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Group Bravery Citation

The Group Bravery Citation is awarded for a collective act of bravery by a group of people in extraordinary circumstances that is worthy of recognition.

About the award

Australian Bravery Decorations date from the establishment of the Australian honours system in February 1975. The Group Bravery Citation was added in 1990.

The decorations recognise acts of bravery by members of the community. They selflessly put themselves in jeopardy to protect the lives or property of others.

There are four levels of awards for individuals:

- Cross of Valour (CV)
- Star of Courage (SC)
- Bravery Medal (BM)
- Commendation for Brave Conduct

There is also the Group Bravery Citation, an award for a group of people involved in a single incident.

How it is awarded

Anyone may nominate any other person for a bravery decoration. The nomination may be for a brave act by an Australian citizen in Australia or overseas. A citizen of another country carrying out a brave act in Australia may also be nominated.

Australian Bravery Decorations may be made posthumously.

Nominations are considered by the Australian Bravery Decorations Council, which makes recommendations to the Governor-General. The Council also recommends the level of awards.

There is no set timeframe for announcing bravery awards. Generally there are two each year in April and August.

Past recipient story

The first Group Bravery Citation was awarded to five members of No. 5 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force in September 1990. They were recognised for the helicopter rescue of four teenage girls from a campsite in Kosciusko National Park. The rescue took place in extremely hazardous conditions.



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Medal design

The Group Bravery Citation is a bronze gilt sprig of wattle, Australia's floral emblem, positioned in the centre of a silver rectangle. It has a highly polished finish and bears two pines on the reverse.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

None

INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1990

AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY DECORATION NOMINATIONS:

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More information

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