

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION (GBC)**

**Awardees are members of Fire and Rescue New South Wales who attended a major fuel leak at the Caltex Fuel Terminal in Banksmeadow, New South Wales on 12 July 2013.**

**Mr Jon Edward ANDREWS  
Mr Mark Patrick BLACKMORE  
Mr Kevin Wayne BLISSETT  
Mr Dominic Francis BURKE  
Mr Nicholas CLARKE  
Mr Brendan Craig EBEJER  
Mr Donald William GILES  
Mr Ryan Bradley HARTUP  
Mr Rodney David JACKSON  
Mr Stephen Anthony McFADYEN  
Mr Mark Phillip MAGUIRE  
Mr Brett Edward MARTIN  
Mr Maxwell Raymond METZKER  
Mr Ronald Albert MORASSO  
Mr Scott Stewart RAINNIE  
Mr Glenn Andrew SPROD  
Mr Erik Christian SULLIVAN  
Mr Russell Geoffrey VANCE  
Mr Eddie VAYSBACH  
Mr Craig Andrew WEARNE**

In the early morning of 12 July 2013, a storage tank at the Caltex Fuel Terminal, which contained two million litres of unleaded petrol, was leaking approximately 2,000 litres of fuel per minute.

The terminal maintenance employees were unable to close the shut-off valve at the tank. Concerned about the possibility of a major vapour explosion that would impact both the employees and residents of the surrounding area, Fire and Rescue NSW crews from Alexandria, Maroubra, Matraville and Mascot quickly arrived on the scene.

The Incident Management Team immediately established in the 'hot zone' and assessed the situation and began to implement a range of strategies to prevent an explosion, which included a firefighter entering the embankment surrounding the leaking tank and closing the shut-off valve to prevent further fuel leakage. The Hazardous Materials Response Unit conducted atmospheric and environmental monitoring in the hot zone and remained in close contact with other firefighters, providing critical information.

Members of other station platoons deployed layers of foam on the fire, in close proximity to the fuel leak, and also set up and operated a foam monitor. The combined efforts of the Fire and Rescue NSW crews in a very hazardous situation ensured the safety and lives of the Port Botany community.

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

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**Mr Nicholas CLARKE**  
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**Mr Rodney David JACKSON**  
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**Mr Mark Phillip MAGUIRE**  
New South Wales

**Mr Maxwell Raymond METZKER**  
Cremorne NSW 2090

**Mr Scott Stewart RAINNIE**  
Gymea Bay NSW 2227

**Mr Erik Christian SULLIVAN**  
Loftus NSW 2232

**Mr Eddie VAYSBACH**  
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**Mr Mark Patrick BLACKMORE**  
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**Mr Dominic Francis BURKE**  
Rose Bay NSW 2029

**Mr Brendan Craig EBEJER**  
Sylvania Heights NSW 2224

**Mr Ryan Bradley HARTUP**  
Cronulla NSW 2230

**Mr Stephen Anthony McFADYEN**  
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**Mr Brett Edward MARTIN**  
Loftus NSW 2232

**Mr Ronald Albert MORASSO**  
Kingsgrove NSW 2208

**Mr Glenn Andrew SPROD**  
Engadine NSW 2233

**Mr Russell Geoffrey VANCE**  
Coogee NSW 2034

**Mr Craig Andrew WEARNE**  
Chifley NSW 2036

## GROUP BRAVERY CITATION (GBC)

Awardees are members of the public who went to the rescue of four people following a boat explosion at Pier 35 South Wharf, Victoria on 3 May 2008.

**Mr John Ker CAMPBELL**  
**Mr Michael James CULLINANE**  
**Mr Anthony Lloyd EDWARDS**  
**Mr James Alexander KEERAN**  
**Mr Toby Gordon MATTHEWS**  
**Mr Garry Joseph PATRICK**  
**Mr Nicholas Arthur POWER**  
**Mrs Naomi SHER**

On the afternoon of 3 May 2008 a 38 foot boat, *the Leda II*, with four people aboard had just refuelled at Pier 35 on the Yarra River in North Melbourne when an explosion occurred. The force of the explosion threw the four people on board into the water and destroyed the vessel.

Immediately following the explosion a person saw flames spreading towards the petrol bowsers at the wharf. He grabbed a fire extinguisher and fire hose, and began to fight the flames. Several people who were on the wharf and witnessed the explosion immediately reacted to the situation and isolated the petrol bowsers from a 40,000 litre fuel supply. They then went to the fuel pontoon to assist in fighting the flames and to locate survivors. Among the splintered debris they found and assisted two people out of the water.

Others also assisted with securing the scene, contacting emergency services and rendering assistance to the injured. When the group managed to put out the fire it was realised that two people had perished in the explosion.

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

**Mr John Ker CAMPBELL**  
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**Mr Michael James CULLINANE**  
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**Mr James Alexander KEERAN**  
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**Mr Toby Gordon MATTHEWS**  
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**Mr Garry Joseph PATRICK**  
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**Mrs Naomi SHER**  
PO Box 5202, Burnley Vic 3121

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION (GBC)**

**Awardees are members of the public who chased and apprehended an armed offender at Kenmore, Queensland on 17 January 2015.**

**Mr Jason Benjamin COX  
Mr Jordan John HEADRICK  
Mr Salvatore LEGIONE**

At noon on 17 January 2015, one of the men was waiting for an appointment in the courtyard at a Kenmore medical centre when he heard calls for help. He then saw a man, who was wearing a mask, running away. The offender was carrying a small knife and had just attempted to rob a nearby pharmacy. The man immediately gave chase.

Two other men, who had also witnessed the incident, joined the chase and followed the offender onto the grounds of a nearby school. One of the men caught the offender, tackling him to the ground, whilst injuring his knee in the process. As the offender hit the ground he lost his grip on the knife. The two other men then caught up and assisted in restraining the offender until police arrived.

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

**Mr Jason Benjamin COX**  
East Brisbane Qld 4169

**Mr Jordan John HEADRICK**  
Kenmore Qld 4069

**Mr Salvatore LEGIONE**  
Fig Tree Pocket Qld 4069

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION (GBC)**

**Awardees are members of New South Wales Police who apprehended a man armed with a crossbow at Rocky River, New South Wales on 15 April 2012.**

**Sergeant Carter Stirling KNYVETT**  
**Sergeant Karen Louise PEASLEY**

On the evening of 15 April 2012, two police officers apprehended a man armed with a crossbow at Rocky River in New South Wales.

The officers arrived at rural property near Tenterfield following reports that a man, who was armed with a large knife, had assaulted residents and campers at the property. When they arrived on site the officers observed the offender standing near a woman who was on her knees. The man was immediately ordered to drop the knife, which he did and stepped away. The man then refused to comply with further instructions from the officers and began to move towards the knife. After one of the officer's drew their service revolver the offender fled into the surrounding darkness.

As the officers began to ready the campers to evacuate the property the offender reappeared holding a crossbow and pointed it in the direction of a group of campers, threatening to kill them. The police officers repeatedly ordered the man to drop the crossbow however he didn't comply. One officer unsuccessfully deployed a tazer as the offender continued to advance. At this point the other officer discharged his service revolver and wounded the offender.

He was then handcuffed and later lost consciousness.

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

**Sergeant Carter Stirling KNYVETT**  
New South Wales Police

**Sergeant Karen Louise PEASLEY**  
New South Wales Police

**For contact information on the above police recipients please contact the relevant state police jurisdiction's media section.**

## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION (GBC)**

**Awardees are members of Queensland Police who went to the rescue of three people trapped inside an upturned vehicle at Brighton, Queensland on 30 December 2012.**

**Constable Guy Roland LALOR  
Senior Sergeant Jeffrey Warren LANSDOWN  
Senior Constable Russell Allen MOUNFIELD  
Senior Constable Kim Matthew WILSON**

In the early morning of 30 December 2012, four members of the Queensland Police Force were the initial responders to a vehicle accident on the Deagon Deviation at Brighton. On arrival at the scene, the officers observed an extensively damaged sedan, which had overturned and was blocking traffic on the highway. The male driver, who was in shock and disorientated, had crawled out of the crushed vehicle, which still had the motor running, as fuel leaked onto the ground creating a potential fire hazard. The driver was wandering on the road while three seriously injured people remained trapped inside the vehicle.

Whilst two officers attended directly to extracting the passengers from the crushed vehicle, the remaining officers were tasked with ensuring the safety of the injured driver, the passengers on their removal from the vehicle, the safety of other road users, along with traffic management.

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

**Constable Guy Roland LALOR**  
Queensland Police

**Senior Sergeant Jeffrey Warren  
LANSDOWN**  
Queensland Police

**Senior Constable Russell MOUNFIELD**  
Queensland Police

**Senior Constable Kim Matthew WILSON**  
Queensland Police

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## **GROUP BRAVERY CITATION (GBC)**

**Awardees are crew members from Police Air Wing Air 490 who went to the rescue of four people during the Black Saturday bushfire at Kinglake West, Victoria on 7 February 2009.**

**Mr David Key BM**

**Leading Senior Constable Bryan Anthony NORMAN**

**Constable Warrick Geoffrey YOUNG**

In the late afternoon of 7 February 2009 during the 'Black Saturday' Victorian bushfires, three members of the Police Air Wing, Air 490 helicopter crew assisted in the rescue of four people as the fire approached the community of Kinglake West.

The Police Air Wing crew flew their helicopter to Coombs Road in Kinglake West in response to reports that four people were trapped due to the firestorm surrounding their property. On arrival at the scene the crew observed a large wall of smoke and flames approaching the property from the north and north east. Fire had cut off the driveway to the property and flames were approximately thirty metres from the house.

Despite the aircraft being buffeted violently by the strong winds, the 'down-the-wire' crewman was immediately winched down to the lawn near the house. As the fire closed in, the helicopter crew were forced to abort the rescue leaving the 'down-the-wire' crewman on the ground to assist the stranded people. The people on the ground got into three vehicles, one with a horse float attached. They began to drive away from the property with another horse held by the reins running beside one of the vehicles. Due to the smoke and fire affecting visibility on the ground, and battling dangerous conditions in the air, the helicopter crew flew above, guiding the convoy away from the fire to a clearing about two kilometres away.

Whilst the house on the property was spared, sadly eleven people died and many homes were destroyed on Coombs Road.

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

**Mr David KEY BM**

PO Box 2132, Sunbury Vic 3429

**Leading Senior Constable Bryan**

**Anthony NORMAN**

Victoria Police

**Constable Warrick Geoffrey YOUNG**

Victoria Police

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