

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

**Mr Matthew David ELLIOTT**, Acacia Gardens NSW 2763

**Mr Daniel GROOM**, NSW

**Mr Adrian PHU**, NSW

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions taken during a flood rescue in Milperra, New South Wales on 9 February 2020.

At approximately 9:30pm, three members of the New South Wales SES Blacktown and Bankstown Flood Rescue teams were searching for an elderly man in flood waters in Milperra, New South Wales.

The team made their way to the elderly man's property and heard a faint reply to their calls. The team stopped by a large muddy hill and they entered the flood water to swim towards the calls.

The team located the man on another small muddy hill approximately 200 metres away from the boat. They reached the man and lifted him into a boat which they had directed to their location, and then swam beside it clearing debris and pushing down barbed wire fences for safe passage to waiting paramedics.

**Mr Jeremy McLEOD**, Brunswick VIC 3056

**Mr Andrew Melville PAPPAS**, Brunswick VIC 3056

**Mr Ben Jonathan RUSSELL**

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during a rescue of a woman being assaulted in Brunswick, Victoria on 24 April 2016.

At approximately 10:30pm, a man was riding his bike when he heard a women scream, and saw she was pregnant and being assaulted.

The offender stood up and fled as the man approached. After checking the woman was ok, the man rode after the offender.

Three other men also heard the woman screaming from inside their nearby apartments. They ran downstairs and saw the first man riding after the offender.

Two of these men joined the pursuit after the first man, while the third stayed with the woman.

The first male caught up to the offender, but fell off his bike upon being struck. One of the other males tackled the offender, with the others assisting in restraining him until police arrived.