984 a prisoner at Silverwater Prison Complex armed with a butcher's knife injured three fellow inmates, one of whom later died. Mr Attwood, hearing a disturbance, left his office and went into the passage. As he approached the offender, he stopped and turned towards him still holding the bloodstained knife. Mr Attwood went to him and held him by his left arm. While talking to him he slid his hand down his right arm and took hold of the knife. He took it away from the offender. When he became violent again Mr Attwood pacified him and ordered him into his office where they remained until other prison officers arrived.

By his actions Mr Attwood is commended for brave conduct.



COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Constable David Arthur BURGESS,  
Queensland Police Force

On 19 October 1987 Constable Burgess was on patrol in North Road, Woodridge, when he saw smoke coming from a block of units. Flames were coming from the front of one unit where the windows had broken. Constable Burgess heard moaning and kicked the back door until it opened. Crouching down, he felt his way across the floor and found an unconscious woman. He grabbed her by the ankle but the smoke and heat forced him outside. Returning with his face covered, he dragged the woman by the ankles out of the unit and across the courtyard. There he placed her on her side and cleared her airway.

In saving the woman's life Constable Burgess is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Robert Anthony COCKS,  
3 Magrath Crescent,  
SPENCE ACT 2615

At about 12.35 a.m. on 29 May 1988 a utility collided with a stationary car at the intersection of Belconnen Way and Bindubi Street, Aranda. Mr Cocks was at the traffic lights when he saw the collision. Fuel was burning across the roadway as he ran to the blazing car. Finding that all the passengers had been removed, he ran to the utility which was almost engulfed in flames. The unconscious driver was bent over the steering wheel. Mr Cocks, together with another man, reached in and dragged the driver out. They then dragged him more than 15 metres across the intersection to safety.

By his actions Mr Cocks is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Master Stuart John CONNELL,  
Christine Avenue,  
Devon Hills,  
BREADALBANE TAS 7259

On 23 January 1988 Stuart Connell, aged 11 years was snorkelling in Georges Bay, St Helens. His companion aged 9 years, who could not swim, was playing in the shallows but was caught by the tide and swept out into the channel. Stuart saw him go under the water several times as he was being pulled towards the sea by the strong current. He swam to assist him but his companion grabbed him and in clinging to him caused them both to go under. Hearing Stuart's calls for help, two men swam twenty yards and brought the boys safety to the shore.

By his actions Stuart Connell is commended for brave conduct.

Master Paul Anthony CRANFIELD,  
1258 Gold Coast Highway,  
PALM BEACH QLD 4221

On 25 February 1988 Mr Cranfield was surfing at Palm Beach in choppy seas with rough swells. Hearing a man cry for help he looked and saw him twenty metres away in a rip. Mr Cranfield went back to the shore for a boogie board. He paddled 200 metres through the breakers to the man who was suffering from exhaustion. He placed the boogie board between them and the man grabbed it. Mr Cranfield put his right arm over the board and swam in. Keeping the man afloat in the large waves, they reached the shore where two life guards came to his assistance and carried the man from the water.

By his actions Mr Cranfield is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Norman Eric James FRASER,  
121 Arthur Street,  
ROMA QLD 4455

At about 5.30 a.m. on 6 November 1987 a train was derailed at Bindango Siding and, following an explosion, a passenger carriage was engulfed in flames. Mr Fraser, the driver, ran to help the passengers. When told that an elderly man and a baby remained inside, Mr Fraser climbed in through a broken window. He found the man but not the baby. As the smoke was becoming thicker he went to the window for fresh air. Returning he led the man to the window where he was lowered to the ground. In danger of being overcome by smoke himself, Mr Fraser left the carriage and helped to move all the passengers to a safe area.

By his actions Mr Fraser is commended for brave conduct.

Constable Michael Charles GERMAINE,  
Western Australia Police Force

At about midnight on 1 April 1988 a man was reported climbing a 230-metre crane tower on St George's Terrace, Perth. Another police officer was struggling with the man on a platform 38 metres above the ground and Constable Germaine climbed to his assistance. When he arrived at the platform the man was struggling violently. The other officer was hanging on to his right leg. Constable Germaine grabbed his left leg and together they struggled with him for five minutes until Constable Germaine handcuffed him. When the fire brigade arrived, he assisted in strapping the man into a rescue harness before he was lowered to the ground.

By his actions Constable Germaine is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Sergeant Alan Bruce GILMORE,  
Victoria Police Force

On 5 March 1987 Sergeant Gilmore attended an explosion and a fire at 19 Park Street, South Yarra. When he arrived he saw yellow flames and thick black smoke coming from a balcony. He ran to the first floor and assisted in removing a man from the flat. Sergeant Gilmore went in again through the smoke to ensure that no one else remained in the building. Together with another policeman he continued the search. When the fire was at its peak, they returned to the ground floor for a sledge hammer to enter a third floor apartment. Satisfied that the building had been evacuated, Sergeant Gilmore was forced by the smoke and heat to leave the building by the fire escape.

By his actions Sergeant Gilmore is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Shayne Francis GUYATT,  
34/2539 Gold Coast Highway,  
MERMAID BEACH QLD 4218

On 3 January 1988 a single-engine, fixed-wing plane was flying about 15 kilometres north of Finley when it somersaulted and plunged to the ground. Driving along the Newell Highway, Mr Guyatt saw the crash and drove to the site. He ran to the plane and found the pilot's body embedded in the front of the plane. Running to the right hand side he found a man slumped face forward and half out of the plane. Mr Guyatt pulled him out and moved him away. With a companion he returned to rescue the pilot, but, as they approached, the plane burst into flames and was engulfed.

In saving the man's life Mr Guyatt is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mrs Lynne Elizabeth HARPER,  
"Mound Cottage",  
Main Road,  
SOUTH ARM TAS 7022

On 2 March 1988 Mrs Harper was driving along South Arm Road, South Arm and saw that a car and a van had collided. She stopped and ran to the scene. Finding that the driver of the van was conscious she ran to the other car where there was a smell of burning. The woman driver, who was unconscious, was still wearing her seat belt and her legs were trapped. Mrs Harper lent through the driver's window and tried unsuccessfully to free her legs by grabbing her clothing. The fire intensified and the woman's body began to burn. Mrs Harper then returned to help protect the driver of the van from the smoke and heat.

By her actions Mrs Harper is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Brett Anthony JACKSON,  
3/30 Henry Parry Drive,  
GOSFORD NSW 2250

On 26 January 1987 Mr Jackson was Patrol Captain on Wamberal Beach. Informed that a windsurfer was in difficulties the Wamberal Inshore Rescue Boat was directed to attend. Mr Jackson went as crewman to Spoon Bay in extremely dangerous seas. They saw a swimmer in front of the rock face in breaking surf. Mr Jackson took control of the boat as his companion dived overboard to attempt a rescue. In heavy swells of 10 to 12 feet he kept the boat close to the cliffs, although on one occasion it almost capsized. Nearing the rocks he saw his companion's patrol cap and drove towards him but he was unable to climb aboard. When he moved the boat into calmer water, his companion swam out and Mr Jackson helped him aboard. Together they waited in the area for three to four hours before returning to Wamberal.

By his actions Mr Jackson is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Nicholas LANGTON,  
18 Murrumba Place,  
EAST KILLARA NSW 2071

On 5 March 1987 Mr Langton was awoken by a loud explosion. He ran into the laneway and saw flames coming from a first floor flat at 19 Park Street, South Yarra. The windows had been blown out and he could hear screams. Running into the building Mr Langton went to the third floor and returned to the burning flat on the first. Thick black smoke was rising from the carpet and the doorway was filled with flames. He found a man with a hose there, and tried unsuccessfully to persuade him to leave. Police removed the man but he tried to return and Mr Langton dragged him down the stairs and into the street.

By his actions Mr Langton is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Daniel Charles MARZOLLA,  
12/4 Munro Street,  
MCMAHONS POINT NSW 2060

On 8 November 1987 two cars collided at the intersection of Qantas Drive and Lancastrian Avenue, Mascot. Parked nearby, Mr Marzolla saw smoke and flames coming from one of the cars. He ran and found the driver in the car and tried unsuccessfully to open the door. Mr Marzolla then saw a child in the back seat with flames and smoke nearby. An unknown man jumped on to the bonnet, kicking the windscreen in and Mr Marzolla helped him to pull the child out. The car's interior was well alight when Mr Marzolla reached in, undid the driver's seat belt and with assistance dragged him on to the bonnet. In the rescue Mr Marzolla received blistered hands.

By his actions Mr Marzolla is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Gary Ernest McKEON,  
168 Planet Street,  
CARLISLE WA 6101

On 28 March 1987 Mr McKeon was on duty at the Beatty Park Swimming Pool when he saw that a fire had broken out at the Nardine Women's Refuge opposite. Told that there was a child missing, Mr McKeon took some breathing equipment and ran to help. He went into the burning house but was driven back by the thick smoke and fumes. Putting on the breathing equipment, he returned and thoroughly searched the bedroom. In the intense heat he continued to search the house without success for about 15 minutes and left only when the fire brigade arrived.

By his actions Mr McKeon is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Craig John SOLBERG,  
383 Bray Street,  
MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484

On 2 January 1988 three men collapsed in an underground water tank at Burringbar. Mr Solberg, a volunteer Fire Brigade officer, attended. Aware that the tank possibly contained chlorine gas, he put on a protective suit and breathing apparatus. When he began to climb down the ladder into the tank he found that the protective clothing was too bulky for him to fit through the entrance. Taking it off he entered the tank with only breathing equipment and a mask. He secured a rope to the last man seen breathing who was hauled to the surface. Mr Solberg then went on to secure ropes to the bodies of the other men.

By his actions Mr Solberg is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Scott Andrew TRIGG,  
1/47 Cliff Street,  
GLENELG EAST SA 5045

At about 10.30 p.m. on 1 January 1988 two men became involved in a struggle outside a pizza bar in Jetty Road, Glenelg. The younger man was pushed through a plate glass window. The other man then picked up a piece of glass and, using it like a knife, stabbed and slashed him several times. Mr Trigg ran across the road from his car. He rushed at the offender and grabbed him by the arm, twisting his wrist to make him drop the glass. He then put him to the ground, and, with assistance held him there until police arrived.

By his actions Mr Trigg is commended for brave conduct.

Senior Constable Mark Leslie TULLY,  
Victoria Police Force

On 5 March 1987 Senior Constable Tully attended an explosion and a fire at 19 Park Street, South Yarra. When he arrived he saw that the first floor of the building was ablaze. He ran to the first floor and assisted in removing a man from the flat. Senior Constable Tully went in again through thick black smoke to ensure that no one else remained in the building. Together with another policeman he continued the search. When the fire was at its peak they returned to the ground floor for a sledge hammer to enter a third floor apartment. Satisfied that the building had been evacuated, Senior Constable Tully was forced by the smoke and heat to leave the building by the fire escape.

By his actions Senior Constable Tully is commended for brave conduct.



COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr William Robert YOUNG,  
33 Davis Road,  
BLACKTOWN NSW 2148

On 17 October 1986 Mr Young was on duty in the office of the Shell Service Station, Guildford when he heard a noise at the door. He turned around to see a man, wearing a black stocking over his head, run in with a sawn off .22 rifle in his right hand. Mr Young jumped out from the counter and, as he did so, hit the offender on the chin. He fell to the ground still holding the rifle and Mr Young fell on top of him. In the ensuing struggle which continued to the doorway, Mr Young grabbed the rifle. The offender then broke free and ran to a getaway car.

By his actions Mr Young is commended for brave conduct.