

Group Bravery Citation

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Members of the Australian Defence Force are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for serving with UNAMET in East Timor in 1999.

Between 26 June and 3 November 1999, members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) - Service Contingents 1 and 2 (ASC1 and ASC2) - served with the United Nations Assistance Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) during the East Timorese independence referendum.

These personnel undertook critical duties that included liaising with the Indonesian Armed Forces, monitoring and reporting on the local security situation, facilitating engagement with resistance groups, supporting peace and stability initiatives, assisting civilian police, and providing advice to the United Nations Secretary General on military matters.

This contingent was unarmed, lacked ballistic protective equipment, secure communications and adequate mapping resources in the area of operations.

Throughout their deployment, these personnel were exposed to at least 12 incidents that threatened their lives and physical safety.

Group Bravery Citation

Mrs Daniela Mariana Badea Campbelltown SA 5074

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Mr Maxwell Ian Charles McLean Holden Hill SA 5088

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions after a shooting in Campbelltown, South Australia on 15 July 2023.

At approximately 1:20 pm, a husband and wife, and another man who was unknown to the couple, drove in separate vehicles near a house in Campbelltown where they observed two seriously injured women with significant blood loss lying in the driveway.

Both parties stopped their vehicles, entered the scene and rendered first aid to the victims, one of whom was conscious. The other victim was unresponsive.

A neighbour and the conscious victim advised that both women had been shot by their husband/father and that he was still at the property.

All three remained in the driveway performing first aid until emergency services arrived. The offender surrendered to police and was arrested.

One victim died at the scene, the other was taken to hospital for treatment.

Group Bravery Citation

Mrs Louise Dewar Bellbowrie QLD 4070

The late Mr Frank Donald Putland QLD

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions in intercepting an armed offender in Indooroopilly, Queensland on 5 July 1999.

At approximately 9:05 am, a family was at a shopping centre when they became aware of an armed robbery taking place nearby.

The man observed the offender, who was wearing a balaclava and threatening staff through the front doors of the office. He noted a number of women and children were also inside. The offender was wearing a balaclava, armed with a pistol and had plastic bags filled with money.

When the offender left the scene, the man grabbed him from behind, forced him to the ground and removed the balaclava. A struggle ensued; the offender was on his back, the man was on top of him. The offender struck the man in the face with the pistol and placed the firearm against his head. He pulled the trigger several times, however, the firearm did not discharge.

The female ran over to assist and struck the offender's hand in an effort to dislodge the firearm. A second man who witnessed the struggle restrained the offender's legs.

The female pinned the offender's armed hand to the ground by standing on it. The second man gripped the barrel of the firearm and forced it to the floor. Both actions caused the offender to drop the firearm. Two bystanders also helped to restrain the offender.

The first man and female, with the assistance of a security guard, held the offender in place until police arrived.

Group Bravery Citation

Mr John Gerard Bamford

The recipient is added to the Group Bravery Citation gazetted on 19 March 2025, for their actions in intervening and apprehending a man armed with a knife in Sydney, NSW on 13 August 2019.

At approximately 2pm, a man was in Sydney CBD when he saw another man wearing a balaclava armed with a large knife attempting to stab passers-by. He grabbed a chair from a café and chased the offender down the street and confronted him with the chair. The offender jumped onto the bonnet of a car in the middle of an intersection.

The offender then came into view of firefighters who were near the scene. A firefighter stopped the fire truck, got out, and yelled at the offender multiple times to put the knife down. Other firefighters also got out of the truck, and one of them asked bystanders if anyone was hurt and another armed himself with a halligan tool. A bystander took a crowbar from the truck and pursued the offender.

Two other firefighters joined the pursuit of the offender. The offender yelled at them to kill him. The offender then ran up a street and the firefighters and civilians gave chase.

A member of the public confronted the offender with a chair and gave chase. Another firefighter armed himself with an axe and sledgehammer and went up the street to find his colleagues.

Another member of the public also armed himself with a chair and chased the offender. Firefighters and members of the public continued to chase the offender as he ran through the city. The offender continued to yell at them to kill him and stated that he had a bomb.

Three bystanders also gave chase. A member of the public shoved the offender from behind, knocking him to the ground, and the knife out of his hand. Several people attempted to stop the offender, using objects including a chair and milk crate to pin down his head and shoulders. More bystanders approached the scene and assisted until police arrived.

Group Bravery Citation

Dr Barry James Gobbe OAM Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

The late Superintendent Richard Anthony Lamb BM (Retd)

New South Wales Police Force

Mr Gary Ernest Raymond APM OAM

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions in rescuing people from a derailed commuter train near Granville, New South Wales on 18 January 1977.

At 8:10 am a commuter train derailed as it approached Granville station. The first carriage collided with a power pole and road bridge supports, causing the bridge to collapse onto carriages three and four of the train below. The roofs of the carriages were crushed, the sides burst and the height of the carriage was reduced, in some cases, to approximately 14 inches. The collapsed bridge created two small tunnels on either side of the damaged carriages. The group worked both under the bridge and in the wrecked carriages to free people who were trapped.

Over the course of the incident, the bridge remained unsupported and continued to fall. On at least two occasions, the concrete slab fell between two and six inches, temporarily trapping at least one rescuer. The collapse of the bridge also ruptured several gas bottles, increasing the likelihood of a gas explosion. Leaking gas prevented the use of oxy-acetylene torches and necessitated the use of hand tools. At least one rescuer was overcome by gas fumes during the course of the day.

The last survivor was rescued from under the bridge at 6 pm on the same day. Afterwards work began to cut and lift the slab to recover the remains of the deceased below.

83 people died at the scene or from injuries they sustained. A further 213 people were injured.

Group Bravery Citation

Dr Rodney Wayne Appleby Labrador QLD 4215

Mr Mark Duane Green Sorrento VIC 3943

Mr Lawson Andrew Heath Mermaid Beach QLD 4218

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions rescuing people from a submerged vehicle in Wyaralong Dam, Wyaralong, Queensland on 22 November 2020.

At approximately 1:50 pm, a man was driving when he observed a man on the side of the road. The man was covered in blood and waving his arms.

The man pulled over, exited his vehicle and followed the man down a bank to a dam, where a vehicle was upside down and partially submerged. The man entered the water and assisted the injured man remove a female passenger. The man tried to open the other car doors and determine how many children were inside the vehicle.

A second man attended the accident and ran down the embankment and into the water. After being informed that there were children inside the vehicle, he dived under the water and opened the rear passenger door. He felt inside the vehicle but could not locate anyone. He manoeuvred to the other side of the vehicle where he dived into the vehicle and felt a toddler's legs. He surfaced and yelled for a knife.

A third man arrived on scene and entered the water, followed by a fourth and fifth man. The third man to arrive on the scene reached inside the vehicle but could not feel anything so instead dived under the water and felt around the back seat. He did this several times but could not locate any children.

A sixth man arrived on scene and saw the others in the water. After retrieving a knife and handing it to another man, he entered the water to help search for children inside the vehicle.

The man with the knife dived into the vehicle again and cut the toddler free from the vehicle. He passed the child to the third man, who commenced CPR, resuscitating the child while walking to the shore. The third man passed the child to a bystander located who had stopped his vehicle to assist. The second man remained in the water, and assisted by the fifth man, retrieved a four-year-old from the vehicle and brought them to shore.

The sixth man dived under the water several times to enter the rear of the vehicle but could not locate any children. The water was murky and he relied on touch to navigate.

The fifth man also made attempts to locate and retrieve children from inside the vehicle. Several of the men attempted to pry open one of the doors without success.

They continued to dive under the water and search for missing children but determined the remaining child was not in the vehicle. They also searched the surrounding water. The sixth man located a teenage boy near the vehicle and assisted by the others, brought the boy to the shore.

Two children could not be revived and died at the scene.

Group Bravery Citation

Mr Clint Adam Beard

Mr Jonathon Robert Beard SA

Mr Kym Michael Custance Elliston SA 5670

Mr Lachlan Custance Elliston SA 5670

Ms Clare Sophie Eldridge Portland VIC 3305

The recipients are recognised with the award of the Group Bravery Citation for their actions taken during a rescue from a shark attack, Walkers Rock Beach, Elliston, South Australia on 13 May 2023.

At approximately 10:10 am, a man was surfing with more than twelve other people in two separate groups on a left and right break off Walkers Rock Beach.

The group of five on the left break, all caught a wave except for the man. As the group was getting back on their boards or off the wave, they heard splashing and yelling. The man had been attacked by a great white shark, dragged off his surfboard and was bleeding heavily.

Several people saw the shark surface along with blood in the water. They paddled their boards towards the victim, some yelling for others to get out of the water. The victim got back onto his board and gestured for people to get out of the water as he started to paddle away from the area.

The shark was seen near the victim a second time. With his leg rope attached, he was dragged under the water. The victim was not seen again.

The recipients either paddled towards or remained in the water to locate the victim. After approximately fifteen minutes two people left the water, drove home and returned with a jet ski. They re-entered the water to search for the victim. Other bystanders and members of the community assisted with search efforts before emergency services arrived.

Subsequently, a four and half day coordinated search effort ensued involving local boats and emergency services. The search located only parts of the victim's wet suit and surfboard.