

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of three members of the Marine Rescue, Ballina who went to the rescue of two people after their boat failed in turbulent water at Ballina, New South Wales on 15 April 2013.

**Mr Rodney Hugh GUEST
Mr Tony Brian HANDCOCK
Mr David Jamieson NOCKOLDS**

In the early hours of the morning of 15 April 2013, members of the Marine Rescue, Ballina attended a call out to assist a motor cruiser that had broken down while attempting to cross the sandbar at the mouth of the Richmond River in Ballina, New South Wales.

As the first marine rescue team, they navigated through a two metre swell and outgoing tide and reached two men on the stricken motor cruiser. Whilst attempting to tow it through the sand bar, a large swell hit the rescue boat which resulted in both the rescue boat and the motor cruiser capsizing and throwing both crews into the water. A second marine rescue team in a jet boat made their way to the scene whilst battling very rough water conditions. Three men were located on the hull of the upturned vessel, and a further two men in the water nearby. The five men were subsequently hauled out of the water on board the rescue jet boat. A police air rescue helicopter was called in to winch the five men to safety however, due to the inclement weather conditions, the men were unable to be winched aboard. The rescue jet boat was then skilfully manoeuvred away from the sandbar and made its way to the safety of Shelley Beach where the rescued men were treated for hypothermia.

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

Mr Rodney Hugh GUEST
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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of members and former members of Queensland Police who removed a suspected explosive from an offender at Logan, Queensland on 2 November 1998.

**Detective Senior Constable Peter John BOWSER
Assistant Commissioner Michael James CONDON APM
Senior Sergeant Peter Gerhard LIEBIG
Senior Sergeant Michael James PEARSON APM
Sergeant Paul David WILLIAMS
Mr Joseph ZAGHINI**

On the afternoon of 2 November 1998, six members of the Queensland Police Force removed a suspected explosive device from an offender at Logan in Queensland.

A man entered the Logan Central Police Station regarding a personal matter. When police checked their records they found he was wanted under warrant. As one officer approached the man about the matter he became extremely agitated, pulled a home-made explosive device from his briefcase, and threatened to 'take out' as many as he could. Other police officers lunged at the offender and a struggle ensued. One of the officers managed to grab hold of the device and run with it to a nearby park. When Bomb Squad experts arrived the officer holding the device was fitted with protective body armour and kept hold of the device until it was established that it would not detonate. At the Police Station another officer moved the offender's briefcase, which contained suspected explosives, a safe distance away from his colleagues and maintained watch over the bag. Later the home-made explosive device, together with the devices in the briefcase, were disarmed and destroyed.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of three members of Queensland Police and a civilian who entered a burning unit in search of a man at Roma, Queensland on 28 October 2012.

**Senior Constable Benjamin Douglas BJARNESEN
Senior Constable Michael Charles HEWITT
Constable Stuart Benjamin MITCHLEY
Mr Jamie Charles PERREN**

In the early hours of 28 October 2012, three Queensland Police Officers and a Security Officer, entered a block of burning timber home units on Arthur Street in Roma, Queensland, to search for a man.

When the three police officers arrived at the units, a security officer, who was already on-site, informed them that a person possibly remained inside one of the burning units. Despite observing that the unit where the man was allegedly located was well affected by fire and smoke, and that smoke was also emitting from an adjacent unit, the police officers and the security officer, entered the burning residence to conduct a search for the occupant. The group called out as they kept low to the floor to avoid the thick smoke. On seeing that the fire had engulfed most of the second room, the group were forced to retreat. When a voice was heard from the rear of the units, two police officers followed the sound and located the resident who, along with other residents, was then moved to a safe area.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of four members of Queensland Police who rescued an elderly woman from a stricken vessel in the flooded Burnett River at Bundaberg, Queensland on 26 January 2013.

**Detective Senior Constable Jon Allan MURRAY
Constable Brent James SCHULZ
Senior Constable Donita Maree STAINS
Senior Constable Ryan Barry THOMPSON**

On 26 January 2013, four members of the Queensland Police Service rescued an elderly woman from a stricken vessel in the flooded Burnett River at Bundaberg in Queensland.

As a result of ex-tropical cyclone Oswald, the city of Bundaberg was lashed by flooding rain. A 16 metre sailing yacht, with an elderly couple on board, broke away from its mooring and began to float uncontrollably down the Burnett River. The elderly man scrambled up onto the deck as the yacht collided with another vessel. Three police officers responded and observed an elderly woman on the deck as the yacht drifted before becoming stuck in mangroves. A fourth police officer arrived, located a 'tinny', and tied a rope to it which the other three police officers hung on to. He entered the fast flowing water and, on boarding the yacht, searched for the man. Meanwhile a second officer used the 'tinny' to make his way to the vessel. Unable to locate the elderly man, the two officers placed the woman in the tinny, which was then pulled to safety by the police officers on shore. Sadly the man was later found deceased.

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

**Detective Senior Constable Jon Allan
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Constable Brent James SCHULZ
Queensland Police

**Senior Constable Donita Maree
STAINS**
Queensland Police

**Senior Constable Ryan Barry
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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of members of Queensland Police who were ambushed and fired upon while attending a neighbourhood dispute at West Chermside, Queensland on 1 May 2000.

**Senior Sergeant Daryl Elliot GREEN
Senior Constable Sharnelle Patricia HARRIS
Sergeant Christopher John MULHALL
Sergeant Brett Andrew PRICE**

In the early hours of 1 May 2000, four members of the Queensland Police Force were involved in a police shooting in West Chermside, Queensland.

Three police officers were seated inside a police vehicle at Hanbury Street, West Chermside with the passenger doors open when an offender fired a series of shots into the car, wounding all three officers before threatening to kill them. Despite suffering serious wounds one officer managed to get out of car, draw his service revolver, and provide a line of protection for his wounded colleagues. Suffering similar wounds, another police officer used the radio to alert Police Communications of the incident. A fourth officer driving nearby heard the call for assistance and drove to the scene. He dragged the officers behind his vehicle for cover, scanned the area for the offender, and provided situation reports by radio until other police and ambulance personnel arrived. Following the shooting, the offender fled to nearby bushland and was later found deceased.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of members of staff who prevented several mental health patients from leaving a Hospital in Queensland on 19 January 2013.

**Mr Richard Vincent ASHTON
Mr Geo PARAKALAYIL GEORGE
Mr Duncan GRILLS
Ms Linda Susan HERBERTSON
Mr Thomas James McGOVERN
Mr Thomas MATHEW**

At midnight on 19 January 2013, members of the nursing staff restrained several consumers of a mental health facility from escaping a secure facility located at a hospital in Queensland.

Eleven patients attempted to overpower several nurses and escape from the Unit. When two duty nurses questioned a patient attempting to remove a steel leg from an upturned dining table the patient began to back away and several other patients moved forward and attacked the nurses. The patients repeatedly punched and kicked the nurses. When the nurses, who had suffered serious injuries, began to defend themselves and restrain their attackers, three separate centres of violence erupted. When another nurse saw her colleagues being attacked she alerted other staff members, and called security. As the melee continued, the nurse manager arrived on the scene and demanded the patients stop fighting. Following a short standoff some of the patients returned to their rooms, while the others were restrained by nursing staff until security and the police arrived.

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

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