

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the public who intervened and chased an armed man who was attempting a car-jacking at Griffith, Australian Capital Territory on 12 August 2011.

Mr Brendan John BILSTON
Mr Aron John CROWHURST
Mr Brian Edward GILLETT
Mr James Douglas GRAY
Mr Mark Raymond KELLY
Mr Jared Michael MILLLIST
Mr Darren Victor SAWYER

On 12 August 2011 seven members of the public came to the assistance of a woman who was being car-jacked at Griffith in the Australian Capital Territory.

When the female driver attempted to start her vehicle, which was parked along Flinders Way, Griffith, a man entered the vehicle and demanded money. When the woman told him to get out he produced a gun and pointed it at her. She struggled with the offender and screamed for help which forced him to exit the vehicle and take off on foot. Several members of the public heard the woman's cries and immediately gave chase. They pursued the offender through several streets and challenged him. The armed man pointed his weapon at the group and threatened them. When the offender continued to make his escape they followed him at a distance until he entered a car and drove away. The men took note of the vehicle registration details and as they returned to check on the woman, they found personal items which belonged to the offender and gave them to the police.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the public who attempted to rescue a man trapped in a burning vehicle at Milltown, Victoria on 14 October 2012.

**Mr Peter Hayes ATKINSON
Mr Brenton Anthony BAILEY
Mr Eddin BASIC
Miss Rebecca Kate TRINNICK**

On the evening of 14 October 2012, four people attempted to rescue a man who was driving a Ford utility along the Henty Highway at Milltown when the vehicle left the road and crashed into a tree.

The four motorists stopped and made their way to the vehicle. A small fire in the engine bay was developing and attempts were made to put it out. Despite using fire extinguishers, the flames and smoke continued to intensify. The group then used debris and some clothing to beat out the flames, but to no avail. As the flames began to consume the vehicle they pulled pieces from the door and tried to prise it open but they were unable to free the driver. A nurse in the group checked the trapped man on several occasions initially finding a faint pulse but, on subsequent checks, it appeared to have stopped. When they were overcome by the choking smoke, and realised they were unable to get the man out of the vehicle, the group reluctantly retreated. Immediately after, the LPG fuel tank exploded. Sadly, the driver perished in the fire.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise of three students and a teacher who went to the rescue of a woman trapped in floodwater at Tuggerah, New South Wales on 8 June 2007.

**Mr Gregory William De BONO
Mr Kalgan John DEWHURST
Mr Leonard John SWAIN
Mr Samson Timothy UNDERWOOD**

In the late afternoon of 8 June 2007, during a storm emergency which lashed the Hunter/Central Coast, several people from St Peters Catholic College rescued a woman who was trapped in floodwater at Gavenlock Road, Tuggerah.

Following a period of torrential rain the road turned into a fast flowing, one metre deep, river with debris and vehicles moving in the water. As they were observing the events three Year 12 students, and a student teacher, saw a middle-aged woman attempt to wade through the water in the direction of the college. At that moment a surge of water came through, hitting the woman and knocking her off her feet into the torrent. Quickly forming a human chain, by holding on to each other's wrists, the group entered the surging water. They made their way out to the woman, grabbed hold of her, and managed to help her back onto her feet. Then whilst supporting the woman, the group retraced their steps until they were all out of the water.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service who rescued a woman trapped in floodwater at Alice Springs, Northern Territory on 9 January 2010.

Mr Mark Raymond CHARTERIS

Mr Leslie John GREEN

In the early hours of the morning of 9 January 2010, firefighters from the Alice Springs Fire Station rescued a woman who was trapped in the fast rising flood waters of Charles Creek.

Following advice that other rescue authorities were unable to affect a rescue, the group were in a tanker that drove through a flooded causeway, covered by 1.5 metre deep swift flowing water, to reach the rescue site. After the vehicle was anchored and the headlights shone towards the woman, a firefighter donned a life vest and rescue belt which was then tied to the tanker. When he twice entered the water to reach the stricken woman he was swept away before being pulled back to the bank by his colleagues. On his third attempt the firefighter managed to reach the woman, who was clinging to a large tree in the middle of the 100 metre wide creek. A life vest was fitted onto the woman and attached by a rope to the firefighter himself. Barely visible as the torrent swept over them, the firefighters pulled them to safety.

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

Mr Mark Raymond CHARTERIS
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Mr Leslie John GREEN
Northern Territory

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, a Police Officer and a community volunteer who went to the rescue of several people trapped in rising floodwater at O'Bil Bil, Queensland on 27 January 2013.

Mr Ashley MAEYKE
Senior Constable Cameron John MOSLEY
Mr Grant Andrew NAGLE
Mr John O'GORMAN
Mr Ralph James POINTON
Mr Andrew Peter ROTH

On the night of 27 January 2013, several people rescued seventeen people who were trapped in floodwater at O'Bil Bil, Queensland.

As a result of Tropical Cyclone Oswald extremely heavy rain was experienced in the Mundubbera area which caused the Burnett and Boyne rivers to flood extensively. A group of SES volunteers, a community volunteer, and a police officer conducted a series of boat rescue operations under extremely difficult and stressful conditions using a small 'tinnie' and the Eidsvold SES rescue boat. The two crews negotiated their way under fallen power lines and around all manner of debris including livestock, tree logs, shipping containers and 44 gallon drums that the flood waters had collected. Throughout the course of the day they effected the rescue of 17 people from house roofs, including the evacuation by helicopter of a disabled child, plus an assortment of family pets, and guided to higher ground livestock and horses as the floodwaters reached an estimated 25 metres inundating both houses and land.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and the Moore Park and Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Clubs went to the rescue of three people who were trapped on a roof in floodwater at Booyan, Queensland on 27 January 2013.

**Mr Martin Ashton COLE
Mr John DAVIS
Mrs Julie Maree DAVIS
Mr Trevor James FARRAWAY
Mr Andrew William SMITH
Ms Joanna Francis TOLVANEN
Mr Reid Linton TUCKER**

On 27 January 2013, several members of the Moore Park and Bundaberg Surf Life Saving Clubs joined two members of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and rescued three people who were trapped on the roof of a house by floodwater at Booyan.

The group made their way to Bailies Road and, after not finding any people in distress, a search of the fishing shacks located on the banks of the swollen Kolan River was undertaken. There was a significant amount of debris in the river as well as fallen power lines. At a large fishing shack three people had taken refuge on the roof, including two elderly people who were injured and also a small dog. They were taken by inflatable rescue boat to Moore Park Beach which had been cut off by floodwater. Water and medical supplies were transported to them by jet ski and the group spent the night on the beach. The following day the weather conditions had improved and the rescued people were returned safely to Oyster Bay.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise the crew of Ballina Marine Rescue BA30 who went to the rescue of several people after their boat capsized at Ballina, New South Wales on 15 April 2013.

**Mr Elton Anzac CUMMINGS
Mr Ben REDMAN
Mr Ross Maxwell TREASE**

In the early hours of the morning of 15 April 2013, members of the Ballina Marine Rescue team 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, Victoria.

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.

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise the crew of Ballina Jet Boat Surf Rescue 40 who went to the rescue of several people after their boats capsized at Ballina, New South Wales on 15 April 2013.

**Mr Bradley James HEARD
Mr Gary John MURPHY
Mr Mark Anthony PUGLISI**

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise three family members who were caught in the Queensland floods on 10 January 2011.

**Blake Jackson RICE
The late Ms Donna Maree RICE
The late Jordan Lucas RICE**

On 10 January 2011, during a period of heavy rain, three people, Donna Rice and her sons Jordan, aged 13, and Blake, aged 11, were caught in fast rising floodwaters in Toowoomba, causing their vehicle to stall.

As the conditions deteriorated, the vehicle began to submerge in the rising floodwaters and the family worked together to respond to the life-threatening situation. Two men entered the fast flowing water to provide assistance, however given the strong current, both encountered difficulties. Only one of the men reached the vehicle and had to be helped by the family in doing so. The man was able to safely extract Blake from the vehicle and, with the help of the second man, took him to safety. In hazardous conditions, Donna and Jordan exited the vehicle and, as it began to move in the current, they managed to grab hold of a light pole. However, the current was too strong and they were swept away. Sadly, they were later found deceased.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the Brisbane Australian Volunteer Coastguard who went to the rescue of a man from a stricken vessel during a storm at Moreton Bay, Queensland on 27 January 2013.

**Mr Steven James CREEVEY
Mr Steven Bruce FLEMING
Mr Allen PENMAN**

On 27 January 2013, members of the Brisbane Australian Volunteer Coastguard based at Manly, responded to a distress call from the master of a yacht in Waterloo Bay west of King Island.

The yacht was moored about 400 metres west of King Island and was experiencing extremely foul weather whilst being swamped by large waves. The four coastguard crew members sailed their 10 metre rescue catamaran through 2.5 metre waves, and a 45 knot wind, to reach the yacht. On locating the yacht the crew members saw that it was in a perilous state, taking on water and sinking. Despite the treacherous conditions the crew members managed to retrieve the master of the stricken yacht and return safely to the Manly Coastguard base.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the Local State Emergency Service and a Police Officer who went to the rescue of a woman trapped in a vehicle in floodwater at Bonville, New South Wales on 31 March 2009.

**Mr Athol George DORRINGTON
Mr Ian Douglas GILL
Senior Constable Bradley Paul JACKSON
Mr David John O'BRIEN**

On 31 March 2009, a team of Local State Emergency Service personnel assisted by a police officer rescued a woman from a vehicle trapped in floodwaters near Bonville in New South Wales.

Severe flash flooding occurred in the Coffs Harbour region following a major storm event. A woman driving a 4WD was involved in a collision which resulted in her vehicle leaving the road and plunging into a swollen creek. On locating the vehicle, two of the SES team immediately donned personal floatation devices, fashioned temporary harnesses from tape, and attached themselves to a fifty metre rope which was held by a haul team on the bank of the creek. They entered the swift flowing water and when they approached the vehicle, a surge of water knocked the men off their feet. They became submerged and had to be pulled back to the creek bank. One team member stood down due to exhaustion and was quickly replaced by another of the group who fitted himself to the safety line. The two men entered the water but were pushed away from the vehicle by the swift flowing current. Further attempts were made, and finally one of the men was able to reach the vehicle and extract the frantic driver by pulling her out of the vehicle's window. The haul team then pulled the two men and the female driver back 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 comprise members of the public who rescued a man from a car sinking in floodwater at Bexhill, New South Wales on 20 January 2006.

**Mr Dale William BATCHELOR
Mr Jack Francis BURKE
Mr Simon Patrick CLEAVER
The late Mr Robert Warren McINERNEY**

On 20 January 2006, a group of four citizens rescued a man from a sinking vehicle at Bexhill, near Lismore.

Following heavy local rainfall a man attempted to drive his vehicle through two metres of water on flooded Bangalow Road. The car stalled and was instantly engulfed, trapping the man inside. Two teenage boys saw the incident occur and immediately swam out to the vehicle. As the vehicle was sinking, front end first, the boys grabbed hold of a log and attempted to smash the rear window but were unable to break it. Meanwhile two other men entered the water and made their way out to the vehicle. By this stage the water level inside the cabin had reached the neck of the panicking driver who attempted to get out of the vehicle through the electric windows but found them inoperable. The two men instructed the driver to press the internal boot release button which opened the boot, and they assisted the driver to pull down the rear seat. Holding his breath, the driver entered the fast filling boot of the car and the two men assisted him out of the vehicle and then they all helped him out of the water and to safety.

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

Mr Dale William BATCHELOR
South East Queensland

Mr Jack Francis BURKE
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Mr Simon Patrick CLEAVER
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Mr Robert Warren McINERNEY
Late of Bexhill NSW 2480

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

Awardees comprise members of the public who went to the rescue of two children trapped in a vehicle submerged in the Numeralla River near Cooma on 4 September 1972.

**The late Mr Gavin Sandy SCOTT
Mr Henry Drury SKELTON
The late Mr John Herman WINDSHUTTLE**

On 4 September 1972, four citizens rescued two children from a submerged vehicle in the Numeralla River, near Cooma, New South Wales

A woman was driving along the Monaro Highway near Cooma, when she lost control of her vehicle and crashed through a bridge railing, landing in nearly 3.5 metres of water in the Numeralla River. As the icy water reached the rear door windows, the driver managed to escape while four passengers remained trapped inside. Four passing motorists independently drove upon the scene and at different times entered the icy water to assist. Three of the men saw a young girl in an air pocket looking out through the vehicle's rear window which they managed to break and pull the girl out. When the distressed driver stated another girl remained inside, one of the men leaned into the vehicle, found her and pulled her outside. As the unconscious girl was brought to the river bank the vehicle sank below the surface. The fourth man became aware that other people were also trapped. He entered the water and dived down to the vehicle, locating a young boy who he pulled out and returned to the surface. He then dived down to the vehicle again, this time locating a woman. As he attempted to pull her from the car, she became stuck against the roof. After several further attempts he managed to free the woman and bring her to the surface. Sadly the woman and the boy were deceased.

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

Mr Gavin Stanley SCOTT
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Mr John Herman WINDSHUTTLE
Late of New South Wales

GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

The following recipients are added to the Group Bravery Citation gazetted on 27 August 2012.

Awardees comprise members of the public who rescued three people from a burning vehicle at Wagga Wagga, New South Wales on 5 February 2007.

**Mr John Dennis GENTLE
Mr Graeme Roy GUELF**

On the afternoon of 5 February 2007, several motorists rescued three people trapped in burning vehicles near Wagga Wagga.

Two vehicles had collided head-on while travelling on the Junee to Bomen road and both cars caught alight. The driver of one of the vehicles was conscious but injured and trapped, and her son, a passenger, was injured and in shock. One member of the group assisted the passenger from the vehicle while another entered the vehicle to comfort the driver until she too was able to be rescued. Meantime, the first member of the group, assisted by another person, tried to put out the flames with small fire extinguishers. Another member of the group arrived and organised for the driver of a truck in the banked up traffic to come forward with his fire extinguishers to continue these efforts. He then prised open the rear door of the first vehicle and pulled the driver's seat down, enabling her to be dragged from the vehicle and lifted to safety. Then, with the first man, he went to the second vehicle, cut the seatbelt from the driver's body, and removed him from the vehicle. The area was cleared of bystanders before both vehicles were engulfed in flames.

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

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GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

The following recipients are added to the Group Bravery Citation gazetted on 18 August 2014.

Awardees comprise members of the public who went to the rescue of a colleague trapped in flood water at Marlborough, Queensland on 2 March 2011.

**Mr Ross Leigh DUNN
Mr Peter John KROGH**

In the evening of 2 March 2011, a group of colleagues rescued a man from drowning in floodwater near Marlborough, Queensland.

The man had stopped at a flooded creek crossing with one colleague, awaiting the others, when he decided to wade into the water to check the depth. He was swept off his feet by the strong current and dragged into the mouth of a pipe where the water was chest deep. The first colleague seized the man and held him to prevent him from being dragged further under the water and into the pipe. Other colleagues arrived on the scene but they were unable to pull the man from the water. They tied a rope around his chest to steady him and gave him a piece of garden hose to assist him to breathe in the rising water. Eventually, however, the man slipped below the water and began to have difficulty breathing through the hose. The group devised a strategy to release the man into the pipe and to rescue him when he surfaced at the other end. One member of the group swam to the man and the others then assisted in pulling him from the water to safety.

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

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