

Group Bravery Citation

Mr Danny James Haber, Stockleigh QLD 4280

Mr Thomas William Hanson

Mr Joedy Charles Vincent

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions after two rafts collided on a water ride at a theme park on the Gold Coast, Queensland on 25 October 2016.

In the early afternoon, two rafts collided on the Thunder River Rapids Ride at Dreamworld, upturning one of the rafts and throwing passengers into the water and conveyor belt below.

Bystanders waiting in line for the ride, and passengers already on board, rushed to assist, entered the water and attempted to revive those thrown from the raft. Children were removed from the immediate area and taken to safety.

Four people tragically died as a result of the incident.

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28 members of the Tactical Operations Unit, Negotiation Unit, Rescue and Bomb Disposal, Dog Unit and Highway Patrol, New South Wales Police Force

Mr Oliver Raymond Aleman, NSW Ambulance

Mr Oliver Ellis, NSW, NSW Ambulance

Mr Christopher David Ennis, Maroubra NSW 2035, NSW Ambulance

Mr Daniel Trincado, NSW Ambulance

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions during a hostage siege at a cafe in Sydney, New South Wales on 15-16 December 2014.

On the morning of 15 December 2014, an armed gunman held numerous staff members and customers hostage at the Lindt Café on Martin Place in Sydney, New South Wales. The gunman claimed to be a member of Islamic State and had a vest and backpack with wires protruding.

Officers of the New South Wales Police Force Tactical Operations Units (TOU) Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, and Sierra teams arrived on scene. Over the ensuing 16 hours they observed proceedings within the café and remained on standby to initiate an emergency action plan.

At approximately 2am the following morning, one of the hostages was ordered onto his knees and fatally shot by the gunman.

At 2:13am, Officers from TOU Alpha stormed the café from the main entrance, while TOUs Charlie and Delta entered shortly after via the foyer, initiating numerous sound and flash device.

The Officers were fired upon. Two Officers from Alpha team returned fire, killing the terrorist.

After the terrorist was shot, an evacuation effort began. Officers from the TOU teams found remaining hostages and escorted them out of the café, with assistance from officers of TOUs Bravo and Sierra teams.

New South Wales Ambulance Special Operations Paramedics entered the café after the terrorist had been killed and treated injured hostages and attempted in vain to revive the café manager and another civilian who was tragically hit by fragments during the shooting.

After all remaining hostages were evacuated, bomb clearance officers entered the café and used a robot to investigate the area for explosives. During this process, the terrorist's backpack was opened and emptied, and the café was deemed safe.

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Mr Michael Anthony Swan, Eimeo QLD 4740

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions intercepting an armed attacker in Garran, Australian Capital Territory on 23 March 2019.

At approximately 9:30pm, two civilians were separately walking through a car park near Canberra Hospital when they saw an offender armed with a knife attacking an off-duty nurse. They both ran towards the altercation and attempted to de-escalate the situation.

As one of them approached, the offender lunged towards him with the knife several times, however he dodged the attacks.

Another off-duty nurse saw the altercation and activated a static duress alarm which notified hospital staff to the incident.

A Canberra Hospital Security Supervisor responded and saw the offender continuing to attack the nurse and the two civilians.

The Security Supervisor tackled the offender to the ground and, with the other civilians, held him there until police arrived a short time later and took the offender into custody.

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Mr Michael Beusch

Mr Brenden Thomas Halloran, QLD

Mr Ivan Laurence Horne

Mr Ashley Jensen, Biloela QLD 4715

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Mr Darren Morris, QLD

Mr Donald Garry Ogden, Blackwater QLD 4717

Mr Lance Philips

Mr Steve Rizzini

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions after a front-end loader caught fire in Queensland on 28 January 2018.

At approximately 2:00pm, a front-end loader caught fire in a factory storing chemicals. The front-end loader driver managed to move the vehicle five metres away from the stockpile face before the fire rendered the loader inoperable.

A staff member, on duty in the site's control room, received a phone call informing him of the situation and initiated the site's emergency procedures. A colleague assessed if it was required to shut down the plant while another called triple 0.

Two other staff members moved a heavy response trolley to the shed while others loaded a light vehicle with further firefighting equipment and travelled to the shed.

As they arrived at the shed, they saw that the engine bay of the front-end loader was well alight with the potential to impinge on the loader's tyres.

Four of the staff members fought the fire with hand lines and ground monitors, while five others sourced another loader and towing equipment to tow the burning loader out of the shed.

Together they dragged the loader from the shed and extinguished the fire.