

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

*The following recipient is added to the Group Bravery Citation gazetted on 26 August 2020.*

**Mr Ahmad AWIK, NSW**

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions following a collision between two boats on Sydney Harbour, New South Wales on 1 May 2008.

In the early hours, three men were fishing in a boat near Bradley's Head when they heard a collision between a half cabin work boat and a fishing trawler. Some of the people on the work boat were thrown overboard. One of the men immediately jumped into the water and, together with the two others, worked together to rescue a disorientated man from the water. Whilst one of the men called emergency services, the others then boarded the work boat and offered assistance. The third man then joined the two others and they began attending to people, including administering CPR to a number of the injured. When emergency services arrived at a nearby wharf, the three men conveyed the injured to the waiting ambulance crews. Sadly six people did not survive the incident.

**Mr Utah CHILCOTT, Evans Head NSW 2473**

**Mr George DALEY, NSW**

**Mr Lachlan METCALF, Evans Head NSW 2473**

**Mr Hayden SAUER, Woodburn NSW 2472**

**Mr Luke SAUER, NSW**

**Mr Shaun SAUER, NSW**

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during the rescue of a man from a sinking boat off Evans Head, New South Wales on 1 September 2019.

At about 10am, three friends aboard a fishing boat noticed debris in the water about 5 kilometres off shore from Evans Head. Following the trail of debris they came across an aluminium boat which was overturned and sinking. Two men were clinging to the boat, both entangled in rope, fishing line and other debris, and were struggling to keep their heads above water.

One of the men aboard the fishing boat dived into the water and swam over to the sinking boat, locating an elderly man who was barely conscious. He assisted the man back to the fishing boat whilst the two men aboard radioed for assistance. On reaching the boat, the three men worked together to lift the elderly man aboard, placed him in the recovery position, and administered first aid.

Upon hearing the call for assistance, a man and his two sons who were also fishing, made their way to the accident. On reaching the sinking boat, they observed the first boat returning to shore.

They located the second man in the water who was being dragged under by his boat. They threw a float to him and pulled him to the duckboard at the back of their boat. They cut away the ropes and unravelled the debris entangling the man, while keeping his head above water. Once free, they hauled him aboard and made their way back to shore.

Ambulance crews were waiting to airlift the injured men to hospital.

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**Senior Constable Ross CUNNINGHAME** Western Australia Police  
**Senior Constable Lynden John GANZER** Western Australia Police  
**Senior Constable Steven Nelson MAYGER** Western Australia Police  
**Mr Anthony WALKER**, Seven Hills NSW 2147

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during the rescue of a man from difficult seas at Broome, Western Australia on 12 November 2018.

At about 2pm, people at Gantheaume Point Cliffs noticed a man struggling in deep water. The man had jumped off the high cliffs and was unable to swim back to the rock face. Waves were breaking over him and he was struggling to keep his head above water as the current swept him out to sea.

A passer-by jumped into the water and swam 150 metres to the distressed swimmer and helped keep him afloat. The pair were not able to make any headway to return to the shore due to the heavy swell and were tiring.

Three police officers arrived, and two entered the water and swam to the pair in distress. The third officer located a stand-up paddle board and made his way out to the group. The three officers and the two men were able to cling to the paddle board to stay afloat, until local sea rescue vessels arrived and returned them to shore.