

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of the public and Queensland Police, Fire and Ambulance Services who assisted in the rescue of a driver from a chemical laden truck which had crashed at Angellala Creek, Charleville. Queensland on 5 September 2014

**Mr Jimmy Wayne BATEMAN
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Senior Constable Mark Patrick EVERITT
Mr John Norman GILBERT
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On the evening of 5 September 2014 members of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES), Queensland Police Service (QPS), Queensland Ambulance service (QAS) and two members of the public assisted in the rescue of a severely injured truck driver near Charleville in south western Queensland.

At about 9pm a B-double truck carrying over 52 tonnes of a highly explosive chemical crashed off the Angellala Creek Bridge on the Mitchell Highway and burst into flames.

Despite the considerable risk of a major explosion, two members of the public and four members of the QFES assisted the injured driver. Not long after the truck exploded, sending debris and toxic fumes into the air. A second major explosion quickly followed, causing significant damage to the highway and surrounding area. Though suffering multiple injuries, one member of the public and the four QFES members managed to support each other and walk out from the crash site. The injured men were assisted to safety by QPS officers and given initial treatment by attending QAS paramedics before being conveyed to hospital.

Despite the hazardous environment and possibility of further explosions, several QPS officers and a member of the QFES made their way to the crash site where they encountered the second member of the public still assisting the injured driver, who was in a critical condition. A QAS paramedic was called to the scene and began initial treatment of the two injured men.

With minor fires breaking out and toxic fumes in the air the injured men were quickly evacuated from the scene, aided by the QAS and QPS members, and subsequently transported to hospital for treatment of their injuries.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of the public and Queensland Police who rescued a man from a burning house at Upper Mount Gravatt, Queensland on 2 May 2015.

**Mr Teimoor AMIN
Mr Matthew Lucas GREENHALGH
Mr Michael HAYES
Mr Samuel Elijah HIRVI
Senior Constable Basil Gilbert Van DONGEN**

In the late afternoon of 2 May 2015, a group of men rescued a man trapped in a burning house in Upper Mount Gravatt, Queensland.

Smoke and flames were noticed coming from a house in Upper Mount Gravatt when a passing off-duty policeman stopped to render assistance. He immediately instructed bystanders to call for emergency services.

Access to the ground floor of the house was hampered as flyscreens had been riveted shut on the windows. The man ran to the side of the house but was unable to gain entry. He returned to the front of the house as bystanders were yelling that there was someone inside. At this point a neighbour arrived to provide assistance and both men ran to the rear of the house and managed to force the back door open. They instantly retreated due to the amount of black smoke.

Both men then ran to the front of the house where they were joined by three other people. They went to a downstairs window and, after several attempts, were able to force the flyscreen open and smash the glass. The trapped man moved towards the window and the group were able to grab hold of his arms and legs and pull him out of the window and away to safety.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of the public and Queensland Police who went to the assistance of a driver when his semi-trailer overturned at Rockhampton, Queensland on 4 January 2010.

**Senior Constable Dean MAGARRY
Senior Constable Megan Leanne MAGARRY BM
Ms Hannah Louise NUGENT**

On the evening of 4 January 2010, two off-duty police officers and a bystander assisted in rescuing the driver of an overturned semi-trailer at Rockhampton, Queensland.

A semi-trailer began to tip over as it rounded a corner at the intersection of Moores Creek and Yaamba Roads in Rockhampton. As the vehicle continued to tip over, it knocked down power lines before it came to rest passenger side down.

Two off-duty police officers immediately pulled their vehicle over and went to the assistance of the driver. A downed power line lay under the cabin and diesel fuel had spilled onto the road from the truck's ruptured fuel tanks.

As smoke emitted from the rear of the truck and the fuel spread towards the driver's cabin, the two off-duty police officers rushed to the driver and saw that he had head injuries and was semi-conscious.

Whilst one of the off-duty police officers called 000 the other off-duty police officer climbed up to the driver's door and turned the engine off. He then climbed inside the cabin and, after several attempts, managed to kick out the windscreen. With the assistance of a bystander they moved the driver away to safety.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of the public and Queensland Police who went to the assistance of a man who was trapped in an overturned truck at Bald Hills, Queensland on 9 September 2013.

**Acting Sergeant Kerriane Maree EDWARDS
Senior Constable Matthew John GRACE
Ms Riley Heather LYE
Senior Constable Michael John McGAHAN
Senior Constable Alan Gregory MONTGOMERY
Senior Constable Kurt Norman MUDGWAY
Mr Alan James STAINES**

On the evening of 9 September 2013, members of the public and the Queensland Police Force assisted in the rescue of a man who was trapped in an overturned truck at Bald Hills, Queensland.

A prime mover truck and trailer was travelling along the Gateway Motorway at Bald Hills when the driver lost control and the truck crashed through the overpass railing of the Gympie Arterial Road. The truck overturned as it fell onto the gravel road below. In complete darkness and while diesel spilled from the fuel tanks the driver managed to free himself from the crushed cabin. A male passenger remained trapped in the cabin.

Two people were travelling together along the motorway when they saw the accident and stopped to help. As the woman called 000 the man made his way down the embankment and was advised by the truck driver that his passenger was still inside the vehicle. He crawled into the crushed cabin to assist.

He was then joined by another man and they managed to lift part of the wreckage off the trapped man allowing him to move from the cabin towards the trailer. They assessed his injuries and a tourniquet was applied to his injured leg. The woman then entered the cabin to comfort the injured man. Soon after Queensland Police Officers arrived at the scene. They crawled under the trailer and attended to the injured man.

With the truck slipping further down the embankment, and the threat of fire imminent, the man was subsequently dragged free of the wreckage and moved to safety.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of Queensland Police who assisted in the apprehension of a man armed with two knives at Dalby, Queensland on 29 November 1997.

**Mr Gregory David DRAIN
Senior Constable Peter Anthony HORN
Senior Sergeant Ian Gregory POTTER**

On the morning of 29 November 1997, three members of the Queensland Police Force apprehended a man armed with two knives at Dalby, Queensland.

The three officers responded to a violent domestic dispute at a residence in Dalby. They immediately entered the house and began to speak with a male offender who was standing in the kitchen, holding a large carving knife in one hand and another knife in the other.

The offender threatened the officers and ignored their commands to desist before he raised a knife with his right hand, held it by the tip and motioned to throw it at the officers. One of the officers drew his service revolver, while another grabbed his baton and struck the offender's hand, causing him to drop the knife.

While still holding the second knife in his other hand, the offender lunged at one of the officers, knocked him to the ground and landed on top of him. Another officer then used his baton to land several blows onto the offender.

As a struggle ensued, the offender managed to cut one of the officer's shirts with the knife before the other officers were able to subdue the offender. Two of the officers were then able to pull the offender off their colleague and all three officers were then able to restrain and place handcuffs onto the offender.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

Mr Gregory David DRAIN
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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of the public and Queensland Police who assisted in the rescue of people from a mini bus trapped in flood waters at Kallangur, Queensland on 1 May 2015.

**Sergeant Ian Robert GRAFTON
Mr Brian Thomas KEOGH
Senior Constable Robert James RAFFERTY
Mr Mark John SAUNDERS**

On the afternoon of 1 May 2015, during an extreme weather event in the areas within the Pine Rivers and North Moreton, significant and unprecedented flash flooding occurred. During the height of the deluge, a Toyota Hiace mini bus attempted to cross a flooded intersection and became lodged on a traffic island about one hundred metres into the crossing. The Hiace contained three adults and five autistic children.

A member of the Queensland Police Force was the first emergency responder to the incident. On arrival at the scene, the officer quickly assessed the precarious situation and determined immediate action was required. Accompanied with two members of the public, they entered the fast flowing water and used a guard rail to wade through the near waist high water out to the bus. When a second police officer arrived he also went out into the rushing water to assist the other rescuers.

As the water continued to rise, a raised utility vehicle was reversed into the flood water near the bus. The rescuers removed the stranded passengers out through the rear window one at a time and placed them into the back of the utility which was driven out of the water to safety.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of the public who assisted in the rescue and evacuation of a group of skiers following an avalanche on Maedake Mountain, Aomori, Japan on 14 February 2007.

**Mr David Gerard BROWN
Mr Roger Gordon CAMPBELL
The late Mr Jonathan Keith DISHER
Mr Glenn Geoffrey KIRKWOOD
Mr Ross Philip McSWINEY
Mr Mark Hounsell SPILSBURY
Mr David Ross STEWART-THOMSON**

In the early morning of 14 February 2007, seven Australian skiers rescued and evacuated another group of skiers after an avalanche on Maedake Mountain in Northern Japan.

The Australian skiers, five of who were members of the Thredbo Ski Patrol Association, set off to explore the snow covered Maedake Mountain, above the Hakkoda resort in Northern Japan. Within 15 minutes after leaving a cable car, the weather deteriorated dramatically and the men were faced with a storm front consisting of 120kmh winds, snow falling horizontally and temperatures of minus 20 degrees. The men feared for their safety as they travelled to a tree line course which marked the route to an access road.

As their guide led the way, the men observed a group of skiers kneeling over a body in the snow. They approached the scene where they could see evidence of a recent avalanche. Some of the group were injured and other members were dazed and disoriented. The Australians assessed the situation and quickly began digging with shovels before seeing another buried skier.

The Australians located additional buried skiers who were suffering from numerous injuries and in some cases were already deceased. They performed a variety of first aid responses including CPR attempts, while constantly aware of the threat of repeated avalanches. The men continued searching and rescuing victims for a lengthy period of time.

Despite their own exhaustion and limited effective communication with the survivors, the Australians built ice shelters around some of the injured in order to provide protection from the elements whilst awaiting further assistance to arrive. Once emergency service teams reached them, the Australians assisted in escorting the injured down the snow covered slope.

For their actions, the recipients are recognised by the award of the Group Bravery Citation.

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