

VICTORIA CROSS

DETERMINATION

I, WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the design of the Victoria Cross, and acting under regulations 9 and 10 of the Victoria Cross Regulations, determine as follows:

Medal design

1. The Victoria Cross is a bronze cross with each axis measuring 35 millimetres. The arms of the Cross have raised edges. The obverse bears a Crowned Lion standing on the Royal Crown with the words "FOR VALOUR" inscribed on a semi-circular scroll below the Crown. The reverse bears raised edges on the arms of the cross and the date of the act for which the Cross is awarded is engraved within a circle in the centre.

Medal ribbon

2. The Cross is suspended from a crimson ribbon 38 millimetres in width.

Medal dress

3. The Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Medal Miniature

4. The miniature of the Victoria Cross is a half-size replica of the Cross suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Cross is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Ribbon Bar

5. The ribbon bar for the initial award has a representation of the Cross 9 millimetres across and 9 millimetres high at its centre.

Further awards

6. Second and subsequent awards are recognised by the presentation of a bar which is attached to the ribbon of full size and miniature medals, and the wearing of an additional emblem on the ribbon bar for each additional award.

Order of Precedence

7. The Victoria Cross is worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated 11th. November 1991.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Bill Hayden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Governor-General