

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

### **Mr Jordan Heath Anderson**

Mr Jordan Anderson displayed considerable bravery during the rescue of four people from a submerged vehicle in Swan Hill, Victoria on 8 March 2015.

At approximately 9:30pm, Mr Jordan Anderson and his father were fishing on the banks of the Murray River near the Swan Hill Abattoirs when they heard a fast-travelling car, followed by Tyres screeching and a loud splash.

Mr Anderson ran towards the sound and found a car flipped onto its roof and partially submerged in the water.

He entered shoulder high water, forced open the rear passenger door, pulled one male passenger from the back seat, and took him to the bank.

He returned to the vehicle, dived under the water and dragged a female passenger from the back seat, handing her to the first male on the bank.

He returned to the vehicle a third time, forced open the front passenger door, dived under the water and pulled a non-responsive female from the front of the vehicle.

He again returned to the vehicle and pulled an unconscious and non-responsive male from the driver's seat, and dragged him to the bank. Mr Anderson rendered first aid to the man, who coughed up water and recommenced breathing.

Emergency services arrived shortly afterwards and took control of the scene.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**Mr Stephen Shane Edwards, QLD**

Mr Stephen Edwards displayed considerable bravery by his actions during the rescue of a woman on railway tracks in Kingston, Queensland on 31 August 2000.

At approximately 11:30am, Mr (then Senior Constable) Stephen Edwards and his partner attended a dispute between a female and a male at Kingston Railway Station. Two other officers were already on the scene.

The distressed female jumped on to the railway tracks into the path of an oncoming train. The driver of the train saw the female and applied the emergency brakes.

With the train approximately 50 metres away, Sergeant Edwards jumped onto the railway tracks and pushed the female upwards towards the platform. The three other police officers assisted in lifting her onto the platform.

Mr Edwards lifted himself onto the platform, with the train now approximately 10 metres away.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**The late Senior Constable Kelly Ann Foster  
New South Wales Police Force**

The late Ms Kelly Ann Foster displayed considerable bravery by her actions during a canyoning accident in Mount Wilson, New South Wales on 2 January 2021.

At 8:30am, Ms Kelly Foster undertook a canyoning trip with others at Wollangambe Canyon One. Just after midday the group entered a water section of the canyon on their inflatable lilos (air mattresses).

A woman was sitting on her lilo and drifting down to a small part of the canyon. She reached a small pool of water where she fell off and was pulled under the water by a whirlpool. Another woman said that she was holding onto her leg.

Ms Foster heard the cries for help and made her way to where first woman had disappeared under the water. Ms Foster dived under the water to find her but was also pulled beneath the water into the whirlpool.

Tragically, both women died in the incident.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**Mr Luke Aidan Giudicatti, Ingham QLD 4850**

Mr Luke Giudicatti displayed considerable bravery by his actions during the rescue of a woman in Cairns, Queensland on 23 November 2019.

At approximately 6:15pm Mr Luke Giudicatti, an off-duty firefighter, was staying on the 6th floor of a hotel in Cairns when he heard shouting from above and saw a female on the outside railings of her 7th floor balcony. He phoned triple 0 and continued to monitor the situation.

A police officer arrived and went out on the balcony and assisted a man in holding on to the female's arms and hands to stop her from falling. The female fought against the men and fell heavily onto the 6th floor balcony. She then climbed to the outside of the railing.

From his 6th floor balcony, Mr Giudicatti climbed sideways across two balconies to reach her and, with the assistance of another man, pulled the female back over the balcony to safety despite resistance.

The police officer then entered the room and provided medical care until further assistance arrived.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**Ms Gabrielle Rebecca Kelly**, North Ipswich QLD 4305

Ms Gabrielle Kelly displayed considerable bravery by her actions during a violent attack in Ipswich, Queensland on 10 November 2018.

At approximately 9pm, Ms Gabrielle Kelly was on shift as a registered nurse when she heard a disturbance from a nearby room where a police officer was guarding a shackled and un-cuffed patient.

She went to investigate and observed the police officer on the floor near the doorway, with the patient punching her. Ms Kelly entered the room and stood between the officer and the patient, attempting to block the offender's attack. The patient pushed Ms Kelly away and punched her in the head, forcing her out of the room.

As the patient dragged the police officer further into the room, Ms Kelly again attempted entry of the room, but the patient closed the door. The attempt by Ms Kelly to enter the room provided an opportunity for the officer to draw her service firearm and use lethal force to subdue the patient.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Liam Connor Brian**, Charmhaven NSW 2263

Mr Liam Connor Brian is commended for brave conduct for his actions during the rescue of two men from water in Catherine Hill Bay, New South Wales on 20 December 2018.

In the evening Mr Liam Brian was walking along the beach at Catherine Hill Bay when he saw two people jump from a pier into the water and get caught in a rip.

Mr Brian entered the water and swam approximately 50 metres to one of the men who told him the other had gone under the water and hadn't come back up. Mr Brian dove down and found the man and took him back to shore.

Mr Brian re-entered the water and swam back to the first man who by this stage was approximately 100 metres from shore. Mr Brian brought the man back to shore and both men were driven to hospital by another man.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

### **Mr Jason Andrew Gibbs**

Mr Jason Gibbs is commended for brave conduct for his actions following a shark attack in Greenmount, Queensland on 08 September 2020.

At approximately 5:00pm, Mr Jason Gibbs was surfing with others at Greenmount Beach on the Gold Coast when a shark attacked a nearby surfer.

Mr Gibbs paddled over to assist another surfer who had already arrived to help. Mr Gibbs and the other surfer pulled the victim toward the shore.

When near to shore, they placed him on a surfboard. They were met by lifeguards, who assisted them in bringing the man onto the sand.

Emergency services arrived shortly after and began to treat the man. Sadly, he was pronounced dead shortly after.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Luke Alex Gorecki, NSW**

Mr Luke Gorecki is commended for brave conduct for his actions during the rescue of occupants from a burning garage in Sanctuary Point, NSW on 16 September 2022.

At approximately 11:30am, Mr Luke Gorecki saw smoke and flames coming from a neighbour's garage and noticed it was starting to engulf the house.

He ran across the road and entered the house to alert the occupants, which consisted of five children and one adult. He assisted in carrying some of the children outside to safety.

Emergency services arrived on scene shortly after, at which time the fire had spread to the entirety of the house.



## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Clifford George Hagart**, Sunset Beach Geraldton WA 6530

Mr Clifford Hagart is commended for brave conduct for his actions during a stabbing incident in South Hedland, Western Australia on 1 May 2020.

At approximately 10am, Mr Clifford Hagart was on shift as a shopping centre security manager when he saw a man attacking a police officer with a knife. Mr Hagart rushed towards the offender and attempted to push him to the ground but was shrugged off and fell over.

The offender continued to approach the police officer, who shot at him to subdue him.

Mr Hagart, the police officer, and others provided first aid to the offender, however he died shortly afterwards.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Cameron Jack O'Neill, Coomera QLD 4209**

Mr Cameron O'Neill is commended for brave conduct for his actions during a stabbing in Coomera, Queensland on 28 May 2022.

At 11:30pm, Mr Cameron O'Neill was reversing from his driveway when his neighbour flagged him down and alerted him of someone yelling for help from the park across the road. Mr O'Neill agreed to assist, and the two men ran towards the yelling.

They saw someone on his back on the ground with another person standing over him with a 30cm knife facing downwards. The victim was resisting by holding the knife up away from his chest. The offender was threatening to kill the victim.

The other man yelled at the offender to drop the knife, but he did not comply. Mr O'Neill and the other man threw rocks at the offender to distract him. The rocks hit the offender, however he continued to assault the victim.

They yelled for help to attract more assistance and continued throwing rocks at the offender, who repeatedly punched the victim in the head. The other man ran to nearby houses to get assistance. Mr O'Neill remained near the two males, then also left to seek more assistance.

The victim removed the knife from the offender, who left the scene. The victim made his way towards the two men at the front of another neighbour's lawn, before dropping the knife at the other man's request.

Mr O'Neill and others rendered first aid to the victim while waiting for police and paramedics.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Detective Senior Constable Travis Mark Petersen**  
***Western Australia Police Force***

Detective Senior Constable Travis Petersen is commended for brave conduct for his actions during the rescue of a person from an offender with an axe in Bicton, Western Australia on 4 December 2007.

At 11:20am, Detective Senior Constable Travis Petersen was off duty and driving out of a car park when he saw a man threatening another man with an axe.

Detective Senior Constable Petersen stopped and, after he exited his car, approached the offender. The victim ran from the scene.

The offender attempted to strike Detective Senior Constable Petersen with the axe, but he was able to hold the axe away. The offender repeatedly punched and kned him, before Senior Constable Petersen wrestled the axe from the offender.

The offender attempted to get into Detective Senior Constable Petersen's car, but he pulled the offender away and tackled him to the ground. A member of the public assisted in holding the offender on the ground until further police arrived.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Peter Zmuda**, Northcote VIC 3070

Mr Peter Zmuda is commended for brave conduct for his actions during the rescue of a woman from a burning house in Northcote, Victoria on 16 September 2021.

At approximately 6:40pm, Mr Peter Zmuda noticed that a neighbour's house was on fire. He ran to the house and, together with another neighbour, started hammering on the front door and yelling out the name of a woman he knew to live there.

Mr Zmuda and the neighbour tried to kick and ram the front door open to no avail. The neighbour used an object to break a pane of glass in the door and reached inside to open it. Both men entered the house, the rear of which was now fully alight.

Mr Zmuda and the neighbour searched the house for the woman and found her in a confused and disorientated state in the kitchen, refusing to leave without her dog. The smoke was very thick, and visibility was about one metre.

The neighbour escorted the woman out of the house, which was now completely engulfed by fire. Mr Zmuda retrieved the dog, carried it out of the house and reunited it with the woman.