Cross of Valour (CV)
Mr Ahmed Al-Ahmed

Mr Ahmed Al-Ahmed displayed acts of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril to disarm an armed individual at Bondi Beach, New South Wales on 14 December 2025.

At approximately 6:40 pm, Mr Ahmed Al-Ahmed was walking between Campbell Parade and Archer Park when he heard gunshots and observed members of the public fleeing and taking cover. He then witnessed two armed individuals shooting at people from a pedestrian bridge approximately 40 to 50 metres away.

Mr Al-Ahmed took cover behind and between parked vehicles and watched as one of the armed individuals walked along the footpath from the bridge, towards the people fleeing Archer Park, continuing to fire at them.

The armed individual stopped momentarily near Mr Al-Ahmed to take aim and shoot. As soon as the armed individual discharged his weapon, Mr Al-Ahmed ran from behind a parked car and tackled him. He grabbed the armed individual from behind, placing one arm around his neck while using the other to seize the gun. The struggle caused the armed individual to fall to the ground, landing on his back.

Mr Al-Ahmed then pointed the seized gun at the individual. The disarmed individual stood up and began to retreat slowly towards the pedestrian bridge, where the second armed individual was still shooting at people. Mr Al-Ahmed placed the gun against a tree and took cover behind the same tree.

As Mr Al-Ahmed tackled the armed individual, a bystander ran from behind nearby parked cars to assist but arrived after Mr Al-Ahmed had seized the individual's gun and the two had disengaged. After the first individual was disarmed, the second armed individual briefly left the footbridge and fired towards Mr Al-Ahmed and the bystander, injuring the bystander.

Mr Al-Ahmed sustained multiple gunshot wounds during the event. He was treated at the scene before being transported to hospital for emergency surgery and further treatment.

Star of Courage (SC)

The late Mr Boris Gurman

The late Mr Boris Gurman displayed acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril by his actions to disarm an armed individual at Bondi Beach, New South Wales on 14 December 2025.

At approximately 6:40 pm, Mr Boris Gurman and his wife Mrs Sofia Gurman were walking along Campbell Parade when they observed a vehicle parked on the side of the road and an individual removing a long gun from the left rear passenger side.

Mr Gurman charged the armed individual and, as they both fell to the ground, gained possession of the gun. His wife ran to the struggle to assist him.

Mr Gurman and the individual then stood up. The individual retreated to the footpath. Mr Gurman, still holding the long gun, pursued the individual and attempted to strike him with the rifle butt. The armed individual evaded the strike and retreated towards the footbridge, where a second armed individual was located.

Mr Gurman was then shot. His wife turned back to assist him and was also shot. Both Mr and Mrs Gurman were fatally injured.

Star of Courage (SC)

The late Mrs Sofia Gurman

The late Mrs Sofia Gurman displayed acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril by her actions to assist in disarming an armed individual at Bondi Beach, New South Wales on 14 December 2025.

At approximately 6:40 pm, Mrs Sofia Gurman and her husband Mr Boris Gurman were walking along Campbell Parade when they observed a vehicle parked on the side of the road and an individual removing a long gun from the left rear passenger side.

Her husband charged the armed individual and, as they both fell to the ground, gained possession of the gun. Mrs Gurman ran towards the struggle to assist him.

Her husband and the individual then stood up. The individual retreated to the footpath and towards the footbridge, where a second armed individual was located.

Mr Gurman was then shot. Mrs Gurman turned back to assist him and was also shot. Both Mr and Mrs Gurman were fatally injured.

Bravery Medal (BM)

The late Mr Ruvien Morrison

The late Mr Ruvien Morrison displayed considerable bravery by his actions in attempting to incapacitate an armed individual at Bondi Beach, New South Wales, on 14 December 2025.

In the early evening, Mr Ruvien Morrison was attending the Chanukah by the Sea event in Archer Park when he heard gunshots and witnessed members of the public fleeing for safety. He then witnessed two armed individuals shooting at people from a pedestrian bridge approximately 50 to 60 metres away.

Mr Morrison took cover as he observed one of the armed individuals walk from the footbridge and along the footpath towards people fleeing Archer Park, while continuing to fire at them. Mr Morrison left cover as the armed individual paused his advance 20-40 metres away to fire at people. He remotely confronted the armed individual, attempting to deter his progress and prevent further loss of life.

Mr Morrison witnessed a bystander confront and disarm the armed individual approaching Archer Park. The disarmed individual retreated and walked slowly back towards the second armed individual still at the footbridge. Mr Morrison ran towards the retreating unarmed individual and threw an object at him. This caused the individual to move quickly towards the second individual.

Mr Morrison is reported to have picked up a discarded firearm, placing it behind a tree. He and the bystander sheltered behind a nearby tree. Approximately one minute later, the individual returned to the bridge and began shooting at them with another weapon.

Following a gunshot wound to his arm, Mr Morrison stood up and was then fatally shot.