

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during an incident with a man at Coombabah in Queensland on 7 December 1999.*

**Senior Sergeant Desmond James HEARN**, Queensland Police  
**Sergeant David Christopher IVES**, Queensland Police  
**Major Gregory Mark NEWMAN**, Queensland  
**Detective Senior Sergeant Adrian Vincent SALA**, Queensland Police  
**Senior Constable Karen Joyce WAKEFIELD**, Queensland Police  
**Sergeant Matthew WAKERLEY**, Queensland Police  
**Sergeant Lyle Anthony WISS**, Queensland Police

In the early hours of 7 December 1999, seven Queensland Police Officers attended a domestic situation where they encountered a distressed man threatening to self-harm and cause injury to others by igniting fuel in a car next to a unit complex. Whilst an officer negotiated with the man for several hours, other officers were able to evacuate the surrounding area. When the distressed man learnt that the area had been evacuated he became further agitated and drove away from the complex. As three officers pursued the vehicle, other officers deployed road spikes and the man's vehicle was disabled. As officers approached the vehicle, the man attempted to ignite the fuel inside the car. An officer used a baton to break the front driver's window, another broke the front passenger side window and climbed into the vehicle and assisted other officers to restrain the offender who lit a match and threw it towards the open container of fuel. The fuel failed to ignite and several officers worked to restrain the offender sufficiently to remove him from the fume-filled vehicle.

*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions following a multiple vehicle collision and fire at Strathpine in Queensland on 31 December 2018.*

**Mr James Peter DALE**, Bracken Ridge Qld 4017  
**Mr Anthony George LEWIS**, QLD

Just after midday on 31 December 2018 five members of the public went to the assistance of a trapped driver after a four vehicle collision on Gympie Road. One vehicle had rolled onto its side and was engulfed in flames. A motorist, whose vehicle was hit, grabbed a fire extinguisher, approached the burning vehicle, and attempted to put out the fire, but it intensified. Another motorist climbed up onto the passenger side of the vehicle and, with the assistance of another motorist, opened the door and reached into the vehicle to help the driver who was having a medical seizure. Smoke began to fill the cabin. Other motorists who had stopped then tried to rock the vehicle into the upright position, despite the increasing heat from the flames. Two motorists managed to kick in the windscreen and remove the aggressive and agitated driver from the burning vehicle and to safety.

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*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions following an assault at Minto in New South Wales on 10 September 2016.*

**Mr Derek AH CHONG**, NSW

**Mrs Pearl AH CHONG**, Minto NSW 2566

**Mr Sivei AH CHONG**, Minto NSW 2566

**The late Mr Aalice Uiga AH FA**, Formerly of Macquarie Fields NSW 2564

**Mr David MOLI Jr**, NSW

In the late afternoon of 10 September 2016 a man armed with a hunting knife attacked his neighbour. The injured man ran to a nearby house to seek assistance with the armed offender in pursuit. Two people immediately placed themselves between the injured man and the aggressive and agitated offender, who continued to yell threats and abuse. Hearing the melee, three other people exited the house. One of the three joined the pair, which distracted the offender, allowing the injured man to reach the safety of a nearby business. The other two then joined the group and formed a barrier between the armed offender and the injured man. An altercation ensued between two people, with one of the group hitting the offender twice with a fence paling to defend himself. Police arrived and the offender ran towards the police vehicle, attacking it with the knife and taunting the officers. Two people from the group went to assist the police officers. The officers tasered the armed offender, removed the knife, and took him from the scene. The injured man was provided with first aid until emergency services arrived.

*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during the pursuit of an armed offender at Liverpool in New South Wales on 29 May 2019.*

**Mr Tevita Fakalata MAHE**, NSW

**Mr Mathew SABA**, Blacktown NSW 2148

**Mr Sam SARAYA**, Greenacre NSW 2190

On 29 May 2019, three Security Officers were on duty at Westfield Shopping Centre when they were alerted to an incident in the carpark. An armed man had assaulted a woman with a knife in an attempt to steal her vehicle. After wounding the woman he stole her bag and phone. The three Security Officers approached the offender who ran off through the carpark attempting to gain entry to other vehicles. The offender exited the carpark, opened the driver's door of a stationary vehicle, and threatened the female driver with the knife. One of the Security Officers pulled the man backward and forced him against the vehicle. The man continued to swing the knife at the Security Officer. The two other Security Officers grabbed the man's wrists and removed the knife. They then restrained him on the ground until police arrived.

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*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during the rescue of people from crocodile infested waters at Innisfail in Queensland on 2 March 2018.*

**Mr Scott Anthony JOHNSON, QLD**  
**Mr Edward Gerard POSAR, QLD**  
**Mr Shane Antun RADANOVIC, QLD**

During the morning of 2 March 2018, a distressed 16 year old woman jumped from the Geraldton Bridge into the Johnstone River, a well known crocodile habitat. One young man, who had tried to dissuade the young woman from jumping, ran to the river bank and into the water, but he was quickly overwhelmed by the deep water and became fatigued. Two men who were nearby, and who witnessed the young woman jump and the young man's efforts to save her, noticed the pair were in difficulty and quickly entered the water and swam out to them. They then dragged the young man and woman back to the safety of the river bank and emergency services arrived.

*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during the rescue of two people at East Point in Darwin, Northern Territory on 3 December 2006.*

**Mr Scott Douglas BURROWS, Muirhead NT 0810**  
**Mr Manny KOULAKIS, NT**  
**Mr Peter Stacey SIMON, NT**

In the late afternoon of 3 December 2006 a man was swept into rough seas at East Point. A woman went to assist the man but also got into difficulty and the pair were thrown against some rocks and became separated. Despite the treacherous conditions a passerby entered the water and swam to the unresponsive woman and attempted CPR without success. He then swam to the semi-conscious man and managed to hoist him onto the rocks where others were able to remove him from the water and the man was taken to hospital. Meanwhile two other people entered the dangerous water and swam to the unconscious woman and brought her to shore. Sadly, the woman wasn't able to be revived.

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*The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during the rescue of five people from a dangerous river at Maryborough in Queensland on 25 September 2018.*

**Constable Drew Jordan HAROLD**, Queensland Police

**Mr Bruce John HOLLA**, Granville QLD 4650

**Mr Craig Brendan McPHILLIPS**, Peak Crossing QLD 4306

Just before noon on 25 September 2018, two police officers attended a call for assistance after a small boat had capsized in the Mary River in Maryborough, throwing two adults and three children into the water that is known to be a habitat of bull sharks and the occasional crocodile. The boat was floating in the middle of the river and slowly sinking. The adults and children were clinging on to the boat and the three children were wearing life jackets. One police officer and two other people entered the water and swam about 50 metres out to the boat. The police officer and one of the men held onto the children and together with the other rescuer and the two adults worked to swim the boat back to shallow water. The children were passed to others who assisted them ashore, followed by the adults. Emergency services soon arrived and provided assistance.