

STAR OF COURAGE

Ms Barbara Ann CLARK  
4/18 Marwood Street  
TINGALPA QLD 4173

On 29 June 1989 shots were fired at Wynnum West and Ms Clark saw a woman carrying a child fall to the ground and then get up and run away. Crouching over Ms Clark ran to the child and picked her up. As she started to carry the child away the offender shot her in the lower back causing extensive internal injuries. Ms Clark fell to the ground with the child and they lay on the pathway in full view of the gunman until rescued by a police officer.

By her actions Ms Clark displayed conspicuous courage.

STAR OF COURAGE

Mrs Sharon Elaine O'LEARY  
15 Tamatea Drive  
BELLBIRD PARK QLD 4300

On 29 June 1989 <sup>MVS</sup>Ms O'Leary was in her unit at Wynnum West when she heard a neighbour call for help. She ran next door to find a woman lying on the floor bleeding from wounds to her arms. A man armed with a knife was standing over her. <sup>MVS</sup>Ms O'Leary pushed the knife away from the woman's head and, after a struggle, pulled her half way out of the unit. Pushing the offender off balance she helped the woman to her feet and assisted her to a carpark. <sup>MVS</sup>Ms O'Leary returned to a grassed area in front of the units, took hold of the woman's daughter and began to run away. Hearing a gunshot she picked the child up and continued to run. After hearing a second gunshot Ms O'Leary felt the child go limp and also felt a burning sensation to her right arm, as she had been wounded. She stumbled, fell to the ground, and, leaving the child, got back on her feet and fled. Seeing her son outside her unit she told him to run away and, when he had done so, she went to request that the police be called to the scene.

By her actions <sup>MVS</sup>Ms O'Leary displayed conspicuous courage.

STAR OF COURAGE

Mr Robert Jordan RODGERS  
C/- "TAMAR"  
Mooloolaba Yacht Club  
Parkyn Parade  
MOOLOOLABA QLD 4557

On 29 June 1989 the then Constable Rodgers was called to Carmichael Court, Wynnum West, where an offender armed with a .303 rifle had shot several people. Aware of the offender's location he was told that two wounded victims, a woman and a child, were lying on a pathway in front of the units. Mr Rodgers spoke to the offender and on two separate occasions moved into his view to remove the victims to safety.

Returning to the scene Mr Rodgers gained access to the unit next-door to the one occupied by the gunman and continued to negotiate with him. After hearing a shot he was unable to get any response and assumed that the gunman had killed himself. Mr Rodgers remained in his position until he was required to brief members of the Tactical Response Group.

By his actions Mr Rodgers displayed conspicuous courage.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Senior Constable David Thomas Hill BARR (Posthumous Award)  
South Australia Police Force

(Next-of-Kin: Mrs Gwenda Barr  
10 Thomson Avenue  
SALISBURY EAST SA 5109)

On 26 July 1990 Senior Constable Barr attended the Salisbury Bus and Train Interchange where an offender was threatening a woman with a knife. He ran to the assistance of another policeman who, armed with a baton, was being menaced by the offender. The offender turned to face Senior Constable Barr who defended himself by swinging his baton. When he came close to the offender a struggle ensued. At this time the other policeman called continually to the offender to put down the knife and beat him about the body with his baton. The offender finally released his hold on Senior Constable Barr and ran towards a stationary train. Senior Constable Barr, who had been stabbed in the chest, dropped his baton and fell forward onto the ground. He later died as a result of his wounds.

By his actions Senior Constable Barr displayed considerable bravery thereby losing his life.

District Officer Brian Rex BARTHOLOMAEUS  
South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service

District Officer Bartholomaeus, a Special Risk Officer, was aboard the "MUKAIRISH ALSADES", when it berthed at Outer Harbour on 18 November 1989 with a fire in a fodder hold. During that night and in the early hours of the following morning District Officer Bartholomaeus used equipment to monitor gas levels on various decks and to determine temperature levels in the silos storing feed pellets. When there was a sudden increase in the carbon monoxide level he warned all crew to leave Deck Level Fourteen. He then went to the forward hold area located above the fodder pellets and also advised the crew to leave. When they had all left he followed and was near the exit when an explosion occurred. He walked out and was later met by a fireman who led him from the ship to a waiting ambulance. As a result of the explosion District Officer Bartholomaeus received thirty-five percent burns to his body and spent six weeks in hospital and four months convalescing.

By his actions District Officer Bartholomaeus displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Gary William BLANCH  
37 Pearson Street  
ASHFIELD WA 6054

On 5 May 1989 Mr Blanch was amongst a crowd of fifty people at the public bar of the Ashfield Tavern, Ashfield. He was standing at the bar with a friend when he heard a shot fired behind him. Turning round he saw a man armed with a single barrel shotgun standing in the doorway. Mr Blanch rushed at him, grabbed the weapon and placed it in the tavern coolroom. On being told that someone had been shot he returned to the bar to ensure that the offender had not escaped. He found that other men were restraining him.

By his actions Mr Blanch displayed considerable bravery.

Mr David John CARMODY  
9/24-26 Keith Street  
DULWICH HILL NSW 2203

On 17 October 1990 Mr Carmody was at his flat at Dulwich Hill and saw a car speeding along Keith Lane. Hearing the sound of a crash he looked across the railway tracks and saw a burning car hanging over a cyclone fence. He ran to the scene and found a man lying five metres from the car. Leaving briefly to arrange for the ambulance to be called Mr Carmody returned, and jumped the fence. He went to the car which was now well alight. In the front he saw another man held by a seat belt around his neck. Mr Carmody tried several times to pull him from the car and finally released the seat belt, reached into the car and lifted him out. He began to drag him down a slope and was four metres away when the petrol tank exploded destroying the car. Mr Carmody was later treated for first degree burns to both arms.

For his actions Mr Carmody displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Miss Joanne Louise CUTHBERT  
Late of 81 Van Morey Road  
MARGATE TAS 7054

(Posthumous Award)

(Next-of-Kin: Mrs D.L. Cuthbert  
81 Van Morey Road  
MARGATE TAS 7054)

On 2 July 1990 a party of teachers and students from Tarooma High School travelled to Esperance Adventure Camp on an excursion. Miss Cuthbert was a joint leader of the caverneering group exploring Mystery Creek Cave. After spending three hours in the cave the group, when on their way out, came to the creek crossing at Glow Worms Passage. As the water level had risen and was generally above knee level it was decided to form a human chain. The third student to cross fell and was swept down stream. Another student re-entered the water to assist her but got into difficulties and called for help. Miss Cuthbert made her way to the students. The three were then swept downstream, out of sight and subsequently they drowned.

By her actions Miss Cuthbert displayed considerable bravery thereby losing her life.

Constable First Class Stephen Leslie FOWLER  
New South Wales Police Service

On 17 November 1989 at about 1.00 a.m. Constable Fowler attended the Court House Hotel, Wellington, where a man lay unconscious in a gas-filled cellar. With another policeman he entered the hotel, and, aware of the danger opened the door to the cellar. Although the gas immediately made breathing painful they ran to the man and tried to drag him to the trap door. Overcome, Constable Fowler was forced out of the cellar for air but returned through the trap door. He assisted in dragging the man further but was again overcome and was lifted out into the street. Shortly after Constable Fowler climbed halfway down into the cellar to assist with the man's removal and helped other policemen out. Constable Fowler was later admitted to hospital for observation.

By his actions Constable First Class Fowler displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Mark HEALEY

(Deceased)

Late of 28 Richardsons Road  
SANDFORD TAS 7020

(Next-of-Kin: Mrs L. Healey  
28 Richardsons Road  
SANDFORD TAS 7020)

On 2 July 1990 a party of teachers and students from Tarooma High School travelled to Esperance Adventure Camp on an excursion. Mr Healey was a joint leader of the caverneering group exploring Mystery Creek Cave. After spending three hours in the cave the group, when on their way out, came to the creek crossing at Glow Worms Passage. As the water level had risen and was generally above knee level it was decided to form a human chain. The third student to cross fell and was swept down stream. Another student and a teacher went into the water after her and they too, were swept away. Mr Healey ran down the creek in pursuit and saw them disappear around a corner in the wash. He returned to the other students, told them to remain where they were and resumed his attempts to help those who had been washed away. He searched during the night and also for a short time after he himself was found at 5.00 a.m.

By his actions Mr Healey displayed considerable bravery.

Station Officer John Howard Lindsay JOHNSON  
South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service

At midnight on 18 November 1989 Station Officer Johnson and his fire crew attended a fodder fire on board the live sheep carrier "MUKAIRISH ALSADES" berthed at Outer Harbour. When aware that fumes were rising from the forward fodder hold hatch he sent his crew to the deck outside for fresh air. Returning, they were advised that the carbon monoxide reading was dangerously high and they were required to leave. As they went they heard a rumbling sound from below and Station Officer Johnson called to the crew to run. There was another explosion and flames erupted nearby. When a badly burned man, led by another fireman, passed him Station Officer Johnson ran out on to the deck and called for an ambulance. Concerned that some firemen may be missing he asked his crew to join him on a final search before disembarking. Shortly after Station Officer Johnson and his crew were required to board the ship again and successfully secured two carbon dioxide lines in the explosion room where considerable heat continued to be emitted from the fodder hatch.

By his actions Station Officer Johnson displayed considerable bravery.

## BRAVERY MEDAL

Constable Jamie LEWCOCK  
South Australia Police Force

On 26 July 1990 Constable Lewcock attended the Salisbury Bus and Train Interchange and boarded a bus where an offender was threatening a woman with a serrated-edged knife. When threatened with the knife himself Constable Lewcock drew his baton and called for assistance. He was following the offender from the bus when another policeman came to his support and began to struggle with the offender. During the struggle Constable Lewcock continually called to the offender to put down the knife and struck him with his baton. When the offender ran to a stationary train, still brandishing the knife, Constable Lewcock pursued him. He drew his revolver but replaced it because of the presence of bystanders. On the train Constable Lewcock confronted the offender and told him that he could not leave while he continued to hold the knife. The offender passed the knife to a bystander and Constable Lewcock took possession of it. He led the offender from the train to a bus shelter and with assistance from other police handcuffed him.

By his actions Constable Lewcock displayed considerable bravery.

Constable First Class Alan Robert Thomas MARTIN  
New South Wales Police Service

On 17 November 1989 at about 1.00 a.m. Constable First Class Martin attended the Court House Hotel, Wellington, where a man lay unconscious in a gas-filled cellar. With another policeman he entered the hotel and, aware of the danger, opened the door to the cellar. Although the gas immediately made breathing painful they ran to the man and tried to drag him to the trap door. Overcome, Constable Martin was forced out of the cellar for air but returned by the stairwell. He assisted in dragging the man further but was again overcome and was lifted out into the street. Regaining consciousness he responded to a call for help and went down into the cellar once more where he assisted in the man's rescue. Constable Martin was later admitted to hospital for observation.

By his actions Constable First Class Martin displayed considerable bravery.



BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Jamie Steven MORGAN  
14 Hamilton Street  
SWANSEA HEADS NSW 2281

On 11 June 1990 Mr Morgan was surfing at the Swansea Bar when hearing a call for help he saw a man in the water and paddled over. The man, who could not swim, grabbed hold of him. Mr Morgan jumped off his ski and, with assistance from another swimmer, laid the man across it. They hailed a boat and, together with the help of its crew, lifted the man on board. Mr Morgan was heading for the shore on his ski when he heard calls from onlookers that the boat had overturned. On arrival Mr Morgan was told that two men were trapped underneath. He was forced to dive several times before he was able to rescue one of the men. After trying unsuccessfully to rescue the second man he obtained the assistance of others and helped them to rescue him.

By his actions Mr Morgan displayed considerable bravery.

Mr Richard John MORLEY  
"Pinedale"  
WELLINGTON NSW 2820

On 17 November 1989, at about 1.00 a.m., Mr Morley was at the Wellington Police Station when he was told that a man lay unconscious in the gas-filled cellar of the Court House Hotel. He ran with police officers to the hotel and saw the man lying on the floor under the stairs leading to the bar. Aware that the police officers had been severely affected by carbon dioxide he jumped into the cellar to assist. Trying not to breathe Mr Morley took hold of the man and dragged him across the floor near to the street entrance trap door, but was forced to drop him when he too was overcome by gas. Temporarily blinded by the gas Mr Morley called for assistance and was lifted out. When the police raised the man from the cellar he was able to assist in dragging him to the footpath. Mr Morley later received treatment at the hospital.

By his actions Mr Morley displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Miss Frances Jane O'NEILL  
Late of 28 Jenkins Street  
TAROONA TAS 7053

(Posthumous Award)

(Next-of-Kin: Mrs G.G. O'Neill  
28 Jenkins Street  
TAROONA TAS 7053)

On 2 July 1990 Miss O'Neill was one of a group of students from Tarooma High School who travelled to Esperance Adventure Camp on an excursion. After spending three hours exploring Mystery Creek Cave the group, when on their way out, came to the creek crossing at Glow Worms Passage. As the water level had risen and was generally above knee level it was decided to form a human chain. Miss O'Neill was the second person to cross and the student following her had almost completed the crossing when she lost her footing and was swept away. Miss O'Neill re-entered the water to assist her and managed to keep her head above water while calling for help. A teacher went to their aid but all three were swept down the creek, out of sight and subsequently drowned.

By her actions Miss O'Neill displayed considerable bravery thereby losing her life.

Mr Daniel Salvatore QUATTROCCHI  
54 Errol Street  
NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

On 18 October 1990 Master Quattrocchi was sitting in a jewellery shop at Errol Street, North Melbourne, when he heard the sound of breaking glass. Going outside he saw three men wearing balaclavas. One was holding a baseball bat while the other two reached into the window to grab the jewellery. As Master Quattrocchi went towards them they all ran to a waiting station waggon and the two with the jewellery got into it. Before opening the door one of the offenders with the baseball bat hit him on the head and shouted at him. Although in pain Master Quattrocchi picked up the bat and smashed both the back window and the rear passenger side window. After the waggon sped away he memorized the number plate before re-entering the jewellery shop to see if he could be of further assistance.

By his actions Master Quattrocchi displayed considerable bravery.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Constable First Class Lester John ROBEY  
New South Wales Police Service

On 17 November 1989 at about 1.00 a.m. Constable Robey attended the Court House Hotel, Wellington, where a man lay unconscious in a gas-filled cellar. When two policemen, and another man who had been attempting to rescue the unconscious man, were overcome by gas he assisted in removing them from the cellar. Although aware of the effect of the gas Constable Robey dropped into the cellar and was joined by another policeman. Together they raised the unconscious man making it possible for others to drag him out on to the footpath. Constable Robey was later treated for gas inhalation by ambulance officers.

By his actions Constable First Class Robey displayed considerable bravery.

## BRAVERY MEDAL

Firefighter Alan John VALLE  
South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service

On 19 November 1989 Firefighter Valle attended a fodder fire aboard the live sheep carrier "MUKAIRISH ALSADES". He was a member of a crew with the task of repositioning carbon dioxide probes at Deck Level Six above the feed load. When ordered to leave because the carbon monoxide level was too high he waited until those not wearing masks had departed before he went out into a corridor leading to the outside of the ship. Aware that one man was behind him Firefighter Valle turned back to the forward hold room and found him coming towards him with burns about his head, and on his hands and legs. Placing his hand on his shoulder he guided him through the length of the ship and helped him on to a stretcher.

By his actions Firefighter Valle displayed considerable bravery.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Constable Dale ALLEN  
New South Wales Police Service

In the early hours of 24 April 1990 Constable Allen and another police officer left the Nyngan Police Station to rescue an elderly man isolated in his house by rising floodwaters. They commandeered a small boat and attempted to row, but because of the strong current were forced to enter the water and walk while guiding the boat. The current was swift and treacherous with a large quantity of debris and varying depths of up to two metres. In a journey lasting two hours Constable Allen and the other police officer rescued two couples, an elderly woman and a number of domestic animals. At the time of this operation both officers had already completed in excess of 12 hours' duty.

For his actions Constable Allen is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Gregory Vincent BELL  
Penrith Ambulance Station  
668 High Street  
PENRITH NSW 2750

On 21 July 1990 Mr Bell, an off duty ambulance officer, was travelling west on the F4 Freeway at Granville when he saw a station waggon swerve and come to an abrupt halt. Coming closer he observed that the vehicle had struck the metal railing. Mr Bell left the freeway and returned to the scene of the accident. There he saw that a small fire had started in the engine compartment and that the railing had speared through the fire wall pinning the semi-conscious driver. Mr Bell, after stopping a motorist and asking him to get help, supported the driver's fractured leg and with the help of bystanders removed him from the car which was now well alight.

For his actions Mr Bell is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Sergeant Second Class James Patrick BIRMINGHAM -  
Queensland Police Service

On 29 June 1989 when Sergeant Second Class Birmingham arrived at Carmichael Court, Wynnum West, he was informed that two wounded police officers, one critically injured, were sheltering behind a car and were not receiving treatment. Although aware of the presence of an armed offender Sergeant Birmingham immediately took charge of an ambulance, drove into Carmichael Court, collected the critically injured policemen and reversed slowly out to a safe area where first aid could be given. In so doing Sergeant Birmingham allowed a number of people to leave the gunman's line of fire while sheltered by the ambulance.

For his brave actions Sergeant Second Class Birmingham is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Ronald Francis BOLAND  
21 Seaview Street  
NAMBUCCA HEADS NSW 2448

On 3 July 1990 Mr Boland was approached in the hallway outside his flat by a female police officer. She told him that she had called for assistance because one of his neighbours, intoxicated and mentally disturbed, was threatening to kill himself with a knife. Mr Boland entered his neighbour's flat, grabbed the man's arm and wrestled with him until police officers removed the knife. Mr Boland then left the flat but a short time later was again approached by two police officers who told him that the neighbour had another knife and was outside waving it above his head. He again wrestled with the man, disarmed him, threw the knife away and restrained him until he was handcuffed and taken to hospital.

For his actions Mr Boland is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Constable Brian James BRENNAN  
Western Australia Police Force

On 20 October 1990 Constable Brennan was called to Rockingham City Shopping Centre where a teenage girl had taken a large quantity of Panadol tablets, climbed to the top of a 66 metre Telecom tower and was threatening to jump. Constable Brennan scaled the wire fence and climbed the tower continually calling to the girl to distract her from jumping. She was at this stage standing on one foot and swinging out. Several times she lost her footing and was prevented from falling only because she was holding the rail with one hand. Approximately 18 metres from the ground the access ladder was blocked and Constable Brennan had to climb around it in increasing wind strength. When he reached the girl she was sitting sleepily on the railing. He kept talking to her until she was within reach when he grabbed her around the waist and pulled her back onto the platform. Another officer then arrived and assisted in bringing the girl down to a waiting ambulance.

For his actions Constable Brennan is commended for brave conduct.

Ms Robyn Corrine CAMPBELL  
3 Carter Road  
NAMBOUR QLD 4560

In the early hours of 9 September 1990 Ms Campbell, who was holidaying at the Rainbow Beach Caravan Park, heard a woman screaming. She ran in the direction of the voice, saw smoke pouring from a caravan and someone with a hose at a side window. A bystander broke the glass panel on the door and Ms Campbell reached in, unlocked it and went inside after asking someone to get help. There were no flames but breathing was difficult and the interior was extremely hot. Two men were on bunks and she dragged the smaller man to the door where he was removed by others. Ms Campbell then entered the caravan again and with the assistance of a companion dragged the larger, unconscious man outside.

For her actions Ms Campbell is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr John CLAYWORTH

"Tariel"

YARRAS via WAUCHOPE NSW 2446

On 3 April 1989 a tourist coach carrying three people had been washed off a low level bridge into the flooded Hastings River at Seaview via Wauchope. A police officer had succeeded in floating a dinghy containing life jackets and a safety line to the coach and was freeing the passengers. One of the passengers was washed downstream but was able to hold on to a tree. Mr Clayworth, who was assisting, entered the water on a rope and untangled the line attached to the woman but her leg was caught in the branches. He released her and she was washed towards the bank where a human chain had been formed to pass her to the bank.

For his actions Mr Clayworth is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Robert William COX

5 The Tiller

PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

On 16 September 1989 Mr Cox was packing up his hang glider at Crescent Head when he saw another hang glider disappear from sight around the headland. Realising that with the change of wind direction the glider would be unable to get any lift and the only place to land was in the sea he drove to the cliff face. As he climbed down to the rocks Mr Cox saw that the female glider pilot was in the water calling for help and that the glider was sinking. He swam to the woman who had been under the water, grabbed her wrist and assisted her to the ledge face where other bystanders pulled them ashore.

For his actions Mr Cox is commended for brave conduct.



COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Stephen William EDWARDS  
186 Northcote Drive  
ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS NSW 2289

On 2 January 1986 Mr Edwards saw smoke coming from a house next to his service station at Gateshead West. Knowing that four small children lived there he ran through the front door where he saw that the front bedroom was burning fiercely and filling the house with smoke. The mother of the children was in the lounge room holding one baby and screaming. Mr Edwards picked up some blankets, wrapped them around another baby which he took outside and handed to a neighbour. He then returned and took the baby from the mother, wrapped it in a sheet, and removed it from the house. Mr Edwards then entered the house for a third time to look for any other children but the heat and smoke drove him out.

For his actions Mr Edwards is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Martin Anthony GERRY  
9 Felicity Court  
CARSELDINE QLD 4034

On 13 April 1990 Mr Gerry was driving with his father alongside Eagle Farm Airport. He saw a light aircraft hit a light pole on a disused runway and skid to a stop about 15 metres inside the fence. A large quantity of aviation fuel covered the plane and the surrounding area. As Mr Gerry could not see the approach of emergency services he ran to the perimeter fence, where his father helped him over, and he ran to the plane. He stopped momentarily on seeing the aviation fuel then climbed onto the left wing where he saw the four occupants in a semi-conscious condition. He attempted unsuccessfully to open both doors. Mr Gerry was joined by his father and another man but they could not gain access. Shortly after the emergency crew arrived and the right hand door was opened. Mr Gerry and the two other men carried one injured woman to safety. The fuel was then sprayed with foam and the other passengers removed.

For his actions Mr Gerry is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Martin Oliver GERRY  
9 Felicity Court  
CARSELDINE QLD 4034

On 13 April 1990 Mr Gerry was a passenger in a car driven by his son travelling alongside Eagle Farm Airport. He saw a light aircraft hit a light pole on a disused runway and skid to a stop about 15 metres inside the fence. A large quantity of aviation fuel covered the plane and the surrounding area. There was no sign of any emergency service approaching so Mr Gerry helped his son over the perimeter fence and followed shortly after when he could, with assistance, crawl under the fence. He ran to the plane, climbed onto the right wing with another man to help his son open the jammed door but they could not gain access. Shortly after the emergency crew arrived and the door was opened. Mr Gerry and the two other men carried one injured woman to safety. The fuel was then sprayed with foam and the other passengers removed.

For his actions Mr Gerry is commended for brave conduct.

Miss Melissa Ann HOWE  
6 Quota Avenue  
MOOREBANK NSW 2170

On 20 January 1989 Miss Howe was sitting on Crescent Head Beach when a young girl ran from bushland behind the beach and said that her nine-year-old friend was being held by an armed man. Miss Howe ran to the place indicated and saw a man holding a girl down with a knife at her throat. She shouted at the man who turned and stared at her momentarily before running off.

For her actions Miss Howe is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Shane John HUGHES  
5/276 Hastings River Drive  
PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

On 3 April 1989 a tourist coach carrying three people had been washed off a low level bridge into the flooded Hastings River at Seaview via Wauchope. The driver of the coach had been thrown into the water and was holding on to the side mirror. Mr Hughes and a companion tried unsuccessfully to reach him in a boat. Mr Hughes then attempted to reach the coach in the chair of a flying fox but the first two attempts failed as he was pulled underwater and had to be hauled back to the bank. On the third attempt Mr Hughes was able to knock some panels out of the window to allow access to the coach. While pulling himself inside he cut both his hands and legs but continued to the front window which he smashed. Mr Hughes pulled the driver inside the bus to wait for a rescue helicopter. When informed that it would not be coming Mr Hughes placed the driver in the flying fox chair and he was pulled ashore.

By his actions Mr Hughes is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Julian Scott HUNT  
"Northern Light"  
Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour  
BRUNSWICK HEADS NSW 2483

On the morning of 3 August Mr Hunt was on the north wall of the Brunswick River when he saw some returning fishing trawlers having trouble at its mouth. He noticed that someone had been washed overboard from one of the trawlers and was being swept towards the beach and then back out again repeatedly. Mr Hunt stripped and swam to the exhausted man. A strong surge was running which kept dragging them into a gutter. With great difficulty Mr Hunt brought the man into shallow water in a small cove where another man assisted them ashore.

For his actions Mr Hunt is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Edward George JONES  
7 Bain Street  
WAUCHOPE NSW 2446

On 3 April 1989 a tourist coach carrying three people was washed off a low level bridge into the flooded Hastings River at Seaview via Wauchope. A police officer had succeeded in floating a dinghy containing life jackets and a safety line to the coach and was freeing the passengers. One of the passengers was washed downstream but she was able to cling to a tree. Mr Jones, who was assisting, entered the water wearing a safety jacket with a rope attached to him but was unable to reach her. He was, however, able to remove the rope from himself and get it to the woman who tied it to her body. She then let go and was carried to another tree closer to the bank where Mr Jones and others removed her from the water.

By his actions Mr Jones is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Glenn Sterling KELK  
7 Meilandt Street  
WYNNUM NORTH QLD 4178

On 29 June 1989 Mr Kelk was working at Wynnum West and hearing a loud noise he walked into Carmichael Court to investigate. There he heard the sound again and recognised it as rifle fire. He was told that there was an armed offender in the area who had already shot several people. He ran to an alley way where he saw a woman and child lying on the ground. He was aware of the location and of the offender on the top floor of a block of units and made his observations known to police on their arrival. Returning to assist the injured, a policeman handed a child to him and he ran to a waiting ambulance. Mr Kelk again returned to the alley way to take care of a woman until she was removed by ambulance.

For his actions Mr Kelk is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Corporal Jeffrey Douglas KNOTT  
15 Ruff Street  
SALE VIC 3850

On 15 September 1989 Corporal Knott was driving north on Seaham Road five kilometres south of Seaham when he saw a station waggon hit a power pole and ignite. Corporal Knott ran to the burning waggon and removed a young child from the child restraint in the back seat. He returned to assist the driver whose legs were badly fractured and entangled in the foot pedals. With the assistance of the driver's husband, who had arrived at the scene of the accident, Corporal Knott was able to release her and drag her to safety shortly before the station waggon was completely engulfed by fire.

For his actions Corporal Knott is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Trevor Ralph McELLIGOTT  
35 Curlew Street  
TOOWONG QLD 4066

On 28 March 1990 Mr McElligott was in his boarding house room when he heard a person calling out "fire". He ran to a nearby room which had smoke coming from it. Another resident of the building was attempting to gain entry by hitting the door with a fire extinguisher. Mr McElligott returned to his room for a torch and then went to the back yard for a fire hose with which he sprayed the now-opened burning room. There was no movement inside so he dropped the hose, entered the room and saw the occupant lying unconscious on the floor just inside the door. Mr McElligott tried to drag the man outside but was driven back by the heat and smoke. He continued to operate the hose until the fire was extinguished.

For his actions Mr McElligott is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Gordon John MARR  
1/114 Murriverie Road  
NORTH BONDI NSW 2026

On 8 August 1990 part of a facade wall collapsed at a building site in inner Sydney. The remaining part of the wall, which was internally braced with temporary steel-work was in an unstable condition and constituted a safety hazard. At 9.00 p.m. Mr Marr and another rigger voluntarily climbed the steel bracing to the unstable section of the facade carrying oxygen and acetylene cutting equipment to a height of three storeys. During a one hour period Mr Marr and his fellow rigger cut through the steel-work to enable the unstable section of the wall to collapse under controlled conditions. Throughout this operation both riggers were exposed to risk from movements of the wall while they were working on it, and from its possible collapse before they were clear of the area.

For his actions Mr Marr is commended for brave conduct.

Detective Senior Constable Peter NUNN  
New South Wales Police Service

In the early hours of 24 April 1990 Constable Nunn and another police officer left the Nyngan Police Station to rescue an elderly man isolated in his house by rising floodwaters. They commandeered a small boat and attempted to row but because of the strong current were forced to enter the water and walk while guiding the boat. The current was swift and treacherous with a large quantity of debris and varying depths of up to two metres. In a journey lasting two hours Constable Nunn and the other police officer rescued two couples, an elderly woman, and a number of domestic animals. At the time of this operation both officers had already completed in excess of 12 hours' duty.

For his actions Detective Senior Constable Peter Nunn is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Denis John PATERSON  
1/30 Arcadia Street  
COOGEE NSW 2034

On 8 August 1990 part of a facade wall collapsed at a building site in inner Sydney. The remaining part of the wall, which was internally braced with temporary steel-work was in an unstable condition and constituted a safety hazard. At 9.00 p.m. Mr Patterson and another rigger voluntarily climbed the steel bracing to the unstable section of the facade carrying oxygen and acetylene cutting equipment to a height of three storeys. During a one hour period Mr Patterson and his fellow rigger cut through the steel-work to enable the unstable section of the wall to collapse under controlled conditions. Throughout this operation both riggers were exposed to risk from movements of the wall while they were working on it, and from its possible collapse before they were clear of the area.

For his actions Mr Patterson is commended for brave conduct.

Miss Debbie Joan PATTISON  
21 Leicester Avenue  
KILBURN SA 5084

On 9 September 1988 Ms Pattison witnessed a two car accident at West Croydon. One of the cars was extensively damaged and the rear immediately burst into flames. Seeing that the driver was still in the damaged car she ran to the door but it was locked. The driver appeared to be unconscious with his seat belt still secured. She screamed for help. A male bystander approached the car, broke the window and unlocked the door. Ms Pattison and the man both reached in, released the seat belt and carried the driver to safety. As they removed him the car became enveloped in flames.

For her actions Ms Pattison is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Maurice George PETERS  
15 Station Road  
BURPENGARY QLD 4505

On 13 April 1990 Mr Peters was driving alongside Eagle Farm Airport when he saw a light aircraft hit a light pole on a disused runway and skid to a stop about 15 metres inside the fence. A large quantity of aviation fuel covered the plane and the surrounding area. Mr Peters with assistance, crawled under the perimeter fence with another man, ran to the plane and climbed onto the right wing to help a man already there to open the jammed door. They could not gain access and, shortly after, the emergency crew arrived and the door was opened. Mr Peters and the two other men carried one injured woman to safety. The fuel was then sprayed with foam and the other passengers removed.

For his actions Mr Peters is commended for brave conduct.

Miss Rebecca Anne PHELAN  
21 Myrtle Street  
WERRIBEE VIC 3030

On 19 August 1990 ten-year-old Rebecca Phelan was awoken by her brother to find the lounge room in which she and her younger brother and sister had been sleeping was well alight. After alerting her parents Rebecca ran outside to get a garden hose but could not find the connection. She followed her father back into the burning house and removed her brother and sister and another two-year-old sister. Knowing that another brother was in a bedroom with the door closed she once again entered the house and carried him outside shortly before a gas pipe exploded.

For her actions Rebecca Phelan is commended for brave conduct.



COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr David Michael PORTMAN  
29 Vincent Street  
CHRISTIES BEACH SA 5165

On 9 September 1988 Mr Portman was at West Croydon when he heard a loud noise outside. He looked outside and saw a line of flames along the road which on further investigation led to a burning car with the rear extensively damaged. After being told that there was someone inside he ran to the car, broke the window on the driver's locked door, opened it and saw the unconscious driver slumped over but held by his secured seat belt. The car was filling with smoke and the backs of the front seats were beginning to burn. Mr Portman and a bystander both reached in, released the seat belt and carried the driver to safety. As they removed him the car became enveloped in flames.

For his actions Mr Portman is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Tony RAE  
5 Bellevue Road  
BELMONT NSW 2280

On 11 June 1990 Mr Rae was at Blacksmith's Beach when he was told that a man was trapped underneath an overturned boat. Mr Rae went with two others in an inflatable rubber boat to Swansea Bar. He dived under the boat several times unsuccessfully. Seeing a dinghy with three divers on board he called them over and asked to borrow some goggles. Mr Rae went down after one of the divers and helped to bring the man to the surface, where he commenced resuscitation. He continued the treatment as the man was brought ashore in a coastguard vessel. An ambulance paramedic team was waiting and Mr Rae assisted them until the rescue helicopter arrived.

For his actions Mr Rae is commended for brave conduct.

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Sergeant Frederick John Thomas RHODES  
Tasmania Police

On 4 December 1988 Sergeant Rhodes saw smoke coming from a house in Queenstown where he knew the occupants had small children. He ran to the house, kicked in the front door and was faced by a wall of thick black smoke. He checked the bedrooms and living area which were all unoccupied. The bathroom door was closed but he could hear the roaring and explosions of a fierce fire inside. Sergeant Rhodes went outside, connected a garden hose and returned to the bathroom door. As he kicked in the door a ball of fire came out and immediately ignited the area around him. He continued to fight the blaze long enough to look into the bathroom to ensure that it also was unoccupied.

For his actions Sergeant Rhodes is commended for brave conduct.

Detective Senior Constable Terrence Michael RYAN  
Queensland Police Service

On 29 June 1989 when Detective Senior Constable Ryan arrived at Carmichael Court, Wynnum West, he was requested to assist in the rescue of casualties. Although well aware of the presence of an armed offender, he drove an ambulance into Carmichael Court and rescued an injured woman. He then drove the ambulance to the injured policeman and, when one of them was placed in the ambulance, drove out of view of the gunman to allow medical assistance to be given. He returned to a position from which he could give other policemen covering fire as they removed a fatally injured colleague from the scene.

For his actions Detective Senior Constable Ryan is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Master Jason Paul SMIT  
51 Coodanup Drive  
Dudley Park Gardens  
MANDURAH WA 6210

On 24 October 1990 Jason Smit was riding his skateboard in Dudley Park Gardens when he heard a call for help. Following the direction of the call he came to a dam where two boys were in trouble trying to keep afloat by holding on to a wooden Telecom cable reel. The cable reel was on its side and kept rolling. Jason ran to the other side of the dam closest to the boys and swam to the cable reel which he stabilized by turning it on its flat side. He then swam towards the bank pushing the reel with the boys holding on to it. Shortly before reaching the bank a man threw a rope to them and assisted in pulling them ashore.

For his actions Jason Smit is commended for brave conduct.

Sergeant Kenneth Brian SMITH  
New South Wales Police Service

On 3 April 1989 a tourist coach carrying three people was washed off a low level bridge into the flooded Hastings River at Seaview via Wauchope. On arrival at the scene Sergeant Smith entered the water, secured one end of a rope to a clump of trees, put lifejackets and the rope in a small dinghy and rowed it to the coach where the passengers secured the other end. They climbed aboard the boat but it capsized throwing them into the river. As they clung to the rope Sergeant Smith again entered the water, this time with a safety line, but because of the strength of the current he had to be pulled back to the bank. He swam downstream in a final attempt to persuade one of the passengers to let go of the rope and when this failed he released his hold and was washed on to the bank.

For his actions Sergeant Smith is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Gordon John STONE  
5 Elliott Street  
FORBES NSW 2871

On 8 July 1990 Mr Stone was performing volunteer duties with the Forbes Rescue Unit when he was told that a small girl had fallen into a storm water drain and had been carried through an underground culvert. Mr Stone ran to the other end of the culvert and saw a piece of clothing float to the surface. He jumped into the fast flowing water, grabbed the child as she was about to go under and threw her onto the bank where another volunteer worker applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Mr Stone struggled to the edge after losing his footing several times.

For his actions Mr Stone is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Alan James TELHA  
149 Main Road  
FRANKLIN TAS 7113

On the night of 12 November 1990 Mr Telha saw that his neighbour's house was on fire, windows had started to explode and flames were leaping out. He ran to the house and kicked in the door. There was no light and, as he entered, he had difficulty breathing and was forced to leave. Mr Telha pulled his jacket over his head, re-entered the house and went to one room and then another calling out. He found the unconscious elderly occupant of the house collapsed in the hall and dragged him outside.

For his actions Mr Telha is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Senior Constable Terry James WAINWRIGHT  
New South Wales Police Service

In the early hours of 20 May 1990 Senior Constable Wainwright went to the flooded Lachlan River at Condobolin where an intoxicated teenage girl had fallen in. Constable Wainwright removed his outer clothing, tied a rope around his waist and entered the cold, deep and strongly flowing river downstream from the girl. When he found that the rope was not long enough to enable him to reach the girl he released it, swam to her and succeeded to drag her to the opposite bank. He remained in waist deep water restraining the struggling girl who was attempting to re-enter the water until another police officer arrived and assisted in removing her from the river.

For his actions Senior Constable Wainwright is commended for brave conduct.