

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**Mr Silas Despréaux** Randwick NSW 2031

Mr Silas Despréaux displayed considerable bravery during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, Mr Silas Despréaux and his colleague entered Westfield Bondi Junction on the ground level and observed a group of people running down an escalator from level one. They heard someone say that there was a man stabbing people, so Mr Despréaux and his colleague went to locate the offender.

Mr Despréaux and his colleague saw the offender who was armed with a knife on level three. They ran to find something to protect themselves with, locating metal bollards nearby. They followed the offender whilst on level four and ran to the escalator that was going down to level three. Mr Despréaux called out to members of the public and told them to come up the escalator, not down.

Mr Despréaux and his colleague approached the top of the escalator on level four, each armed with a bollard, while the offender was coming up. Mr Despréaux threw a bollard at the offender, hitting him on the leg. Then his colleague threw a bollard at the offender, hitting him on the arm. The offender did not appear to be affected so the pair ran from the Centre to Oxford Street and approached a police officer.

They walked with the officer into Westfield Bondi Junction while informing her of the actions of the armed offender and directing her to his last known location. Once the offender was located and pursued by the police officer, Mr Despréaux and his colleague ran behind her. Mr Despréaux armed himself with a plastic shopping cart, and his colleague picked up a chair while in pursuit.

The police officer called out to the offender, who turned and charged at them. The police officer shot and fatally wounded the offender.

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### **The late Ms Ashlee Good**

The late Ms Ashlee Good displayed considerable bravery during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, the late Ms Ashlee Good was shopping with her infant daughter in a pram when she was attacked from behind by an armed offender.

The offender then began to attack Ms Good's infant daughter in her pram where upon Ms Good charged towards him with both arms outstretched, pushing him in the chest and away from the pram. The offender then proceeded to stab Ms Good again before fleeing.

Despite her serious injuries, Ms Good removed her injured infant from her pram and delivered her to bystanders taking refuge in a nearby store. Sadly, Ms Good then collapsed and later succumbed to her injuries.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**Mr Damien Jean Guerot** The Entrance NSW 2261

Mr Damien Guerot displayed considerable bravery during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, Mr Damien Guerot and his colleague entered Westfield Bondi Junction on the ground level and observed a group of people running down an escalator from level one. They heard someone say that there was a man stabbing people, so Mr Guerot and his colleague went to locate the offender.

Mr Guerot and his colleague saw the offender who was armed with a knife on level three. They ran to find something to protect themselves with, locating metal bollards nearby. They followed the offender whilst on level four and ran to the escalator that was going down to level three. His colleague called out to members of the public and told them to come up the escalator, not down.

Mr Guerot and his colleague approached the top of the escalator on level four, each armed with a bollard, while the offender was coming up. The colleague threw a bollard at the offender, hitting him on the leg. Then Mr Guerot threw a bollard at the offender, hitting him on the arm. The offender did not appear to be affected so the pair ran from the Centre to Oxford Street and approached a police officer.

They walked with the officer into Westfield Bondi Junction while informing her of the actions of the armed offender and directing her to his last known location. Once the offender was located and pursued by the police officer, Mr Guerot and his colleague ran behind her. Mr Guerot picked up a chair, and his colleague armed himself with a plastic shopping cart while in pursuit.

The police officer called out to the offender, who turned and charged at them. The police officer shot and fatally wounded the offender.

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### **Detective Inspector Amy Louise Scott**

*New South Wales Police Force*

Detective Inspector Amy Louise Scott displayed considerable bravery during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, New South Wales Police Force Inspector Amy Scott was on duty and driving on Bondi Road when she heard a priority broadcast on police radio advising multiple calls, multiple stabbings, multiple locations at Westfield Bondi Junction. Inspector Scott acknowledged the job and proceeded under lights and sirens. Whilst on route, she directed other responding police via radio to meet her at Oxford Street.

Inspector Scott arrived at the Oxford Street entrance and saw people running out and waving her down. They asked for her help; telling her that there was a person with a knife and that he was stabbing and killing people. She exited her vehicle and quickly made her way to the centre entrance.

Two men who had earlier confronted the offender approached Inspector Scott and entered Westfield Bondi Junction with her, while informing her of the actions and location of the armed offender. From the information provided, Inspector Scott understood that there were one or more active armed offenders and formed the view that she could not wait for colleagues to arrive prior to entering.

The two men directed Inspector Scott to go up the escalator near the entrance from level four to level five, and they closely followed her. Moments earlier, the offender had made his way up this escalator to level five. She unclipped her service firearm prior to hastily proceeding up the escalator. As she reached the top she heard screaming to her right.

Inspector Scott saw the armed offender about 15 to 20 metres away and yelled at him to stop. The offender then ran in the opposite direction. Inspector Scott chased after him, and while doing so notified over radio that she was in a foot pursuit and provided location details.

The two men accompanied Inspector Scott, running behind her as she pursued. One of the men following armed himself with a plastic shopping cart and the other man grabbed a chair, as they continued with Inspector Scott along level five and then left towards an airbridge.

The offender paused at a stationary civilian and raised the knife, but continued moving before he stopped suddenly, around 15 metres ahead. Inspector Scott ushered people in the vicinity behind her and into nearby stores and gestured with her hand for a female with a pram ahead of her to move. She yelled out to draw the offender's attention, which caused him to turn around and face her.

The offender ran at Inspector Scott while holding the knife. Inspector Scott retreated backwards and drew her firearm, discharging three rounds, two of which struck the offender. He fell to the ground in front of her.

Inspector Scott broadcast over police radio and not long after two NSW Police Force officers arrived and provided first aid to the offender. The offender did not survive.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**Mr Muhammad Taha** South Wentworthville NSW 2145

Mr Muhammad Taha displayed considerable bravery during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, security officer Mr Muhammad Taha and his colleague were on duty on level four at Westfield Bondi Junction, when they were alerted to an incident by people running from the airbridge and past them. They were told by those fleeing that there was someone with a knife or gun and directed them towards the offender.

Mr Taha and his colleague both heard 'Code Black' broadcast over their radios and then walked towards the airbridge to investigate. His colleague saw an armed offender arrive on the airbridge and they continued to walk towards him. Mr Taha was walking approximately two metres behind his colleague, when the offender launched towards his colleague and stabbed him in the stomach. The offender then jumped towards Mr Taha, who positioned his body to the side to tackle him and then felt a stabbing pain on the left side of his stomach.

Mr Taha and his colleague moved to a seating area at the side of the airbridge. He broadcast over the radio that they had been stabbed and made at least two phone calls to other security officers.

Members of the public assisted until paramedics arrived. Sadly, his colleague did not survive.

## **Bravery Medal (BM)**

**The late Mr Faraz Tahir NSW**

The late Mr Faraz Tahir displayed considerable bravery during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, security officer Mr Faraz Tahir and his colleague were on duty on level four at Westfield Bondi Junction, when they were alerted to an incident by people running from the airbridge and past them. They were told by those fleeing that there was someone with a knife or gun and directed them towards the offender.

Mr Tahir and his colleague both heard 'Code Black' broadcast over their radios and then walked towards the airbridge to investigate. Mr Tahir saw an armed offender arrive on the airbridge and they continued to walk towards him. Mr Tahir was walking approximately two metres in front of his colleague, when the offender launched towards Mr Tahir and stabbed him in the stomach. The offender then jumped towards his colleague, who positioned his body to the side to tackle him and then felt a stabbing pain on the left side of his stomach.

Mr Tahir and his colleague moved to a seating area at the side of the airbridge. His colleague broadcast over the radio that they had been stabbed.

Members of the public assisted until paramedics arrived. Sadly, Mr Tahir did not survive.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mr Noel McLaughlin** Randwick NSW 2031

Mr Noel McLaughlin is commended for brave conduct for his actions during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm, Mr Noel McLaughlin was inside Westfield Bondi Junction when he received a phone call from his daughter, informing him that his wife had been stabbed by an offender on level four.

Mr McLaughlin ran towards where his wife and his daughter were located, before he encountered the offender with a knife on level three. As the offender moved closer to him, Mr McLaughlin shouted repeatedly that he had a knife, which caused other people in the area to move back.

The offender was a metre away from Mr McLaughlin when he lifted the knife and pointed it at him. Mr McLaughlin asked the offender what he was doing, then realising he had nothing to defend himself with, he turned and ran in the direction of where his wife and his daughter were located on level four. The offender continued along level three, then eastwards and up to level four via an escalator.

Mr McLaughlin arrived on level four and found his wife unresponsive and lying down outside a shop. He called triple zero, before he commenced first aid with another member of the public.

NSW Police Force arrived not long after and assisted with CPR and continued to apply pressure to the victim's wound until NSW Ambulance arrived. Sadly, Mr McLaughlin's wife did not survive.

## **Commendation for Brave Conduct**

**Mrs Catherine Ann Molihan** Randwick NSW 2031

Mrs Catherine Ann Molihan is commended for brave conduct for her actions during an armed attack at Westfield Bondi Junction, Bondi, New South Wales on 13 April 2024.

At approximately 3:30pm on Saturday 13 April 2024, Mrs Catherine Molihan was sitting in a cafe on level four at Westfield Bondi Junction. She became aware of an incident and, with people screaming behind her, she ran with others into the closest shop and the store worker locked the door.

Mrs Molihan noticed two injured men on the ground outside the store and asked the manager to open the doors, explaining that she was a nurse and needed to assist them. The manager told her that, if he opened the doors, he didn't know if he could let her back in. Mrs Molihan insisted and, once the doors were open, she went to the two injured individuals and provided first aid and support.

Mrs Molihan remained with the two victims, one of whom was critically injured, and worked with police officers to provide first aid while they waited for the ambulance officers. Sadly, one of the victims did not survive.