

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Lachlan Michael ALBRECHT, 18 Pelican Street, Peregrin Beach Qld 4573

On the afternoon of 29 March 2010, Mr Albrecht helped rescue a man from a rip at Peregrin Beach, Queensland.

Mr Albrecht and a friend were surfing in rough conditions at Peregrin Beach when they heard a man yelling for help. A strong rip had developed, extending some 150 metres from the shore. Unable to spot the man because of the choppy conditions, Mr Albrecht and his friend monitored his voice and used it as their guide. In his distress the victim had inhaled a considerable amount of water and was struggling to remain above the surface. Mr Albrecht positioned his surfboard near the man and instructed him how to get aboard and stay afloat. Despite the dangerous conditions which had arisen, Mr Albrecht and his friend maintained their calm and, together, paddled out of the rip and brought the man back to the safety of the beach.

For his actions, Mr Albrecht is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Micheal Raymond APPLEBEE

In the very early hours of the morning of 23 March 2010, Mr Applebee helped rescue a man from drowning at Broadwater Causeway, Main Beach, Queensland.

Mr Applebee, a supervisor at a coastal resort, received word that a guest was in the Broadwater and in difficulty. Joined by a colleague from security, Mr Applebee spotted a man about 40 metres from shore who was struggling to remain above the surface. While Mr Applebee called for ambulance assistance, the security officer paddled out on a canoe to assist the victim. On arrival, he was unable to get the aggressive, intoxicated man onto his canoe. Mr Applebee paddled out and joined his colleague in the rescue. Despite the victim's continued resistance, Mr Applebee and his colleague persisted, and cradling the man between the two canoes, paddled him back to shore to medical assistance.

For his actions, Mr Applebee is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Deepak Shantaram ARONDEKAR, Goa India

On the afternoon of 8 August 2004, Mr Arondekar went to the aid of injured and dying people following a terrorist attack at Al Kasik Army Base, Northern Iraq.

Mr Arondekar was employed as a member of a civilian support team stationed at the Al Kasik Army Base Iraq where terrorists deployed two trucks that exploded in quick succession in the front of the dining facility. This was followed by seven rocket attacks. The bombs destroyed the building and the nearby headquarters complex. In the confusion, and despite the potential for further terrorist attack, Mr Arondekar, an untrained civilian, placed his own safety at risk by combing through the wreckage for his critically injured and dying friends and colleagues. Individually, and with the support of other civilians, Mr Arondekar helped move seriously wounded people onto functioning vehicles, and transported them to hospital.

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Senior Constable Martin Alec BOUND, Northern Territory Police

On the night of 29 April 2008, Senior Constable Bound (then Brevet Sergeant) helped rescue a woman from being stabbed by a man at Minyerri, Northern Territory.

Brevet Sergeant Bound, who was off-duty and unarmed, and a colleague were outside the Minyerri police compound protecting a woman whose son threatened to kill her. The man lunged at police with a 30 centimetre knife, screaming he would also kill himself. Shielding the woman, the officers tried to pacify her son. However, he raced forward, determined to stab them all. Capsicum spray was administered as the offender threw the knife at the officers. The man charged again, swinging wildly to get to his mother. Brevet Sergeant Bound moved her behind the compound gates as the man attempted to break through. Enraged, he then headed towards bystanders, screaming he would kill someone. Brevet Sergeant Bound and his colleague were able to subdue the man, preventing a tragedy.

For his actions, Sergeant Bound is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Craig Graeme BOWEN, 58 Curve Avenue, Wynnum Qld 4178

On the night of 27 December 2008, Mr Bowen helped rescue 18 people after the vessel, *Nautilus*, was washed onto rocks in the Flinders Reef off the north end of Moreton Island, Queensland.

Mr Bowen and another Coast Guard volunteer launched a three-metre rubber inflatable to assist passengers stranded onboard a dive boat. The craft had floundered after its propeller was fouled by a rope. In difficult night-time sea conditions, Mr Bowen and his colleague, were able to manoeuvre the dinghy through a small gap in rocks, coming alongside the vessel. Although continually being tossed about in a 2.5 metre swell, they took onboard three passengers, transferring them to nearby larger rescue vessels. In all, Mr Bowen and his companion made six return trips until all eighteen passengers were rescued.

For his actions, Mr Bowen is commended for brave conduct.

Mrs Judith BROWN, New South Wales

Details not released at the request of Mrs Brown.

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Miss Shannon Louise BUTCHER, Dubbo NSW 2830

On the early evening of 14 January 2009, Miss Butcher attempted to assist a woman who had gone to her rescue in water at Butlers Falls, Dubbo, New South Wales.

Miss Butcher, her friend, Mrs Sherle-Lee Baker and Mrs Baker's son visited a local waterhole for an early summer's evening paddle. The three had kickboards, and as they entered deeper water, Miss Butcher lost her footing. She was swept downstream but was able to grab hold of a branch. Mrs Baker made her way out to rescue her friend while her son, a non-swimmer, desperately clung to her. However, she also got into trouble, but still attempted to keep her son above the water. Miss Butcher let go of the branch and swam out to Mrs Baker but was unable to lift her friend and the boy from the water. Reassuring the young man, she quickly swam to shore and ran for help. Sadly, Ms Butcher's friend, Mrs Baker, was unable to be revived.

For her actions, Miss Butcher is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Ben Jason CALDWELL, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

In the early hours of the morning of 14 November 2007, Mr Caldwell helped rescue a woman from a burning house at Baulkham Hills, New South Wales.

On his way home from work, Mr Caldwell spotted a house on fire, the front of the building well alight. He phoned for help then ran into the front yard, calling out to raise the alarm. With the help of a next door neighbour, Mr Caldwell banged on the front door until he could hear some slight coughing from an elderly resident. He kicked in the front door as thick smoke poured from the opening. With the help of the victim's neighbour, Mr Caldwell grabbed the disabled woman who was collapsed behind the door. They carried her to the front verandah, but were forced to move her further from the house as flames intensified and windows exploded, scattering glass around the front of the building. Mr Caldwell remained with the victim, comforting and reassuring her until emergency services arrived.

For his actions, Mr Caldwell is commended for brave conduct.

Sergeant Dale D J C COOPER RFD, Australian Federal Police.

On the afternoon of 27 January 2010, Sergeant Cooper rescued a man being attacked by an offender armed with a machete at Woden, Australian Capital Territory.

Sergeant Cooper was off-duty at the Woden Shopping Centre where he saw an offender armed with a 70 centimetre machete menacing another person in a coffee shop. The victim was cowering on the floor as the man repeatedly hit him with the weapon. Unarmed and placing his own safety at risk, Sergeant Cooper confronted the attacker, grabbing the man's hands to immobilise him. He then threw him off balance, pushing him against a counter while demanding that he release the weapon. The man would not comply, however Sergeant Cooper was able to wrestle the machete away and disarm the offender at which point the attacker fled the scene. Provided with accurate descriptions, police later found the suspect and arrested him.

For his actions, Sergeant Cooper is commended for brave conduct.

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Miss Madison Anne CRAWFORD, Finley NSW 2713

On the afternoon of 7 February 2003 Miss Crawford helped rescue her friend's father from drowning in a water channel at Wakool, New South Wales.

Miss Crawford, then aged 13, and her friend, Leanne chose to go to a local water channel near Wakool to swim. Leanne's father accompanied the girls and during the afternoon he also decided to go for a swim. Within moments, the man disappeared under the water and failed to re-surface. Although frightened by what was happening, the young girls began a systematic search in the murky waters, using their feet to feel for Leanne's father. They located him and immediately dived down to pull him up to the surface. Struggling against the fast flowing water, the girls dragged him over rocks to the steep edge of the channel to keep his head clear of the water. Miss Crawford remained with the unconscious man, supporting his adult weight while her friend ran to raise the alarm. Despite the exhaustion of keeping the victim afloat, Miss Crawford maintained her command of the awkward and distressing situation for at least half an hour until help arrived. As a result of her efforts monitoring the victim and preventing him from slipping back into the water, the man was able to be revived by rescuers and conveyed to hospital for medical treatment.

For her actions, Miss Crawford is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Stephen James CREEVEY, 35 Duncan Street, Wynnum West Qld 4178

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Ms Elsie-May DOWLING, Warkworth New Zealand

On the morning of 20 May 2009, Ms Dowling helped rescue a friend trapped in floodwaters at Kobble Creek, Queensland.

Ms Dowling was staying with a family friend, and together they took the precaution to stock up on food supplies during very wet weather. As their vehicle crossed a bridge covered by water the engine stalled. Moments later a large body of water pushed the vehicle into the fast flowing creek, forcing it up against a tree. As the cabin filled with water, Ms Dowling scrambled out and onto a tree. The driver remained trapped with the water level up to his neck. Ms Dowling climbed back in the vehicle and from the rear seat pulled her friend through the seating gap, enabling him to escape to the relative safety of the tree. Later, Ms Dowling and her friend were rescued from the creek with the improvised use of an excavator.

For her actions, Ms Dowling is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Zachary Howard ELVY

On the evening of 2 February 2010, Mr Elvy rescued a woman from a dog attack at Aitkenvale, Queensland.

An elderly woman was taking her small dog for an evening walk when she was confronted by a large cross-breed dog that had escaped from a nearby yard. Unprovoked, the animal attacked the small dog as the woman dropped to the footpath to shield her pet. Throwing her arms around it she desperately tried to fend off the attack and was repeatedly bitten around the arm. Mr Elvy ran across the road and, without thought for his own safety, grabbed the savage dog by the collar and restrained it until help arrived. As a result of Mr Elvy's actions, the victim was spared further injury.

For his actions, Mr Elvy is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Mark John HADLEY, 122/66 Heathwood Drive, Upper Commera Qld 4209

In the very early hours of the morning of 23 March 2010, Mr Hadley helped rescue a man from drowning at Broadwater Causeway, Main Beach, Queensland.

Mr Hadley, working as a security office at a coastal resort, was alerted by a colleague that a guest was in difficulty in the Broadwater, calling for help. Assessing the situation from shore, Mr Hadley grabbed a canoe and paddled out in the darkness to the victim who was struggling to keep his head above water. The man appeared to be intoxicated and was aggressive; resisting Mr Hadley's continued rescue attempts by pulling him into the water. Mr Hadley responded by dragging the victim onto the hull of his upturned canoe. Minutes later, Mr Hadley's colleague paddled out to assist. Despite the victim's continued resistance, Mr Hadley and his friend cradled the man between their canoes, and paddled him back to shore to medical assistance.

For his actions, Mr Hadley is commended for brave conduct.

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Mr Michael Andrew HALL, 52 Hartwig Road, Wodonga Vic 3690

In the early hours of the morning of 7 January 2010, Mr Hall helped rescue a man from a burning truck at Albury, New South Wales.

Mr Hall and a friend were in a taxi waiting at traffic lights when they saw a large cloud of dust and a fireball erupt nearby. A heavily-laden 'B double' truck had careered off the Hume Freeway and ploughed into an embankment between overpasses. As the taxi driver began to drive away, the men instructed him to stop. Mr Hall phoned emergency services while his friend scrambled around the embankment to reach the driver. Mr Hall helped carry the injured man away from the burning wreckage as the truck exploded and was incinerated. Mr Hall and his friend remained with the victim to comfort and reassure him until emergency and medical services arrived to manage the accident scene.

For his actions, Mr Hall is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Christopher John HARDING,
14 Southwood Road, Farnborough Hants GU14 OJQ, United Kingdom

On the afternoon of 8 August 2004, Mr Harding went to the aid of injured and dying people following a terrorist attack at Al Kasik Army Base, Northern Iraq.

Mr Harding was employed as a member of a civilian support team stationed at the Al Kasik Army Base Iraq where terrorists deployed two trucks that exploded in quick succession in the front of the dining facility. This was followed by seven rocket attacks. The bombs destroyed the building and the nearby headquarters complex. In the confusion, and despite the potential for further terrorist attack, Mr Harding, an untrained civilian, placed his own safety at risk by taking the lead in combing through the wreckage for his critically injured and dying friends and colleagues. He directed other civilian colleagues at the scene, and with their support, helped move seriously wounded people onto functioning vehicles, and transported them to hospital.

For his actions, Mr Harding is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Mathew David HAYMAN

On the afternoon of 11 December 2008, Mr Hayman assisted in the attempted rescue of a man from the sea at Mollymook Beach, New South Wales.

Mr Hayman was on the beach at Mollymook when he witnessed two fatigued teenage boys emerge from the water. He could also see someone else still in the ocean but wasn't able to establish the person's condition. Mr Hayman grabbed his surfboard and followed a young woman who was making her way out to help the victim, as. Although an inexperienced surfer, he paddled to the woman as she tried to drag an unconscious man onto her board. Mr Hayman helped pull the man onto his own larger board and held him there as he paddled towards the shore with the woman pushing forward beside him. Within minutes they returned to the beach where despite many efforts the victim was unable to be revived.

For his actions, Mr Hayman is commended for brave conduct.

Senior Constable Christopher David HEBBLETHWAITE, Queensland Police

Details not released at the request of Senior Constable Hebblethwaite.

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Mr Nathan Blair HOGG

On the afternoon of 26 January 2009, Mr Hogg removed a man to safety from an unstable vehicle and treated him following an accident at Lower Beechmont, Queensland.

Mr Hogg, a paramedic, and a colleague attended the scene of an incident where the driver of a vehicle had suffered an epileptic seizure while at the wheel. The car had left the road and slid down an embankment. While his colleague treated patients on the road, Mr Hogg scrambled down the bank to assess the condition of the driver. As he moved towards the car in the slippery and unstable conditions, the vehicle continued to slide down the embankment. The driver was experiencing further seizures. Despite the considerable risk to his own safety in the unpredictable environment, Mr Hogg quickly removed the man and carried him to safety. He treated his patient at the scene before he was transported to hospital.

For his actions, Mr Hogg is commended for brave conduct.

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Mr Martin John JACOBSEN, 6/5 Pile Court, Portland Vic 3305

Late in the morning of 23 March 2010, Mr Jacobsen helped rescue a woman from a dog attack at Portland, Victoria.

Mr Jacobsen and his brother were alerted that one of their neighbours, an elderly woman, was being savaged by a dog in her unit. While his brother broke into the apartment, Mr Jacobsen grabbed a 'wheelie' bin and threw it at the animal. The dog continued to viciously attack its victim, almost severing her arm, but Mr Jacobsen's actions forced it to retreat down a passageway. While the animal was distracted, Mr Jacobsen threw the bin again, herding the dog into a room at the end of the hallway. He quickly shut the door to the room and contained the animal, ensuring the scene was then safe to treat the woman until ambulance arrived at the scene.

For his actions, Mr Jacobsen is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Michael James JACOBSEN, 6/5 Pile Court, Portland Vic 3305

Late in the morning of 23 March 2010, Mr Jacobsen helped rescue a woman from a dog attack at Portland, Victoria.

Mr Jacobsen and his brother were alerted that one of their neighbours, an elderly woman, was being savaged by a dog in her unit. The door to the apartment was locked as Mr Jacobsen quickly smashed in a glass panel to gain access, putting his arm inside the room to release the door. The men saw that the woman had sustained horrific injuries. The dog continued its attack as Mr Jacobsen tried to move closer to protect the victim. Mr Jacobsen's brother threw a large bin at the animal until it retreated from the scene. With the dog able to be secured in another part of the house, Mr Jacobsen administered first aid to treat the badly mauled woman, waiting with her and reassuring her until ambulance and police arrived at the scene.

For his actions, Mr Jacobsen is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Malcolm Alick JAMES, 9a Gordon Terrace, Morphettville SA 5043

On or about 20 October 1983, Mr James rescued a boy from drowning in a pond at Adelaide Botanical Gardens, South Australia.

During an outing with his family at the Adelaide Botanical Gardens, Mr James witnessed a young boy fall into a pond and saw him disappear under the surface. The child's grandmother who was also caring for two other young grandchildren at the time, cried out for help. Mr James, a non-swimmer, removed his glasses and shoes, and plunged into the murky water to try to locate the child. He also sank below the surface, and in the darkness, used his outstretched arms to search for the child. Feeling the child's hair he was able to grab hold of the young boy and pull him to the surface. Mr James was then able to pass the rescued young boy back safe to the care of his grandmother.

For his actions, Mr James is commended for brave conduct.

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Leading Senior Constable Justin JOSEPH, Victoria Police

On the night of 7 November 2009, Leading Senior Constable Joseph helped rescue a man caught in a rip at Point Impossible Surf Beach, Victoria.

Leading Senior Constable Joseph and a colleague attended a beach where a man had been rescued from a rip some fifty metres from shore. One of the rescuers, a teenager, had returned into the sea to help a woman who herself had earlier attempted to rescue the victim. The woman was now drifting in difficult, choppy conditions. Removing most of his clothing, Leading Senior Constable Joseph swam out through the rough waters to her. Both the woman and the teenager were badly fatigued. Leading Senior Constable Joseph reassured them both as he placed the woman on her back. With the assistance of the teenager who had rallied, Leading Senior Constable Joseph pulled the woman out of the rip and swam her to the safety of the beach.

Ms Jacqueline KENNEDY

Details not released at the request of Ms Kennedy.

Mr Saroj KHATIWADA, 11/2b Ashton Street, Rockdale NSW 2216

On the night of 15 June 2008, Mr Khatiwada took actions to help detain an armed robber at a supermarket at Annandale, New South Wales.

Mr Khatiwada, a staff member at a supermarket was assisting the owner and his family to prepare the store as it was cleaned and restocked. As they repacked shelves and attended to ordering, a man entered the store, his face masked by sunglasses and a scarf. He approached the cash registers and drew out a gun, demanding cash from the shop assistant. The store owner's son immediately placed himself between the gunman and the registers. A standoff ensued as the offender threatened to shoot. The gunman began to move towards the store exit and as he stepped onto the footpath, tripped against a bucket of flowers. He turned to run but in the confusion collided with a bus seat and fell to the ground. Mr Khatiwada ran to assist the store owner and his son wrestle the offender to the ground. Placing his safety at great risk, Mr Khatiwada helped subdue the armed robber while the man repeatedly attempted to fire his weapon. The offender was later arrested by police. Unknown to Mr Khatiwada at the time of his actions, the gun proved to be a replica.

For his actions, Mr Khatiwada is commended for brave conduct.

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Miss Naomi Rose LANG, Lambells Lagoon NT 0835

On the afternoon of 15 March 2009, Miss Lang attempted to rescue her friend during a crocodile attack at Lambells Lagoon, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Miss Lang, her brother and two friends rode their bikes to a local waterhole. During an afternoon swim, Miss Lang heard a friend calling out for help and turned to see her disappearing below the surface. Thinking that her friend was entangled in a thick vine, she grabbed hold of her to pull her free in the strong current. It was then that she saw a crocodile had taken her as it then flailed about in the water. Miss Lang attempted to hold on to her friend but lost her grip. Despite the danger she remained where she was, yelling a warning to protect the other children in the waterhole. She then turned to grab her friend however the young girl had disappeared from sight. Reluctantly, Miss Lang was forced to retreat from the waterhole.

For her actions, Miss Lang is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Paul Talford LEWIS, 20 Ervins Road, Mt Moriac Vic 3240

On the afternoon of 7 January 2008, Mr Lewis helped rescue his injured friend at sea after a boat was capsized.

Four people were thrown from a cabin cruiser when two massive waves broke over the rear of the craft, capsizing it. One of the men sustained a dislocated shoulder, and was in severe pain, unable to swim. Continually swamped by rough seas, and struggling to remain above the surface, he yelled for help. Mr Lewis who had sustained a major laceration to his leg in the accident swam to his immobile friend and helped keep him buoyant as he dragged him to the upturned boat. Although hampered by crashing waves, Mr Lewis pushed his friend up out of the water and helped pull him across the hull into a safe position. All four men were later rescued by members of the Warrnambool Yacht Club.

For his actions, Mr Lewis is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Charles Henry LINDOP, Avalon NSW 2107

On the morning of 1 March 2009, Mr Lindop saved his son following a shark attack at North Avalon Beach, New South Wales.

Mr Lindop and his 15 year old son were out for an early morning surf at North Avalon Beach. Without warning the teenager screamed out, flailing about in the surf. Mr Lindop quickly paddled to his son to see that he had sustained critical injuries from a shark attack. As blood from his son's wounds stained the surrounding water, Mr Lindop was aware that the shark could still be nearby. Acting as a shield, he reassured his son and paddled him forward on his board towards the beach, yelling for help and alerting beachgoers to the presence of a shark. Safely on dry land, Mr Lindop maintained his calm as he called an ambulance and applied a surfboard strap as a tourniquet to save his son's leg.

For his actions, Mr Lindop is commended for brave conduct.

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Mr Gregory Francis LOVE, 2 Moth Close, Edmonton Qld 4869

On the morning of 30 July 2009, Mr Love assisted at the scene of a serious single vehicle accident at Edmonton, Queensland.

Mr Love was travelling on the Bruce Highway and noticed through his rear vision mirror a stir up of dust and a ball of fire rise into the air. He quickly turned around and headed in the direction of the accident, stopping to assist at the site of the wreckage where an overturned vehicle was on fire. As the passenger side door was missing, Mr Love climbed into the vehicle to check the driver's condition. The young man was barely conscious, and his pulse was weak. Fire extinguishers were used to contain flames at the rear of the vehicle as Mr Love raced to the driver's side door and, with the help of another person, attempted to break it open with a mattock to better assist the driver. Emergency services arrived to manage the accident scene, but sadly, the driver succumbed to his serious injuries and later died in hospital.

For his actions, Mr Love is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Andrew Douglas McKILLOP, Meadowbrook Qld 4131

On the night of 16 February 2008 Mr McKillop helped rescue a woman from a burning vehicle at Logan, Queensland.

Mr McKillop, a paramedic, and colleagues attended the scene of a single vehicle accident. A car had struck a power pole and was on fire, the cabin engulfed by thick, black smoke. The driver was lying unconscious in the front seat as Mr McKillop attempted to open the vehicle. However, the doors were jammed from the impact. As the fire began to spread, Mr McKillop tried pulling the woman through a window but she was trapped. Shielding her with a fire blanket, he kept watch while a colleague crawled into the confined space and freed the woman. With assistance, Mr McKillop quickly carried the victim to safety just as the wreckage became entirely engulfed in flames and was destroyed.

For his actions, Mr McKillop is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Wade Michael MALLET, Coolum Beach Qld 4573

On the evening of 30 April 2010, Mr Mallet rescued a man from a rip at Coolum Beach, Queensland.

A man entered the water at Coolum Beach intent on a brief waist-deep paddle, when suddenly he was caught in a rip and dragged out to sea. Thrashed by waves, the man could only tread water for a short while before being overcome by fatigue. Mr Mallet was standing on a sandbar and saw the victim wave for help. He plunged into the water and swam some twenty metres through the rip to rescue the victim. As large waves continued to swamp them both, Mr Mallet rolled the man over onto his back, grabbed him by the waist and paddled him to a sandbar. Exhausted, he signalled a nearby group of surfers who placed the victim on a board and helped him float the man back to the safety of the beach.

For his actions, Mr Mallet is commended for brave conduct.

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Mr Steven Lourence MIRANDA, Goa India

On the afternoon of 8 August 2004, Mr Miranda went to the aid of injured and dying people following a terrorist attack at Al Kasik Army Base, Northern Iraq.

Mr Miranda was employed as a member of a civilian support team stationed at the Al Kasik Army Base Iraq where terrorists deployed two trucks that exploded in quick succession in the front of the dining facility. This was followed by seven rocket attacks. The bombs destroyed the building and the nearby headquarters complex. In the confusion, and despite the potential for further terrorist attack, Mr Miranda, an untrained civilian, placed his own safety at risk by combing through the wreckage for his critically injured and dying friends and colleagues. Individually, and with the support of other civilians, Mr Miranda helped move seriously wounded people onto functioning vehicles, and transported them to hospital.

For his actions, Mr Miranda is commended for brave conduct.

Ms Susan Joyce MOORE, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

In the early hours of the morning of 14 November 2007, Ms Moore helped rescue a woman from a burning house at Baulkham Hills, New South Wales.

Ms Moore was alerted that her next door neighbour's house was on fire. With the help of a young man she tried to raise her neighbour. Flames were shooting from the house and the victim could be heard coughing. The man kicked the front door open as flames and smoke billowed from the house. Despite the risk to her safety, Ms Moore stepped inside to find the victim lying on the floor behind the door. She grabbed the woman and dragged her into the hallway. With help she carried the semi-conscious woman outside as flames shot from the house and windows exploded, firing shards of glass across the verandah. As the fire intensified, Ms Moore helped move the woman down onto the front lawn and maintained her in the recovery position, comforting and reassuring her until emergency services arrived.

For her actions, Ms Moore is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Nagarajan MUTHU KAMATCHI, TamilNadu India

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For his actions, Mr Muthu Kamatchi is commended for brave conduct.

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Ms Alexandra Louise O'NEILL, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

On the night of 5 January 2010, Ms O'Neill assisted victims at the scene of a vehicle accident at Muswellbrook, New South Wales.

Ms O'Neill witnessed a serious two-vehicle accident on the New England Highway, seeing a medium sized sedan veer across the road and collide with an empty petrol tanker. The car spun out of control and came to a stop on a dangerous blind corner of the highway. The driver's side of the car was extensively damaged and a number of children were in the back of the wreckage. Ms O'Neill raced to the car and, helped by her sister, removed children from the back seat. She called '000' and conveyed precise information to emergency services before returning to the young victims. Ms O'Neill remained with the children comforting them until ambulances arrived.

For her actions, Ms O'Neill is commended for brave conduct.

Miss Danielle Maree O'NEILL, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

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For her actions, Ms O'Neill is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Levi Mark PANRUCKER, Peregian Beach Qld. 4573

On the afternoon of 29 March 2010, Mr Panrucker helped rescue a man from a rip at Peregian Beach, Queensland.

Mr Panrucker and a friend were surfing in rough conditions at Peregian Beach when they heard a man in the distance calling for help. He was caught in a strong rip some 150 metres from shore, unable to cope. The young men used the sound of the man's voice to guide them to his exact location. Distressed, the victim had inhaled a considerable amount of water and was struggling to remain above the surface. One of the surfboards was positioned near the man and he was instructed how to get aboard and stay afloat. Despite the dangerous conditions, Mr Panrucker and his friend remained calm. Staying together they paddled out of the rip and swam the man back to the safety of the beach.

For his actions, Mr Panrucker is commended for brave conduct.

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Mr James William PATTERSON, Alstonville NSW 2477

On the night of 29 December 2009, Mr Patterson rescued a man from electrocution at Lismore, New South Wales.

Mr Patterson, a race day manager, watched from his car as a security guard locked boundary gates after an evening's racing program at the Lismore Greyhound Track. As he waited for the guard to complete his detail, Mr Patterson saw a flash arc across the fence, followed by electrical sparks and flames. He raced from his vehicle to help the man who was now stuck to the metal fence. Without any protective gear and despite the danger to his own safety, Mr Patterson pulled the guard from the fence, feeling a buzz surge through his own body. Resting the man on the ground, he quickly began administering CPR to the victim. Mr Patterson called for ambulance and continued to treat the guard until he was revived and resumed breathing.

For his actions, Mr Patterson is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Matthew Joshua PAYNE, Dubbo NSW 2830

On the early evening of 14 January 2009, Mr Payne attempted the rescue of a woman from Butlers Falls, Dubbo, New South Wales.

Mr Payne was visiting the Butlers Falls waterhole for a swim in the light of an early summer's evening. A teenage girl ran to him screaming that her friend was in the water and had drowned. Mr Payne's girlfriend phoned for emergency assistance while Mr Payne jumped into the water and swam out to the victim. A young boy was clinging to a tree while holding onto his mother who was motionless, face down in the water. Mr Payne swam the unconscious woman to the nearest bank some 50 metres away and began administering CPR, continuing the treatment until ambulance arrived ten minutes later. The boy was rescued from the water by another person but sadly, as a result of the tragedy, his mother was unable to be revived.

For his actions, Mr Payne is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Simon John PITMAN, Geelong West Vic 3218

On the night of 7 November 2009, Mr Pitman helped rescued a man caught in a rip at Point Impossible Surf Beach, Victoria.

Mr Pitman saw a male swimmer signalling for help who appeared to have been caught in a rip some fifty metres from shore. While bystanders gathered, Mr Pitman quickly entered the water, swimming out through one metre waves in very choppy conditions. A woman had also swum out to help rescue the victim but was pushed under the surface and struggled against the rip, drifting away some distance. Mr Pitman was able to grab the man, and reassuring him, started to swim him back to shore. Another person joined the rescue attempt and helped Mr Pitman drag the victim to safety. The woman was also able to be swum back to shore and both victims were attended by a waiting ambulance before being transferred to hospital for treatment.

For his actions, Mr Pitman is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Antonio PO, Goa India

On the afternoon of 8 August 2004, Mr Po went to the aid of injured and dying people following a terrorist attack at Al Kasik Army Base, Northern Iraq.

Mr Po was employed as a member of a civilian support team stationed at the Al Kasik Army Base Iraq where terrorists deployed two trucks that exploded in quick succession in the front of the dining facility. This was followed by seven rocket attacks. The bombs destroyed the building and the nearby headquarters complex. In the confusion, and despite the potential for further terrorist attack, Mr Po, an untrained civilian, placed his own safety at risk by combing through the wreckage for his critically injured and dying friends and colleagues. Individually, and with the support of other civilians, Mr Po helped move seriously wounded people onto functioning vehicles, and transported them to hospital.

For his actions, Mr Po is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Michael Lloyd PURCELL, Northern Territory

On the evening of 28 May 2010, Mr Purcell went to the assistance of a boy being rescued from the Nerang River, Surfers Paradise, Queensland.

A young boy fell from the Chevron Island Bridge into the cold evening waters of the Nerang River. A man had quickly jumped into the water to rescue the child. He grabbed the boy but the current was strong and was sweeping the pair downstream. As the rescuer struggled against the tide, Mr Purcell heard the noise from his nearby residence. Seeing the man and child in trouble, Mr Purcell jumped into the river and swam twenty metres through the difficult conditions. Grabbing the pair, he was able to help swim them back to the shore where they received immediate assistance from nearby residents. Mr Purcell's quick action helped ensure the child was safe and survived the accident.

For his actions, Mr Purcell is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Victor Collin RONQUE, C/- Woodridge Ambulance Station, Corner Blaxland and McQuarrie Street, Woodridge Qld 4114

On the night of 16 February 2008, Mr Ronque helped rescue a woman from a burning vehicle at Logan, Queensland.

Mr Ronque, a paramedic, joined other colleagues attending the scene of a single vehicle accident. A car had struck a power pole and was on fire, its cabin engulfed by thick, black smoke and all doors jammed by the impact. The driver was unconscious in the front seat as flames advanced on the confined space. While another paramedic was shielding the victim from fire, Mr Ronque broke the passenger side window and forced his way into the vehicle. The driver was regaining consciousness as Mr Ronque began pulling her out of the burning cabin through a window. With the help of another paramedic, Mr Ronque carried the woman to safety just as the wreckage became entirely engulfed in flames and was destroyed.

For his actions, Mr Ronque is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Sandeep Vilas SHERIGAR, Maharashtra India

On the afternoon of 8 August 2004, Mr Sherigar went to the aid of injured and dying people following a terrorist attack at Al Kasik Army Base, Northern Iraq.

Mr Sherigar was employed as a member of a civilian support team stationed at the Al Kasik Army Base Iraq where terrorists deployed two trucks that exploded in quick succession in the front of the dining facility. This was followed by seven rocket attacks. The bombs destroyed the building and the nearby headquarters complex. In the confusion, and despite the potential for further terrorist attack, Mr Sherigar, an untrained civilian, placed his own safety at risk by combing through the wreckage for his critically injured and dying friends and colleagues. Individually, and with the support of other civilians, Mr Sherigar helped move seriously wounded people onto functioning vehicles, and transported them to hospital.

For his actions, Mr Sherigar is commended for brave conduct.

Master Sandon Neil SMALL, 21 Mason Street, Thirroul NSW 2515

On the afternoon of 16 January 2010, Master Sandon Small rescued a man caught in a rip at Berrara Beach near Sussex Inlet, New South Wales.

Sandon Small was paddling his surfboard beyond the breakers when he spotted a man in trouble, caught in a rip and calling for help. The victim was lying on a boogie board, unable to resist the pull of the current and, exhausted, was being dragged further out to sea. Sandon quickly grabbed the man's leg rope and pulled the victim alongside his surfboard. He checked the man's condition finding that he was breathless and quite unable to paddle himself out of danger. Sandon kept a tight grip on the victim's leg rope and managed to paddle them both some thirty metres back to the safety of the beach.

For his actions, Sandon Small is commended for brave conduct.

Sergeant Raymond John SORRELL

Details not released at the request of Sergeant Sorrell.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr David Patrick THOMSON, Lysterfield South Vic 3156

On the late morning of 1 June 2009, Mr Thomson rescued a drowning man from a submerged excavator at Mordialloc, Victoria.

An excavator toppled from a pontoon into a creek, trapping the operator in the submerged cabin where he was barely able to keep his head above water. Mr Thomson hurried to the scene and dived into the creek to help the man. He tried lifting the operator to keep his airways clear but the victim was panicking and continued to swallow mouthfuls of water. Mr Thomson called to bystanders for a length of tubing and, inserting a section of vacuum cleaner hose into the victim's mouth, blew in air to assist his breathing. Concerned that the man was showing signs of unconsciousness, Mr Thomson was able to release his feet from the excavator pedals and quickly pull him from the cabin up to the surface.

For his actions, Mr Thomson is commended for brave conduct.

Leading Senior Constable Mark Ian TREGELLAS, Victoria Police

Details not released at the request of Leading Senior Constable Tregellas.

Miss Katharine TURK, Ulladulla NSW 2539

On the afternoon of 11 December 2008, Miss Turk attempted to rescue a man from the sea at Mollymook Beach, New South Wales.

Miss Turk was alerted that two teenage boys were in distress in the water, and saw them struggling to shore. She also saw another man in difficulty trying to remain afloat. Miss Turk grabbed her board and headed out to attempt a rescue. The victim continued to drift in the pull of the rip as Miss Turk tried to get to him. She managed to drag the man up onto her board but was uncertain whether she was making any headway as she tried to paddle out of danger. As she continued her efforts, another man paddled out and helped transfer the victim to his larger surfboard. With his help, Miss Turk swam the man back to shore, but sadly, he was unable to be revived.

For her actions, Miss Turk is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Thomas Samuel George WEBB, 506 Kangaroo Gully Road, Anstead Qld 4070

On the late morning of 20 May 2009, Mr Webb helped rescue an elderly woman from a submerged vehicle at Pullen Pullen Creek, Pullenvale, Queensland.

A four-wheel drive vehicle carrying three people was crossing a waterway when it lost traction and floated into the adjacent creek. Part of the vehicle snagged a tree branch bringing it to a stop. As water rose inside the four wheel drive, the driver and his wife escaped into the tree however the vehicle floated on again for some metres carrying the driver's elderly mother-in-law. The driver was able to release his mother-in-law from the vehicle, struggling to hold her as he clung to a tree. Hearing pleas for help, Mr Webb plunged into the fast-flowing creek and swam through potentially hazardous debris for fifteen metres. He helped manoeuvre the group away from the direct force of the current and offered reassurance until emergency services arrived.

For his actions, Mr Webb is commended for brave conduct.

Ms Christine WHITTINGHAM, Victoria

On the night of 7 November 2009, Ms Whittingham attempted to rescue a man caught in a rip at Point Impossible Surf Beach, Victoria.

Ms Whittingham responded quickly to a signal for help from a male swimmer caught in a rip some fifty metres from shore. In blustery and difficult conditions, she swam out to the man. Although buffeted by choppy seas, Ms Whittingham was able to grab him as she prepared to swim him back to shore. However, she was repeatedly pushed under the surface and inhaled a considerable volume of water. Exhausted as she struggled against the pull of the rip, Ms Whittingham was unwillingly forced to drift from the scene. Two other people had also swum out and were able to bring the victim back to shore. One of them, a teenager, returned to help Ms Whittingham and, with the assistance of a police officer, swam her back to the safety of the beach.

For her actions, Ms Whittingham is commended for brave conduct.

Mr Kieran Adam WHYTE, Hayborough SA 5211

On the night of 13 November 2009, Mr Whyte rescued two teenagers caught in a rip at Goolwa Beach, Goolwa, South Australia.

Mr Whyte, his girlfriend, stepbrother and a group of friends were swimming at Goolwa Beach when they realised they were out beyond a safe distance and rough seas had developed. Caught in a strong outward current, the group tried to return. However, Mr Whyte's stepbrother was distressed, fatigued and unable to swim. Mr Whyte reassured him as he pulled him along, swimming him one handed towards shore. Mr Whyte's girlfriend, not a strong swimmer and realising she couldn't make it by herself in the difficult seas, began yelling for help. Mr Whyte swam back to her, leaving his stepbrother who was by then very close to shore. Holding his girlfriend afloat for up to ten minutes he helped swim her to the safety of the beach.

For his actions, Mr Whyte is commended for brave conduct.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Detective Senior Constable Mathew Bradley YOUNG, Victoria Police

On the night of 29 April 2008, Detective Senior Constable Young (then Senior Constable) helped rescue a woman from being stabbed by a man at Minyerri, Northern Territory.

Outside the Minyerri police compound, Senior Constable Young, unarmed, save for OC spray, confronted an armed man. The offender held a 30 centimetre knife and screamed that he intended killing his mother and then taking his own life. Shielding the woman, Senior Constable Young tried to pacify the offender as another police officer attempted to intervene. The armed man swung wildly, trying to stab the officers. Capsicum spray was administered, prompting the knife to be thrown at the officers. The man charged again, trying to get to his mother. The woman was moved inside the compound as the man threw himself at the gates. Enraged, he headed to some bystanders, screaming he would kill someone else. Senior Constable Young and his colleague were able to subdue the man, preventing a tragedy.

For his actions, Detective Senior Constable Young is commended for brave conduct.