

## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Signalman Michael Peter DAWSON,**

C/- Borneo Barracks, 14 Woollard Crescent, Cabarlah Qld 4352

In the early hours of 16 August 1998, Signalman Dawson assisted in the rescue of a woman from a burning house in Albany Creek, Queensland.

Signalman Dawson (an off-duty soldier) and two friends were in the vicinity of Keong Road, Albany Creek, when he noticed smoke billowing from a house in a nearby street. Signalman Dawson and one of his companions ran to the burning house and kicked open the front door to enter the burning building. Smoke and heat from the fire made breathing. On entering the lounge room they saw a woman being overcome by the smoke. They carried her outside where she indicated that there were other occupants in the burning house. Without regard for their personal safety, Signalman Dawson and his companion re-entered the house to search for the remaining occupants but were beaten back by the intense heat and smoke. They ran to the rear of the house where they entered the building a third time to look for occupants. They discovered that the woman they had just rescued had re-entered the building and again they assisted her from the house. The intense heat and smoke compelled Signalman Dawson and his companion to abandon their search for other occupants.

By his actions, Signalman Dawson displayed considerable bravery.

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## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr Paul John FEATHERSTONE**, 6 Como Road, Oyster Bay NSW 2225

During the landslide at Thredbo in July/August 1997, Mr Featherstone assisted in the rescue of a man who was trapped under two large unstable concrete slabs.

On the evening of 31 July 1997, several lodges on the high side of Thredbo village were destroyed by a landslide, resulting in the deaths of 18 people. On 2 August a survivor was located lying in an air pocket under unstable slabs of concrete and other debris. Mr Featherstone volunteered to crawl under the unstable slabs of concrete, in freezing temperatures and under hazardous conditions, in an attempt to make contact with the survivor and make an assessment as to the best way of extricating him. Mr Featherstone was able to locate the survivor under two large concrete slabs and, through a small hole in the slab above the survivor's head, was able to insert a "spycam" through which Mr Featherstone was able to communicate with the survivor. Throughout the next 11 hours, Mr Featherstone and a fellow ambulance officer took turns lying in a cavity under the rubble, providing psychological and clinical support to the survivor as the rescue operation progressed. On several occasions rescuers on the surface were called off the site because of the threat of further landslides. Without regard for his personal safety, Mr Featherstone opted to remain with the patient at these times, remaining with him until the survivor was finally extricated and evacuated to safety.

By his actions, Mr Featherstone displayed considerable bravery.

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## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr John Laurence HAMMOND, deceased, Late of Sydney NSW 2000**

On the evening of 25 April 1999, Mr Hammond was fatally stabbed when he attempted to apprehend an armed offender following a bag snatch in Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr Hammond witnessed two offenders snatch a bag from a young woman after she had withdrawn money from an Automatic Teller Machine. After snatching the bag the offenders separated and ran in different directions, with the young woman giving chase and calling for help. One of the offenders ran towards Mr Hammond who attempted to apprehend the offender. A struggle ensued in which Mr Hammond receiving stab wounds to the chest and upper back torso area. He subsequently died of his injuries.

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

NOK: Mrs Sharon Hammond (wife)  
Phone Nos: Not available

## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr Raymond Thomas JENSEN**, Bennett Street, Noojee Vic 3833

On the afternoon of 9 July 1999, Mr Jensen disarmed a suspected robber following a house burglary at Noojee, Victoria.

On 9 July 1999, Mr Jensen discovered that his house had been burgled and reported the burglary to the police. A police officer attended the scene and whilst investigating, Mr Jensen and the policeman noticed smoke rising from thick bushland adjoining the property. They ventured into the bush and discovered a man who had established a makeshift campsite, using some of the items stolen from Mr Jensen's house. The man admitted to stealing the property but then quickly moved away towards a large rock nearby. From here he produced a rifle which he raised to his shoulder and took aim at the policeman. Without regard for his personal safety, Mr Jensen grabbed hold of the rifle and a struggle ensued, resulting in the firearm discharging into the rock. Rock fragments from the ricochet caused injury to Mr Jensen. Despite his injury and with the assistance of the policeman, Mr Jensen was able to disarm the man, who was then taken into police custody.

By his actions Mr Jensen displayed considerable bravery.

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## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Senior Constable Brynley David LEWIS**, Queensland Police Service

On the afternoon of 17 February 1997, Senior Constable Lewis went in pursuit of armed offenders after a robbery in Palm Beach, Queensland

On 17 February 1997, two men armed with a shotgun held up a shop in the Lakeside Shopping Centre on the Gold Coast. A description of their escape vehicle was broadcast on the police radio and Senior Constable Lewis on motorcycle duty responded to a call for assistance. Police located the offenders and Senior Constable Lewis joined the pursuit, following closely behind a police car that was tagging the offenders' vehicle. During the pursuit one of the offenders repeatedly fired shots at the police car and at Senior Constable Lewis on his motorcycle. The police car was hit several times and the driver was forced to abandon his pursuit due to damage to his vehicle. Senior Constable Lewis continued the pursuit alone and was again fired upon several times. Another police car joined the chase but crashed into a traffic island. Without regard for his personal safety, Senior Constable Lewis continued to pursue the offenders, reporting their route on his radio while being fired upon by the offenders. Other police vehicles joined the chase, but the offenders were eventually able to escape.

By his actions, Senior Constable Lewis displayed considerable bravery.

Phone Nos: Not available

## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Ms Lesley McNEIL**, 6 Hunter Street, Kalgoorlie WA 6430

On the afternoon of 30 September 1999, Ms McNeil rescued her mother from a savage dog attack in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

On 30 September 1999, two Akita dogs were dropped off at the Seven Oaks Boarding Kennels and placed in a secure run. Ms McNeil's mother, who runs the kennels, entered the run to place the dogs in a kennel and, without warning, the male Akita savagely attacked her. The dog grabbed her by the leg and threw her to the ground. It then locked its jaws on her upper thigh and proceeded to shake her savagely. Ms McNeil witnessed the attack and, without regard for her personal safety, went to her mother's aid. She grabbed hold of a hose and sprayed high-pressure water into the dog's face and then forced the brass nozzle into the dog's mouth. After several attempts, the dog finally let go of the mother. The dog attacked Ms McNeil, biting her on the upper right arm, and then immediately returned to attack the mother. Ms McNeil located a choker and inserted it into the dog's mouth and eventually forced the dog into a nearby secure kennel. Arrangements were then made to convey both dogs to the Kalgoorlie Veterinary Clinic where they were later painlessly put to death.

By her actions, Ms McNeil displayed considerable bravery.

Phone Nos: Not available

## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Dr Richard Walter MORRIS**, Lilyfield NSW 2040

During the landslide at Thredbo in July/August 1997, Dr Morris assisted in the rescue of a man who was trapped under two large unstable concrete slabs.

On the evening of 31 July 1997, several lodges on the high side of Thredbo village were destroyed by landslide, resulting in the deaths of 18 people. On 2 August a survivor was located lying in an air pocket under unstable slabs of concrete and other debris. An ambulance officer volunteered to crawl under the unstable slabs of concrete into a cavity where he was able to make contact with the survivor and attend to his welfare. In freezing temperatures and under hazardous conditions, the rescue operation continued with the survivor being moved slightly to a more accessible position where a hole was cut in the concrete above him through which clinical support was provided. Dr Morris joined in the last hours of the rescue operation to provide a medical assessment of the survivor's condition and to proffer advice as to how best to proceed. Without regard for his personal safety, Dr Morris crawled into a cavity above the survivor where he was able to reach down into the recess and perform an operation on the patient's foot in order to provide venous access for intravenous fluids that would stabilise the patient before extrication. Despite the ever-present threat of further landslides, Dr Morris recommended a slow and controlled extrication of the patient and remained with the patient until he was finally extracted and evacuated to safety.

By his actions, Dr Morris displayed considerable bravery.

Phone No: Work (02)9926 6761

## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr Michael Robert TORNEY,**

La Trobe University Union, La Trobe University Vic 3086

On the morning of 3 August 1999, Mr Torney disarmed and helped apprehend a gunman following a fatal shooting at the Bundoora Campus of La Trobe University.

Mr Torney was attending a meeting in his office on the third level of the University Union building when he was alerted to the presence of a gunman in the building who seconds earlier had shot and killed the bar manager of the University Union and wounded another female employee. On being told of the gunman's presence, Mr Torney instructed the receptionist to lock the door in the foyer area to deny the gunman access to another part of the building where administrative staff worked. In the process of locking the door Mr Torney and the receptionist were confronted by a man armed with a handgun. Without regard for his personal safety, Mr Torney immediately lunged at the man grabbing both his hands and attempted to take the gun from him. In the ensuing struggle the gun discharged. Mr Torney was able to remove the gun and dropped it over a nearby balcony. Another member of the University Union staff helped Mr Torney overpower and restrain the gunman until the arrival of University security staff and the police.

By his actions, Mr Torney displayed considerable bravery.

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## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr Ante VUKADIN**, PO Box 184, Dimbulah Qld 4872

On the afternoon of 24 October 1999, Mr Vukadin rescued three people after their car left the road and landed in an irrigation channel running parallel to Channel Road, Walkamin, Queensland.

Mr Vukadin and his wife were driving along the Atherton back road when they saw a car ahead of them veer off the road and plunge into an irrigation channel. The woman driver of the partly-submerged car was distressed and called out that there was a baby in the car. Without regard for his personal safety, Mr Vukadin jumped into the channel and swam out to the car where he was able to retrieve the baby and swim back towards the bank. However, he was unable to hand the baby to his wife on the bank because of the swift current and the steepness of the bank. Seeing that the current was sweeping Mr Vukadin and the baby downstream, Mr Vukadin's wife ran to a low bridge spanning the channel in the hope of intercepting her husband and the stricken passengers of the vehicle. As the partly-submerged car lodged against the bridge, the woman driver called out that there was another child in the car. Mr Vukadin called out to his wife to get the other child whilst he remained in the water holding the baby. She stepped off the bridge with one foot onto the roof of the car and pulled a little girl free. She then reached down below the bridge and retrieved the baby from Mr Vukadin who then reached over and pulled the woman driver free just before the car disappeared under the bridge.

By his actions, Mr Vukadin displayed considerable bravery.

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## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr Todd Matthew WHITE**, 5 Jade Street, Albany Creek Qld 4035

In the early hours of 16 August 1998, Mr White assisted in the rescue of a woman from a burning house in Albany Creek, Queensland.

Mr White and two friends were in the vicinity of Keong Road, Albany Creek, when one of his friends noticed smoke billowing from a house in a nearby street. After being alerted by his friend, Mr White ran to the burning house and kicked open the front door, enabling both of them to enter the burning building. Smoke and heat from the fire made breathing difficult. On entering the loungeroom they saw a woman being overcome by the smoke. They carried her outside where she indicated that there were other occupants in the burning house. Without regard for their personal safety, Mr White and his companion re-entered the house to search for the remaining occupants but were beaten back by the intense heat and smoke. They ran to the rear of the house where they entered the building a third time to look for occupants. They discovered that the woman they had just rescued had re-entered the building and again they assisted her from the house. The intense heat and smoke compelled Mr White and his companion to abandon their search for other occupants.

By his actions, Mr White displayed considerable bravery.

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## **BRAVERY MEDAL**

**Mr Christopher Valan WILKINSON,**  
60 Cooriengah Heights Road, Engadine NSW 2233

During the landslide at Thredbo in July/August 1997, Mr Wilkinson assisted in the rescue of a man who was trapped under two large unstable concrete slabs.

On the evening of 31 July 1997, several lodges on the high side of Thredbo village were destroyed by landslide, resulting in the deaths of 18 people. On 2 August a survivor was located lying in an air pocket under unstable slabs of concrete and other debris. A fellow ambulance officer volunteered to crawl under the unstable slabs of concrete in an attempt to make contact with the survivor and attend to his welfare. In freezing temperatures and under hazardous conditions, Mr Wilkinson volunteered to crawl under the rubble into a cavity to assist his colleague in stabilising the survivor. Throughout the next 11 hours, Mr Wilkinson and his colleague took turns lying in the cavity, providing psychological and clinical support to the survivor as the rescue operation progressed. On several occasions rescuers on the surface were called off the site because of the threat of further landslides. Without regard for his personal safety, Mr Wilkinson opted to remain with the patient at these times, remaining with him until the survivor was finally extricated and evacuated to safety.

By his actions, Mr Wilkinson displayed considerable bravery.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Danny Gerard BATES**, 24 Cousins Street, Rockhampton Qld 4700

On the morning of 19 October 1999, Mr Bates assisted in the rescue of a driver from a burning vehicle in Rockhampton, Queensland.

Mr Bates witnessed a three-vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of Creek Road and Nobbs Street, North Rockhampton. Two of the vehicles caught fire with the driver of one of the vehicles being injured and unable to extract himself from his burning vehicle. Hearing the injured driver's pleas for help, Mr Bates ran towards the burning vehicle where the injured driver had managed to climb partly out of the window but remained trapped. Mr Bates and another witness to the accident managed to grab hold of the injured driver and pull him free of the burning vehicle before it was engulfed in flames.

By his actions, Mr Bates is commended for brave conduct.

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**Mrs Sophie May BOTT**, 431 Kiel Mountain Road, Diddillibah Vic 4559

On the afternoon of 25 September 1999, Mrs Bott participated in the rescue of several people from the sea following a boating accident in Port Phillip Bay off the Frankston shoreline.

On 25 September a boat with four passengers on board was swamped by a large wave and sank about two kilometres off the Frankston shoreline. The four passengers were compelled to swim back to shore without lifejackets. Only one lifejacket was available and this was used by the boat owner who had his four years old son cling to his back as he attempted the swim back to shore. Near the beach Mrs Bott's stepfather was scanning the sea with his binoculars when he saw the boat owner about 300 metres out from the shoreline struggling to shore with a child on his back. Mrs Bott's stepfather had his wife call the emergency services to advise them of the mishap. He then heard a cry for help from another victim of the boat disaster who was about 70 metres offshore. Without hesitation, Mrs Bott and her stepfather ran down to the beach and, while her stepfather waded out to the man nearest to him, she swam out to assist the man and the child. She was soon joined by her stepfather who was able to retrieve the child and swim back to shore while Mrs Bott assisted the man to shallow water.

By her actions, Mrs Bott is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Jack Roberson BUTLER**, 17 Crawford Road, Cooranbong NSW 2265

On the evening of 21 May 1999, Mr Butler attempted to rescue two children from a house fire at Mount Victoria.

Mr Butler was in his car in the driveway of his house when he was alerted to a fire in his neighbours' house. He immediately drove his car to the scene of the fire and was told that two children were still trapped in the house. With the assistance of other neighbours, Mr Butler attempt to hack his way through a window so as to enter the house. He was able to gain entry and was confronted by thick black smoke that made breathing very difficult. Mr Butler searched the burning house for the missing children, using a torch to help him see through the darkness and the smoke. He was unable to gain access to some of the rooms because of the heat and smoke and then tried to gain entry to the house by using an internal access door from the garage. The local fire brigade arrived as Mr Butler was attempting to re-enter the building to continue his search for the missing children. Mr Butler was able to brief the firemen on the layout of the house and the rooms that remained to be searched. He remained at the scene assisting the firemen in the dousing of the fire and in the recovery of the bodies of the two children.

By his actions, Mr Butler is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

**Mr Kevin Charles COATES**, C/- La Trobe University Vic 3086

On the morning of 3 August 1999, Mr Coates assisted in the disarming and apprehension of a gunman following a fatal shooting at the Bundoora Campus of La Trobe University.

Mr Coates was attending a meeting on the third level of the University Union building when he was alerted to the presence of a gunman in the building who, seconds earlier, had shot and killed the bar manager of the University Union and wounded a female employee. On being told of the gunman's presence, Mr Coates instructed an employee to call the police before venturing out of the office onto the balcony and saw the gunman on the lower concourse reloading his pistol. Mr Coates returned to his office where he attempted to call the University security guards but failed. He remained in his office and a short while later heard a commotion outside his office and heard his Manager call out for assistance. Mr Coates went to the aid of his Manager who was struggling with the gunman and helped the Manager in physically restraining the gunman until the arrival of University security staff and the police.

By his actions, Mr Coates is commended for his brave conduct.

Phone No: Work (03)9479 1585

## **COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT**

**Mr Ross Terrence DARBY**, 12 Fawkner Road, Two Rocks WA 6037

On the evening of 11 July 1998, Mr Darby participated in the rescue of three men whose boat had been swamped by a huge wave outside the entrance to Two Rocks Marina, Western Australia.

On 11 July 1998 a fishing boat with three persons on board was swamped by a huge wave just outside the entrance to the Marina. One of the three men was able to swim ashore and alert others to their plight. The two other men remained clinging to the overturned boat that was gradually being swept onto rocks by the ocean swell which measured up to 3 metres in height. Visibility was reduced to a minimum by the large swell and sea spray. On being alerted of the accident, Mr Darby and a companion jumped into a dinghy and headed out into the darkness to locate the overturned vessel. Mr Darby and his companion subsequently located the stricken craft with its two passengers still clinging to it. Despite the waves breaking over the overturned craft, Mr Darby and his companion were able to pull the two men into the dinghy and deliver them to safety.

By his actions, Mr Darby is commended for brave conduct.

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**Mr Michael Paul De CEGLIE**, 34A Samuel Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

On the afternoon of 12 August 1998, Mr De Ceglie pursued two armed offenders after they had robbed a jewellery shop in Martin Place, Sydney.

Mr De Ceglie had been filming two of his friends who were skateboarding and rollerblading in the vicinity of Martin Place. Mr De Ceglie still had the video camera in his possession as he and his friends walked through the arcade under Martin Place. As they approached a jewellery shop, Mr De Ceglie heard a woman call out that a robbery had just taken place. Mr De Ceglie saw two men run up the stairs and, suspecting that they may have been the robbers, turned on the video camera and followed the two men up the stairs. On reaching the top of the stairs, he started filming the two men as they retreated down Martin Place towards Castlereagh Street. As the two men retreated they kept turning around to check that they were not being pursued. Mr De Ceglie was able to capture the men on camera each time they turned around. Realising that Mr De Ceglie and his two friends were following them, one of the offenders produced a gun and pointed it at Mr De Ceglie and called out for him to back off. Mr De Ceglie continued filming before taking cover behind a wall, having secured valuable evidence on camera as to the identities of the armed offenders.

By his actions, Mr De Ceglie is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Jilbert EL-ZMETR**, 24/17 Wetherill Street, Narrabeen NSW 2101

On the afternoon of 12 August 1998, Mr El-Zmetr pursued two armed offenders after they had robbed a jewellery shop in Martin Place, Sydney.

Mr El-Zmetr was in the company of two friends in the arcade at Martin Place. As they approached a jewellery shop, Mr El-Zmetr heard a woman call out that a robbery had just taken place. Mr El-Zmetr saw two men run up the stairs, and suspecting that they may have been the robbers, he and his friends followed the two men up the stairs. On reaching the top of the stairs one of Mr El-Zmetr's friends who had a video camera in his possession started filming the two men as they retreated down Martin Place towards Castlereagh Street. As the two men retreated they kept turning around to check that they were not being pursued. Mr El-Zmetr continued to follow the two men as they were being filmed. Realising that Mr El-Zmetr and his two friends were following them, one of the offenders produced a gun and pointed it at them in a threatening manner and called out for them to back off. Mr El-Zmetr and his friends then took cover behind a wall, having secured valuable evidence on camera as to the identities of the armed offenders.

By his actions, Mr El-Zmetr is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

**Mr Yakup ERKILIC**, Late of Sydney NSW 2000

On the evening of 25 April 1999, Mr Erkilic assisted in the apprehension of an armed offender following a bag snatch in Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr Erkilic and two companions were walking up Bathurst Street when they saw a man run out of a nearby street with a handbag under his arm. The man was being pursued by a young woman who was calling for help, shouting that the man had snatched her handbag. Mr Erkilic and his companions immediately gave chase and caught up with the offender in Elizabeth Street where they cut off his route of escape and physically tried to apprehend him. During the scuffle the offender was pinned to the ground but he lashed out with a knife, wounding one of Mr Erkilic's companions in the arm and wrist. Realising that his companion had been stabbed, Mr Erkilic continued to physically restrain the offender and was able to induce the offender to drop the knife. Mr Erkilic and his companions then escorted the offender into police custody.

By his actions, Mr Erkilic is commended for brave conduct.

NOK: Mr Mehmet Erkilic (father)

Please contact through Mr Bekir Erkilic (brother)

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## **COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT**

**Mr William John GARDINER, 66 Gould Street, Frankston Vic 3199**

On the afternoon of 25 September 1999, Mr Gardiner participated in the rescue of several people from the sea following a boating accident in Port Phillip Bay off the Frankston shoreline.

On 25 September a boat with four passengers on board was swamped by a large wave and sank about two kilometres off the Frankston shoreline. The four passengers were compelled to swim back to shore without lifejackets. Only one lifejacket was available and this was used by the boat owner who had his four years old son cling to his back as he attempted the swim back to shore. Near the beach Mr Gardiner was scanning the sea with his binoculars when he saw the boat owner about 300 metres out from the shoreline struggling to shore with a child on his back. Mr Gardiner had his wife call the emergency services to advise them of the mishap. He then heard a cry for help from another victim of the boat disaster who was about 70 metres offshore. Without hesitation, Mr Gardiner ran down to the beach and waded out to the man nearest to him, while his stepdaughter swam out to assist the man and the child. Mr Gardiner was able to assist the man to shallow water before joining his stepdaughter in the rescue of the man and the child. Mr Gardiner swam out to the man, who seemed unlikely to make the final 70 metres to the shore. Mr Gardiner was able to retrieve the child and swim back to shore while his stepdaughter assisted the man to shallow water.

By his actions, Mr Gardiner is commended for brave conduct.

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**Mr Andrew GRIFFITHS, 88 Jessie Street, Rockhampton Qld 4700**

On the morning of 19 October 1999, Mr Griffiths assisted in the rescue of a driver from a burning vehicle in Rockhampton, Queensland.

Mr Griffiths witnessed a three-vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of Creek Road and Nobbs Street, North Rockhampton. Two of the vehicles caught fire with the driver of one of the vehicles being injured and unable to extract himself from his burning vehicle. Hearing the injured driver's pleas for help, Mr Griffiths ran towards the burning vehicle where the injured driver had managed to climb partly out of the window but remained trapped. Mr Griffiths and another witness to the accident managed to grab hold of the injured driver and pull him free of the burning vehicle before it was engulfed in flames.

By his actions, Mr Griffiths is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Warren John HAY**, 1062 Gorge Road, Clagiraba Qld 4211

On the morning of 13 August 1998, Mr Hay attempted to rescue a man who had been electrocuted trying to douse an electrical fire at the base of a crane after its boom had come in contact with overhead power lines.

Mr Hay saw a building site worker struck down by an electrical shock after a crane boom came in contact with overhead power lines. Mr Hay attempted to physically drag the labourer away. In so doing, Mr Hay received an electrical shock, causing him to release the labourer. He then ran to fetch a length of rope which he then wrapped around the labourer's foot and, with the help of two other workers, dragged him away from the fire. Attempts to resuscitate the labourer were unsuccessful.

By his actions, Mr Hay is commended for brave conduct.

Phone No: Home (07)5533 2980

**Mr Dane Peter HENDERSON**, 4 Lachlan Street, Thirroul NSW 2515

On the afternoon of 14 June 1999, Mr Henderson participated in the rescue of four fishermen whose boat had capsized in heavy seas off the coast of Wollongong.

On 14 June 1999, Mr Henderson and another rescuer were tasked by the Illawarra Surf Life Saving authorities to proceed to the rescue area by inflatable rubber boat (IRB) and attempt to recover four fishermen who were floundering in heavy seas off Scarborough Point. Visibility in the rescue area was poor with wind gusts up to 45 knots creating three metre swells. The four survivors were located in heavy seas by a Westpac Lifesaver helicopter which was able to winch one of the survivors to safety. Severe turbulence in the area compelled the helicopter pilot to abandon further winch rescues and head back to shore to offload the patient and non-essential equipment before returning to continue the rescue. Mr Henderson and his companion battled out through the heavy swells and, with the help of flares fired from the Westpac Lifesaver helicopter, located two of the fishermen in the water. They were able to pull the two fishermen into the IRB before making their way back to shore. The fourth fisherman was subsequently located and winched on board the Westpac Lifesaver helicopter.

By his actions, Mr Henderson is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Alexander Gordon HIXSON**, 26 Watkins Road, Avalon NSW 2107

On the afternoon of 12 August 1998, Mr Hixson pursued two armed offenders after they had robbed a jewellery shop in Martin Place, Sydney.

Mr Hixson was in the company of two friends in the arcade at Martin Place. As they approached a jewellery shop, Mr Hixson heard a woman call out that a robbery had just taken place. Mr Hixson saw two men run up the stairs and, suspecting that they may have been the robbers, he and his friends followed the two men up the stairs. On reaching the top of the stairs one of Mr Hixson's friends who had a video camera in his possession started filming the two men as they retreated down Martin Place towards Castlereagh Street. As the two men retreated they kept turning around to check that they were not being pursued. Mr Hixson continued to follow the two men as they were being filmed. Realising that Mr Hixson and his two friends were following them, one of the offenders produced a gun and pointed it at them in a threatening manner and called out for them to back off. Mr Hixson and his friends then took cover behind a wall, having secured valuable evidence on camera as to the identities of the armed offenders.

By his actions, Mr Hixson is commended for brave conduct

Phone No: Home (02)9918 6230

**Constable Troy Roger HODGE**, Tasmanian Police Service

On the evening of 29 September 1998, Constable Hodge attempted to rescue a person from a burning house in Chigwell, Tasmania.

On 29 September 1998, Constable Hodge was in a police car travelling north along the Brooker Highway when he was alerted to a house fire in Teering Road. Constable Hodge went directly to the scene and saw that the lounge room was well ablaze with thick smoke coming from the building. Constable Hodge ran to the front door and smashed the glass on the front door to gain entry. Despite the thick smoke and intense heat, Constable Hodge got onto his hands and knees and crawled into the burning house to search for any occupants. He crawled further into the building but was soon driven back by the intense heat and thick smoke. Constable Hodge withdrew from the house as it was consumed by fire.

By his actions, Constable Hodge is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Work (03)6230 2833

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Dr Brent Ronald HUNT**, 123 Mare Street, Kalgoorlie WA 6430

On the evening on 30 September 1999, Dr Hunt assisted in the rescue of a veterinary nurse from a savage dog attack in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

On the afternoon of 30 September 1999, two Akita dogs were dropped off at the Seven Oaks Boarding Kennels and placed in a secure run. Two employees of the kennels were later savagely attacked by one of the dogs which was subsequently restrained and, with the other dog, and taken to the Kalgoorlie Veterinary Clinic where they were to be put down. At the clinic a veterinary nurse was holding the dog when it turned on her, knocking her to the floor where it began to maul her in the upper arm and shoulder area. An on-duty veterinary officer then jumped on the dog, straddling it, and commenced beating it around the head in an attempt to get it release its victim. Hearing screams, Dr Hunt entered the room and straddled the dog, holding its head while the other veterinary officer went to fetch sedatives to administer to the dog. While holding the dog it turned on him, biting him on the arm and rupturing an artery. Dr Hunt was thus forced to remove himself from the animal, whereupon the other veterinary officer again jumped on the animal and was able to pick up a syringe of euthanasia solution off the floor which she injected into the dog's chest cavity, causing it to release the veterinary nurse.

By his actions, Dr Hunt is commended for brave conduct.

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**Mr Felix James JULIFF**, 34 Naroon Road, Alphington Vic 3078

On the evening of 16 May 2000, Mr Juliff rescued a women and a child from an oncoming train near Springvale Road, Nunawading.

Mr Juliff was at his place of work when he noticed a sobbing woman with a baby in a pram walk past him towards the train tracks. He saw the woman take the baby out the pram and walk down the embankment onto the railway track, where she stood in the middle of the track with the baby in her arms. Mr Juliff approached the woman and pleaded with her to leave the tracks but she refused and told him to go away. Mr Juliff heard a whistle signalling an approaching train. Mr Juliff called out to her again to leave the tracks but again she did not respond. Realising that the woman intended to kill herself and the baby, he ran onto the tracks and grabbed hold of the woman and the baby from behind and rolled them onto the grass beside the track just a few seconds before the train sped past.

By his actions, Mr Juliff is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

### **Senior Constable Christopher Alexander McKAY, Queensland Police Service**

On the afternoon of 17 February 1997 on the Gold Coast, Senior Constable McKay pursued armed robbers in a stolen car who repeatedly fired upon police during the pursuit.

On 17 February 1997, two men armed with a shotgun held up a shop in the Lakeside Shopping Centre on the Gold Coast. A description of their escape vehicle was broadcast on the police radio and Senior Constable McKay drove a marked police car to the scene to participate in the search. The police located the robbers and mounted a pursuit with police cars and a police motorcyclist. Senior Constable McKay joined the pursuit as it proceeded into the multi-level carpark at the Australia Fair Shopping Centre. In the carpark one of the robbers lent out the vehicle and fired a shot at Senior Constable McKay before accelerating up the ramp to the next level of the carpark. Senior Constable McKay pursued the robbers who stopped their vehicle outside the entrance foyer to an elevator where one of the armed men fired a second shot at Senior Constable McKay. The gunman then ran towards the elevator foyer. Realising that he was still being pursued by Senior Constable McKay, the gunman again turned and fired another shot at Senior Constable McKay before escaping down the elevator.

By his actions, Senior Constable McKay is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

### **Constable Josephine Marie McNALLY, Western Australia Police Service**

On the night of 30 January 2000, Constable McNally participated in the rescue of several people who had become stranded between two flooded creeks in the Gascoyne-Meekatharra road junction area, Kalgoorlie.

Constable McNally was called out by the local State Emergency Services (SES) to participate in the rescue of two families who were stranded between two creeks in the Gascoyne-Meekatharra road junction area. Heavy rains and lightning storms caused the creeks to rise, trapping the two families on a small bank between the two flooded creeks. On arrival in the area the local SES crew found that the creeks had become a raging torrent that flooded their banks to a width of 300 metres. The crew decided on a flying fox system to effect the rescue. Constable McNally volunteered to enter the swollen creek with a flying fox line and a lifeline that she would secure to the far bank for use in the rescue operation. Constable McNally entered the flooded creek and was immediately swept under by the strong current. She managed to surface and, guided by the lights of the SES vehicles, reached the far bank where she was able to set up the flying fox system. After instructing the families on its use, Constable McNally supervised the transfer of each person to safety.

By her actions, Constable McNally is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Peter MANGLES**, 27 Chenhall Street, Woonona NSW 2517

On the afternoon of 14 June 1999, Mr Mangles participated in the rescue of four fishermen whose boat had capsized in heavy seas off the coast of Wollongong.

On 14 June 1999, a Westpac Lifesaver helicopter was tasked to recover four fishermen whose boat had capsized in huge seas off Scarborough Beach, Wollongong. Visibility in the rescue area was poor with wind gusts up to 45 knots creating three metre swells. The four survivors were located in heavy seas by the rescue helicopter and Rescue Crewman Peter Mangles was lowered into the sea and was able to winch one of the survivors into the helicopter. Severe turbulence in the area compelled the helicopter pilot to abandon further winch rescues and head back to shore to offload the patient and non-essential equipment before returning to continue the rescue. Meanwhile, two lifesavers in an inflatable rubber boat put out in the rough conditions and were able to rescue two of the fishermen. The fourth fisherman was subsequently located by the Westpac Lifesaver helicopter. Rescue Crewman Mangles descended for a second time into the heavy seas to effect a winch rescue of the last survivor.

By his actions, Mr Mangles is commended for brave conduct.

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**Mr Philip Alan MARINO**, Sydney NSW 2000

On the evening of 25 April 1999, Mr Marino assisted in the apprehension of an armed offender following a bag snatch in Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr Marino and two companions were walking up Bathurst Street when they saw a man run out of a nearby street with a handbag under his arm. The man was being pursued by a young woman who was calling for help, shouting that the man had snatched her handbag. Mr Marino and his companions immediately gave chase and caught up with the offender in Elizabeth Street where they cut off his route of escape and physically tried to apprehend him. During the scuffle the offender was pinned to the ground but he lashed out with a knife, wounding Mr Marino in the arm and wrist. Despite his injuries, Mr Marino remained at the scene and continued to assist in the disarming and apprehension of the offender. Mr Marino then assisted his companions in escorting the offender into police custody.

By his actions, Mr Marino is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Desmond Robert MARTIN**, GPO Box 3743, Sydney NSW 2001

On the afternoon of 12 August 1998, Mr Martin attempted to overpower an armed gunman following a robbery of a jewellery shop in Sydney.

Mr Martin and a business partner were at the counter of their jewellery shop in Martin Place, when a man entered the shop and produced a shotgun, aimed it at Mr Martin's business partner and demanded that he open the safe and empty its contents into a bag the gunman was carrying. Mr Martin's business partner complied and, while in the process of filling the bag, Mr Martin grabbed hold of the gunman from behind and prevented him from running out of the shop. A struggle ensued between the gunman and Mr Martin resulting in both men falling to the floor. During the struggle, Mr Martin's business partner grabbed hold of the gunman and tried to pull him off Mr Martin. At that point an accomplice of the gunman entered the shop and assaulted Mr Martin's partner, punching him in the face before pushing him onto the floor. The gunman and his accomplice then escaped from the shop with money and valuables.

By his actions, Mr Martin is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

**Ms Mandy MILES**, PO Box 67, The Oaks NSW 2570

On the morning of 6 July 1991, Ms Miles rescued two people from a house fire in Riverstone, New South Wales.

Ms Miles was driving along Railway Terrace towards Riverstone when she saw smoke coming from the roof of a house. Ms Miles stopped her car and ran to the house. On reaching the house she saw an elderly lady at the front door who opened the screen door and told Ms Miles that her husband and other members of her family were still in the house. Ms Miles escorted the lady outside before entering the burning building to look for others still inside. Thick smoke forced her to her hands and knees. After negotiating entry of the burning house, she realised that the old lady had followed her back into the house. Ms Miles was compelled to escort the old lady out of the house before entering the house a second time. She crawled into a bedroom and located a man who was lying on the floor with parts of his clothing alight. Ms Miles put out the fire on the man's clothing, but the thick smoke in the room made breathing difficult and she was forced to leave the building. Once outside Ms Miles hailed a passing car and asked that the police and fire brigade be called to the scene.

By her actions, Ms Miles is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Jackson James MILTON**, Sydney NSW 2000

On the evening of 25 April 1999, Mr Milton assisted in the apprehension of an armed offender following a bag snatch in Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr Milton and two companions were walking up Bathurst Street when they saw a man run out of a nearby street with a handbag under his arm. The man was being pursued by a young woman who was calling for help, shouting that the man had snatched her handbag. Mr Milton and his companions immediately gave chase and caught up with the offender in Elizabeth Street where they cut off his route of escape and physically tried to apprehend him. During the scuffle the offender was pinned to the ground but he lashed out with a knife, wounding one of Mr Milton's companions in the arm and wrist. Despite the wounding of his companion, Mr Milton remained at the scene and continued to assist in the disarming and apprehension of the offender. Mr Milton and his companions then escorted the offender into police custody.

By his actions, Mr Milton is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

**Mr Michael Eugene PARINI**, 23 Banks Drive, St Clair NSW 2759

On 1 August 1998, Mr Parini attempted to prevent the assault of a youth who was refereeing at a junior rugby league match at Erskine Park.

At about midday on 1 August 1998, Mr Parini was on duty as a first aid officer at a junior rugby league match competition being played at Peppertree Oval, Erskine Park, when he heard cries of help from a young male referee who was being pursued by an irate spectator. Realising that the youth was in danger of being assaulted, Mr Parini ran towards the referee and placed himself in front of the spectator in an attempt to calm the situation and prevent an assault taking place. In preventing the referee from being assaulted, Mr Parini was knocked unconscious by the spectator and sustained serious injuries to the jaw and face.

By his actions, Mr Parini is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Kieran Patrick PEPYAT**, Queensland

On the morning of 13 August 1998, Mr Pepyat attempted to rescue a man who had been electrocuted after the boom of a crane came in contact with overhead power lines.

During the crane operation, the crane driver had stepped out of the crane cabin without fully applying the slew brake, resulting in the crane boom rotating and coming in contact with overhead power lines. This caused electricity to arc through the crane causing an electrical fire. In his attempt to get back into the cabin the crane driver was electrocuted. Mr Pepyat was on the second floor of the worksite and heard loud yelling from the ground floor. On investigating, he saw the crane driver stuck to the crane with flames coming out from the base of his shoes. Mr Pepyat immediately climbed down the scaffolding to where the victim stood frozen to the crane. He grabbed a piece of timber and approached the victim and managed to knock him free from the electric current. Mr Pepyat tried to turn the victim over and received an electrical shock in the process. Mr Pepyat made another attempt to turn the victim over and succeeded at the second attempt. He immediately attempted CPR on the victim, and on the advice of others, helped carry the victim to a safer position away from the fire. Mr Pepyat again attempted CPR before being relieved by others.

By his actions, Mr Pepyat is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

**Dr Kathryn Anne RADFORD**, 21 Varden Street, Kalgoorlie WA 6430

On the evening on 30 September 1999, Dr Radford assisted in the rescue of a veterinary nurse from a savage dog attack in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

A veterinary nurse at the Kalgoorlie Veterinary Clinic was attacked by an Akita dog that had earlier savagely bitten two boarding kennel employees. The nurse was knocked to the floor and the dog started mauling her in the upper arm and shoulder area. Without hesitation, Dr Radford straddled the dog's torso and struggled with it in an attempt to release the nurse. Hearing screams, another veterinarian came to assist in restraining the dog while Dr Radford went to fetch sedative medication. The dog turned on the other veterinarian, savaging his arm and rupturing an artery. Dr Radford again jumped on the dog and, while struggling to drag it off the nurse, managed to administer a syringe of sedative into its chest cavity, causing it to release the nurse.

By her actions, Dr Radford is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Tobias Goesta RICHTER,**  
Lot 141 Evergreen Gardens, Carramar WA 6031

On the evening of 11 July 1998, Mr Richter participated in the rescue of three men whose boat had been swamped by a huge wave outside the entrance to Two Rocks Marina, Western Australia.

On 11 July 1998 a fishing boat with three persons on board was swamped by a huge wave just outside the entrance to the Marina. One of the three men was able to swim ashore and alert others to their plight. The two other men remained clinging to the overturned boat that was gradually being swept onto rocks by the ocean swell which measured up to 3 metres in height. Visibility was reduced to a minimum by the large swell and sea spray. On being alerted of the accident, Mr Richter volunteered to join a companion in a search for survivors. Mr Richter and his companion jumped into a dinghy and headed out into the darkness to locate the overturned vessel. Mr Richter and his companion subsequently located the stricken craft with its two passengers still clinging to it. Despite the waves breaking over the overturned craft, Mr Richter and his companion were able to pull the two men into the dinghy and deliver them to safety.

By his actions, Mr Richter is commended for brave conduct.

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**Mr Stephen Michael ROWLAND,** 7 Wolca Street, Bundaberg Qld 4670

On the night of 15 February 1999, Mr Rowland rescued two children from a house fire at Bundaberg, Queensland.

At about 11.30pm on 15 February 1999, Mr Rowland saw that his neighbour's house was on fire. He immediately alerted the local fire service and woke a friend who was staying with him at the time. Both men ran to the scene of the fire to investigate. On arrival, they heard cries of children from one of the bedrooms. Mr Rowland tried to enter the house through the rear door but could not gain entry because of the fire and smoke around the rear door and stairway. Mr Rowland clambered onto the roof of an adjoining structure to the house and was able to enter the bedroom window where he saw one of the two children on a bunk bed. Mr Rowland grabbed hold of the child and passed him through the window onto the roof structure from which he had just entered. At this time, thick smoke had filled the room, making it impossible for Mr Rowland to see properly. The thick smoke also made breathing difficult. Despite this, Mr Rowland headed in the direction of the bunk bed and found the second child on the top bunk. He was able pass him through the same window onto the roof of the adjoining building where he had deposited the first child. Mr Rowland then climbed out the window onto the roof and was able to pass the two children down to his friend below.

By his actions, Mr Rowland is commended for brave conduct.

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## **COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT**

**Ms Dimity Thomson TAYLOR**, Pine Park, Wellington NSW 2820

On the afternoon of 21 January 2000, Ms Taylor assisted in the rescue of her fellow passengers after their light plane crashed into the sea near Verona Sands, south of Hobart.

Ms Taylor was one of three passengers on a chartered light aircraft bound for Melaleuca on the NSW south coast when the plane's engine failed and the pilot was forced to ditch the plane into the sea. One of the passengers was knocked unconscious on impact and remained strapped in her seat, whilst the two other passengers and the pilot were able to swim free of the aircraft. The pilot, with the assistance of the other passengers, was able to release the trapped passenger and pull her out of the rear window of the aircraft before it sank. Realising that the pilot was injured and fatigued from the ordeal, Ms Taylor gave him the life jacket she was wearing. All three passengers and the pilot were able to cling to debris from the aircraft and remained in the water for about twenty minutes before deciding to swim to shore about one kilometre away. During the swim to shore, Ms Taylor decided to swim on ahead towards the shoreline to seek help. She was able to make it to shore and hailed down passing vehicles for assistance and to alert the police and ambulance services.

By her actions, Ms Taylor is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Home (02) 6845 3621

**Mr Maurice Patrick TICEHURST**, 69 Warialda Road, Inverell NSW 2360

On the afternoon of 20 February 2000, Mr Ticehurst apprehended an armed offender after a robbery in a food outlet in Inverell.

Mr Ticehurst was minding a supermarket/fast food outlet in Inverell when a man entered the premises armed with a rifle and demanded money from Mr Ticehurst and two other customers who were in the shop at the time. Mr Ticehurst grabbed some notes from the till and threw them onto the floor towards the gunman. The gunman's attention was diverted to the notes on the floor and as he bent over to pick up the notes, Mr Ticehurst picked up a stool and threw it at the gunman striking him in the arms and upper body area. The gunman attempted to run out of the shop but was intercepted by Mr Ticehurst who tackled the gunman to the ground. Mr Ticehurst was able to restrain and disarm the gunman before police arrived to take the gunman into custody.

By his actions, Mr Ticehurst is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

## **COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT**

**Mr Andrew Robert TURNER**, 29 George Street, Thirroul NSW 2515

On the afternoon of 14 June 1999, Mr Turner participated in the rescue of four fishermen whose boat had capsized in heavy seas off the coast of Wollongong.

On 14 June 1999, Mr Turner and another rescuer were tasked by the Illawarra Surf Life Saving authorities to proceed to the rescue area by inflatable rubber boat and attempt to recover four fishermen who were floundering in heavy seas off Scarborough Point. Visibility in the rescue area was poor with wind gusts up to 45 knots creating three metre swells. The four survivors were located in heavy seas by a Westpac Lifesaver helicopter which was able to winch one of the survivors to safety. Severe turbulence in the area compelled the helicopter pilot to abandon further winch rescues and head back to shore to offload the patient and non-essential equipment before returning to continue the rescue. Mr Turner and his companion battled out through the heavy swells and, with the help of flares fired from the Westpac Lifesaver helicopter, located two of the fishermen in the water. They were able to pull the two fishermen into the IRB before making their way back to shore. The fourth fisherman was subsequently located and winched on board the Westpac Lifesaver helicopter.

By his actions, Mr Turner is commended for brave conduct

Phone Nos: Mobile 0412 171 658

**Mr Terry Leslie VAN DEN BROEK**, PO Box 527, Currumbin Qld 4223

On the morning of 13 August 1998, Mr Van Den Broek attempted to rescue two men who had been electrocuted after a crane they were operating had come in contact with overhead power lines.

A crane boom contacted with overhead power lines and Mr Van Den Broek attempted to pull the crane driver away but received an electric shock in the process, causing him to abandon the attempt. Another labourer at the site who was attempting to douse the fire was also electrocuted after electricity arched across from the burning crane and struck him. Seeing this, Mr Van Den Broek grabbed a piece of timber and called out to the labourer to grasp it so that he could pull him away. The attempt failed after the labourer lost consciousness. Another building worker arrived and his attempt to drag the victim away was thwarted when he too received an electric shock. Undeterred, the building worker fetched a length of rope which he managed to wrap around the victim's leg, enabling them to drag him free. Attempts by Mr Van Den Broek and others to resuscitate the labourer were unsuccessful.

By his actions, Mr Van Den Broek is commended for brave conduct.

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## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mrs Katica VUKADIN**, PO Box 184, Dimbulah Qld 4872

On the afternoon of 24 October 1999, Mrs Vukadin assisted in the rescue of three people after their car left the road and landed in an irrigation channel running parallel to Channel Road, Walkamin, Queensland.

Mrs Vukadin and her husband were driving along the Atherton back road when they saw a car ahead of them veer off the road and plunge into an irrigation channel. The woman driver of the partly-submerged car was distressed and called out that there was a baby in the car. Mrs Vukadin's husband jumped into the channel and swam out to the car where he was able to retrieve the baby and swim back towards the bank to where Mrs Vukadin had positioned herself. However, she was unable to grab the baby from her husband because of the swift current and the steepness of the bank. Seeing that the current was sweeping her husband and the baby downstream, Mrs Vukadin ran to a low bridge spanning the channel to intercept them. As the partly-submerged car lodged against the bridge, the woman driver called out that there was another child in the car. Mrs Vukadin, a non-swimmer, stepped off the bridge with one foot onto the roof of the car and pulled a little girl free. Having rescued the child, she then reached down below the bridge and retrieved the baby from her husband, who was then able to reach over and pull the woman driver free just before the car disappeared under the bridge.

By her actions, Mrs Vukadin is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Home & Work (07) 4093 1185

**Mr Ross Charles WILLIAMS**, GPO Box 3743, Sydney NSW 2001

On the afternoon of 12 August 1998, Mr Williams attempted to overpower an armed gunman following a robbery of a jewellery shop in Sydney.

Mr Williams and a business partner were at the counter of their jewellery shop in Martin Place, when a man entered the shop and produced a shotgun, aimed it at Mr Williams and demanded that he open the safe and empty its contents into a bag. Mr Williams complied, and while in the process of filling the bag, his business partner grabbed the gunman from behind and prevented him from running out of the shop. A struggle ensued between the gunman and Mr Williams' business partner resulting in both men falling to the floor. During the struggle, Mr Williams grabbed hold of the gunman and tried to pull him off his business partner. At that point an accomplice of the gunman entered the shop and assaulted Mr Williams, punching him in the face before pushing him onto the floor. The gunman and his accomplice then escaped from the shop with money and valuables.

By his actions, Mr Williams is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

## COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

**Mr Gaven YEO**, 11 Melbourne Avenue, Forest ACT 2603

On the afternoon of 16 February 2000, Mr Yeo rescued a man who had been washed into the ocean from a rock platform at Ben Bucklers Point, Bondi Beach, New South Wales.

A Japanese tourist was standing on the lower rock platform with his back to the ocean when a large wave engulfed him and swept him into the sea. He was swept out around the southern point of the rocks where the waves were more dangerous. Mr Yeo witnessed the incident and ran down to the edge of the lower platform where he called out to the man to swim to the rock near the platform as the tourist was swimming the wrong way. The tourist swam to the rock and was able to haul himself onto it. The tourist suffered severe lacerations and abrasions to his body and was barely conscious as large waves crashed around him. Mr Yeo walked out over jagged rocks, grabbed hold of the tourist and assisted him to a safer position just below the cliff face some 50 metres away. Mr Yeo then used his shirt to stem the bleeding from the tourist's wounds. The tourist was subsequently evacuated by ambulance to hospital.

By his actions, Mr Yeo is commended for brave conduct.

Phone Nos: Not available

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

### **Members of the 1st Australian Federal Police Detachment to serve with UNIMET in East Timor in 1999**

A contingent of 52 members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) served with the United Nations Assistance Mission to East Timor (UNAMET) from 11 June 1999 to 14 September 1999. Their mission was to liaise with and advise the Indonesian Police on security matters related to the conduct of a referendum scheduled for 30 August that would determine the political future of East Timor. Their mission also required them to supervise the delivery of the ballot papers and ballot boxes to the various polling sites throughout East Timor and their return to the counting centre in Dili at the end of polling.

On their arrival in East Timor, members of the AFP contingent were deployed in teams into nine provinces, namely Liquica, Maliana, Suai, Ermera, Baucau/Manatuto, Alieu, Lospalos, Ambeno and the Dili Regional Headquarters area. In many of these areas the local infrastructure was poor to non-existent. In their assigned locations they remained isolated, unarmed and vulnerable to ambush and hostile action by local militias opposed to the ballot.

The commencement of voter registration on 6 August led to an increase in militia activity against the local population. Members of the contingent in the nine locations were also subject to various forms of intimidation ranging from physical acts of violence often occasioning bodily harm, being fired upon, death threats and hostile propaganda. Their efforts to maintain order were often hampered and undermined by the Indonesian Police and military sympathisers of the pro-integration militias.

Following the ballot on 30 August, acts of violence by pro-integration militias against the civilian population escalated dramatically. There were many reported killings and East Timor was quickly engulfed in civil strife. In some areas the local Police commander informed UNAMET that their safety could no longer be guaranteed. In the ensuing turmoil the protection of the civilian population became the primary mission of UNAMET.

Despite the threat to their safety, members of UNAMET offered protection and refuge to sections of the local population targeted by the pro-integration militias. Members of UNAMET also mounted patrols into the surrounding areas to publicise a United Nations presence as well as give the local population early warning of militia attack. The policing actions of UNAMET helped reduce fear and tension throughout East Timor. In carrying out their policing functions members of UNAMET often placed their own lives at significant risk.

**(please refer to the attached list for recipients)**

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## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

### Duty in the Liquica region

Sergeant Sharon Lee McCARTHY  
Sergeant Paul Christopher MULQUEENEY  
Sergeant Keith John RANDALL

### Duty in the Maliana region

Superintendent Phillip John HUTSON  
Sergeant Craig Lovell MANN  
Sergeant David Harry SAVAGE

### Duty in the Suai region

Sergeant Shaun Barry BENNETTS  
Sergeant Sean Paul DUNNE  
Sergeant Martin Christopher HESS  
Sergeant Sandra Lee HOFFSCHILDT  
Sergeant Peter Francis HOLDER  
Sergeant Christopher William MEAGHER  
Sergeant Irene Elizabeth MENHINNITT  
Senior Sergeant Ian Francis WHYTE

### Duty in the Ermera region

Sergeant Donald Richard BARNBY  
Superintendent Geoffrey Alan HAZEL, APM  
Sergeant Philip Anthony HUNTER  
Sergeant Max William KNOTH  
Sergeant Paul John MORRIS  
Sergeant Brett Robert SWAN  
Sergeant John Peter TANTI  
Sergeant Peter Ian WATT

### Duty in the Aileu region

Sergeant Kendelle Meredith CLARK  
Sergeant Andrew Charles EACOTT  
Sergeant Terence Robert PARKER

### Duty in the Dili region

Sergeant David Richard BOSTON  
Sergeant Neil Roald BURNAGE  
Sergeant Kevin Brett BURRELL  
Commander Anthony Kevin CURTIS  
Sergeant Kate Louise FERRY  
Detective Sergeant Robert GILLILAND  
Superintendent Darryl John GOSSIP  
Sergeant Robert John HUNTER  
Sergeant Thomas Nicholas O'BRIEN  
Superintendent Stephen Granado POLDEN, APM  
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### Duty in the Baucau/Manatuto region

Sergeant David John BACHI  
Sergeant Christopher Mathew COOPER  
Sergeant Gregory James CORIN  
Sergeant Veronica Josephine ELTON  
Sergeant Anthony Graham FOWLER  
Sergeant Fiona JAMIESON  
Sergeant Allen Raymond LE LIEVRE  
Sergeant Paul Alexander McEWAN, BM  
Sergeant Ian Ross STANDISH  
Sergeant Alfred Noel TURKETO

### Duty in the Lospalos region

Sergeant Aaron Marcus CRABTREE  
Sergeant David Charles HALL  
Sergeant Raymond Charles JOHNSON  
Senior Sergeant Brad Thomas McMEEKING

### Duty in the Ambeno region

Sergeant Andrew David CLARKE  
Sergeant Brendon Ronald WITHERS

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

### Community group, Nambour Qld

#### **Mr Steven John PACEY**

*(added to the Group Bravery Citation awarded and gazetted on 21 August 2000)*

On the afternoon of 9 February 1999, several members of the community in Nambour, Queensland, assisted in the rescue of two children and two youths from the flooded Petrie Creek.

Two children, a boy and a girl, jumped into the flooded creek in an attempt to save their dog. They got into difficulty and were swept away; however, the boy managed to grab hold of the dog. He also managed to cling to a large gum tree, while the girl grabbed hold of a signpost. Two youths waded and swam out to the children. One of the youths grabbed hold of the signpost. The second youth grabbed hold of the dog but was swept downstream towards the Warana Bridge. Messrs Baldwin, Carter, Hanson and Mills held onto the rail of the bridge with one arm and as the youth was swept under the bridge Mr Hanson grabbed hold of him. The other three men helped to haul the youth from the flooded creek and onto the bridge. Mr Pacey and Mr Pitcher tied one end of a rope to a pylon on the bank of the creek and the other end around Mr Pitcher's waist. Mr Pitcher then entered the floodwaters and waded towards the girl and the second youth. He grabbed hold of the girl and, with the help of Mr Pacey who was standing in waist deep water, returned her safely to the bank of the river. Mr Pitcher then re-entered the creek and, again with the help of Mr Pacey, assisted the youth back to the bank. The boy was saved by Mr Carter in his small motorised aluminium dinghy, with the assistance of an ambulance officer.

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