

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Steven John Bradbury OAM, Northgate QLD 4013**

Mr Steven Bradbury is commended for brave conduct for his actions during the rescue of four teenagers from rough seas in Caloundra, Queensland on 5 March 2022.

At approximately 2:00pm, Mr Steven Bradbury was with others at Kings Beach when he saw a girl in trouble in the water between Kings Beach and Bulcock Beach. Mr Bradbury sent the others to a nearby lifeguard tower to summon help, while he took a surf board and paddled out to the girl.

As he got closer to the struggling girl, he saw another three girls further out. Mr Bradbury got the first girl onto the board and paddled her back to shore, before turning around and paddling back out.

Mr Bradbury navigated two metre swells, reached the three girls and put them onto his board. The waves and rip prevented Mr Bradbury from moving the board and the group were stuck in a cycle of being pulled out by the rip, washed a short distance back by large waves, before being taken out by the rip again.

Shortly after, lifesavers arrived in an inflatable boat and took two of the girls back to shore. Mr Bradbury was able to paddle the board and last girl back to shore where an ambulance had arrived.

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### **Mr Turawaho Hemopo, QLD**

Mr Turawaho Hemopo is commended for brave conduct for his actions apprehending an offender in Yarrabilba, Queensland on 27 February 2020.

At approximately 6:45am, Mr Turawaho Hemopo was working as a delivery truck driver when he was alerted by a member of the public of a break-in occurring at a nearby pharmacy.

Mr Hemopo placed himself in the pharmacy doorway in anticipation of the offenders attempting to escape.

One of the offenders slipped past Mr Hemopo, as they left the pharmacy, however Mr Hemopo chased down and tackled the other offender to the ground. He held him until police arrived and took control of the scene.

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**Senior Sergeant Johnny Patrick Lombardi, Victoria Police**

Senior Sergeant Johnny Lombardi is commended for brave conduct for his actions after a vehicle drove through a crowd of people in Melbourne, Victoria on 21 December 2017.

At approximately 4:30pm, a vehicle went through the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Flinders Street, throwing people into the air and running others over before crashing into a bollard and stopping.

Senior Sergeant Johnny Lombardi, then Acting Sergeant and off duty at the time, was boarding a train on Elizabeth Street when he heard a loud bang and saw people running away. He observed smoke coming from the opposite end of the intersection and a stationary vehicle which he assumed had crashed into a bollard. He ran toward the scene to assist, and saw numerous bleeding bodies on the ground.

Senior Sergeant Lombardi ran to the driver's side door of the vehicle and saw another person holding the driver in a headlock. He went around to the passenger side door and entered the vehicle to assist in restraining the offender.

He was joined by members of the Critical Incident Response Team, who he assisted in taking the offender into custody.

Senior Sergeant Lombardi and the other person remained at the scene to assist in setting up cordons and controlling the crowd.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Peter Robert Moore**, Rockingham WA 6168

Mr Peter Moore is commended for brave conduct for his actions retrieving two people from rough seas in Shoalwater, Western Australia on 22 May 2022.

At approximately 1:30pm, Mr Peter Moore was driving near Mersey Point when he saw an overturned inflatable kayak being carried by the wind and waves and two men struggling in the water approximately 100 metres off shore.

Mr Moore waved down a Parks and Wildlife vehicle, called triple 0 and was on the phone to police when the men began yelling for help.

Mr Moore changed into a wetsuit he had in his car and asked people coming out from nearby houses for a surfboard. A bystander provided him a kite board and he paddled out to the two men.

Mr Moore reached the first man and saw that he was keeping himself afloat, so he paddled to the second man whose head was mostly under water. He grabbed him and saw that his lips were blue, his face was white and his eyes were shut.

Mr Moore put this man onto the board and paddled him back to shore where a park ranger and another bystander took him up to the roadway.

Mr Moore turned around and paddled back out to the second man who he could see was now holding onto a ranger's kayak approximately 70 metres from the rocks. The kayak was being blown by the wind and the ranger was struggling to paddle against the current. Mr Moore took the man from the ranger and paddled him back to shore where he was taken by bystanders up to the roadway to police.

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### **Miss Lisa (Evalina) Jane Woodward, VIC**

Miss Lisa (Evalina) Woodward is commended for brave conduct for her actions during an assault at a youth justice centre in Malmsbury, Victoria on 3 October 2019.

At approximately 7:30pm, Miss Lisa (Evalina) Woodward was on duty at a youth justice centre when she observed one of the inmates acting aggressively to another staff member.

Miss Woodward separated the two and encouraged the other staff member to go inside. The inmate picked up a plastic cricket bat from an equipment cage and, refusing to put it down, headed towards the door. Miss Woodward alerted other staff of the situation.

Heading inside, the inmate repeatedly attacked the staff member with the cricket bat. Miss Woodward rushed toward the building, entered, and saw other inmates had joined in and were dragging the bleeding staff member up the corridor. Miss Woodward ran after them and instructed them to stop the attack, however they began kicking the staff member's head and torso.

Another staff member intervened and one of the inmates turned and began a frenzied assault on them.

Miss Woodward placed herself on top of this staff member to shield them from the attacks and prevent further injuries.

Further staff arrived a short time later and overpowered the inmates.