

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of New South Wales Police and the public who rendered safe a suspected explosive device which was attached to a woman at Mosman, New South Wales on 3 August 2011.

**Senior Constable Luke BAKEY
Senior Constable Luke BUXTON
Detective Senior Constable Gregory Matthew CAMILLERI
Detective Senior Sergeant Mary Kathleen CRUMLIN
Leading Senior Constable Brett Andrew FERRARI
Senior Constable Aaron Rhys GASKELL
Senior Constable Karen Elizabeth LOWDEN
Detective Sergeant Gary Charles LOWE
Miss Madeleine Kate PULVER
Senior Constable Mark REYNOLDS
Mr Mark SMITH
Inspector Paul Thomas SMITH
Plain Clothes Senior Constable Natalie Janet SOUTH
Sergeant Elise TEELING
Senior Constable Mark WOODROFFE**

On the afternoon of 3 August 2011, several current and former officers of the New South Wales Police Force, and a young woman, were involved in a collar bomb incident at a residence in Mosman, New South Wales.

New South Wales Police Officers arrived at a residence in Mosman in response to a hostage situation. On entering the house a young woman was located sitting at the end of a long corridor with a gun safe style metal box chained around her neck.

The young woman informed the officers that the collar was a bomb and that the offender had requested 'no police'. A Police Officer went to assist the young woman and interacted with her to keep her calm and to ascertain details of the situation.

Members of the Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit and Bomb Detection Dogs later arrived along with police negotiators. Over the course of the next few hours, officers examined the device around the young woman's neck and, following a thorough inspection of it, a decision was made to cut the wires and release the victim.

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

Miss Madeleine Kate PULVER
Mosman NSW 2088

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of Fire and Rescue New South Wales and the public who protected property and lives during a bushfire at Yellow Rock, New South Wales on 17 October 2013.

**Mr John Patrick BUGELLI
Mr Tony Robert GUTTERIDGE
Mr Phillip HOLDSWORTH
Mr Robert Charles PEARSON
Mr Andrew SARSON**

On the afternoon of 17 October 2013, four firefighters from the St Marys Station of Fire and Rescue New South Wales, and a civilian, went to the assistance of people caught in a bush fire at Yellow Rock.

As a bushfire raged in bushland around Yellow Rock more than 50 residents sought refuge at a local lookout. They had been unable to evacuate as the road to the highway had been blocked by fallen debris and thick smoke.

The firefighters went to the lookout and evacuated two women and their children to the safety of a nearby property. The owner of the property and a firefighter then returned to the lookout and directed the remaining people, together with their pets, to follow them to the property.

The evacuated residents took shelter in the home as the firefighters and property owner tackled spot fires. The fire front approached with large flames and the firefighters and property owner battled the inferno for several hours until the danger passed and those taking shelter were able to leave the safety of the house.

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

Mr John Patrick BUGELLI
Dean Park NSW 2761

Mr Tony Robert GUTTERIDGE
Erskine Park NSW 2759

Mr Phillip HOLDSWORTH
Faulconbridge NSW 2775

Mr Robert Charles PEARSON
Yellow Rock NSW 2777

Mr Andrew SARSON
New South Wales

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of New South Wales Police, Ambulance New South Wales and hospital security staff who attended an armed hostage situation at a hospital in Penrith, New South Wales on 12 January 2016.

**Mr Allen Leslie ANDREWS
Senior Constable Timothy James DUFFY
Mr Michael John FIFIELD
Sergeant Troy Richard HANDLEY
Mr Barry JENNINGS
Constable Lisa Susan MYERS
Constable Graham SHEARLEY
Mr Andrew Charles SPASIC
Sergeant Luke Thomas WARBURTON
Senior Constable Michelle Anne WATT
Mr Barry James WRIGHT**

In the late evening of 12 January 2016 members of New South Wales Police, hospital security guards and paramedics responded to an armed hostage situation at a hospital in Penrith, New South Wales.

A police officer went to the emergency department of the hospital to investigate an armed disturbance. On arrival he saw a male offender holding a female around the neck, with a pair of surgical scissors pressed against her throat. The officer approached the agitated man and began negotiations. The offender became increasingly aggressive as hospital security guards and other police officers arrived on the scene.

Oleoresin capsicum spray was deployed towards the offender and officers rushed to subdue him. During the struggle the offender removed one of the police officers' firearms and fired a round which hit another officer.

A security guard was then able to grab the female hostage and drag her away from the scene before dragging the wounded police officer away. The security guard and two paramedics commenced first aid procedures. Another security guard stepped forward and held onto the armed offender.

As the offender was being subdued he fired the weapon a second time. Whilst he continued to resist restraining efforts, three other police officers arrived and assisted in removing the firearm and containing him.

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

Mr Allen Leslie ANDREWS
Werrington NSW 2747

Mr Michael John FIFIELD
Springwood NSW 2777

Mr Barry JENNINGS
South Penrith NSW 2750

Mr Andrew Charles SPASIC
Emu Plains NSW 2750

Mr Barry James WRIGHT
Seven Hills NSW 2147

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees are members of New South Wales State Emergency Services who rescued two men caught in floodwater near Lismore, New South Wales on 4 June 2016.

**Mr Paul Kenneth BARRY
Senior Constable John David STIRLING
Leading Senior Constable Amanda Leigh VIDLER**

In the evening of 4 June 2016, three members of the New South Wales State Emergency Service went to the assistance of two men caught in floodwater near Lismore in New South Wales.

Two men, concerned about flooding in the area due to heavy rain, went to move their livestock to a higher area of their property. After securing the cattle they walked back through the flood waters and were immediately swept off their feet. The current carried both men downstream before they were able to grab hold of a nearby electricity pole.

Three members of the State Emergency Service (SES) arrived, boarded a flood boat, and began looking for the two men in the treacherous water. On locating the men in the fading light they could see that both were close to exhaustion and the fast flowing water was now at chest height. The younger man was holding onto the older man, who was a non-swimmer, to prevent him from being swept away.

One of the members remained with the younger man while the older was loaded into the flood boat and taken to safety. By this time the water was lapping the faces of the SES member and the younger man. The boat returned and the men were pulled aboard and transported to higher ground and safety.

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

Mr Paul Kenneth BARRY
Lismore NSW 2480

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