

# Australian Bravery Decorations

## NOMINATION FORM

The Australian Bravery Decorations are our own pre-eminent awards for the recognition of acts of bravery. Since the establishment of the Australian honours system in 1975 these awards have recognised acts of bravery by people whose selfless actions put themselves in jeopardy to protect the lives or property of others.

There are four levels of awards for individuals, as well as an award to recognise the bravery of a group of people involved in a single incident. The awards, commencing with the highest, are:

- Cross of Valour
- Star of Courage
- Bravery Medal
- Commendation for Brave Conduct

The group award is known as the Group Bravery Citation. It shall be awarded for a collective act of bravery, by a group of persons in extraordinary circumstances, that is considered worthy of recognition.

### **Particular features of the Australian bravery awards are:**

- Awards may be made posthumously and presented to the next of kin.
- The brave act does not need to occur in Australia, provided it is considered worthy of recognition by Australia and in Australia's interest.

### **What is Bravery?**

Brave acts usually involve a deliberate choice to go from a place of safety to danger or remain in a perilous situation to provide help to another. Acts involving the preservation of life, (*for example, first aid*) while admirable, may not be considered brave.

### **Who may make a nomination?**

Anyone may make a nomination by completing the nomination form.

### **Who can be nominated?**

- Australian Citizens
- A person who is a citizen of another country and who carries out an act that may be considered worthy of recognition by Australia and in Australia's interest.
- Members of Australia's armed forces who carry out an act in times of peace, or of war (where the act was carried out in circumstances other than in actions against the enemy).
- Service personnel from other countries, whether in Australia or overseas.

### **How are nominations assessed/decided?**

Nominations are assessed by the Australian Bravery Decorations Council, which is an independent advisory body consisting of fourteen members including representatives of each state and territory, two ex-officio members and four community members. The Council meets twice a year to consider all nominations and make recommendations to the Governor-General for awards.

### **Confidentiality**

All nominations are strictly confidential and the information provided will be used only to assist the Council in considering the merits of the nomination. The Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat keeps all nominations confidential to respect privacy and to avoid disappointment if an award is not made. We ask for the cooperation of nominators and others involved in respecting this policy.

## TELL US ABOUT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING FOR AN AWARD

In some circumstances a group of persons may have been involved in a single incident. When nominating multiple people we require the details of each individual involved. To add additional nominee forms, click this button.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Sgt, etc.)

Surname

Given Names

Postal Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Position/Title

Organisation/  
Business Name

Organisation/ Business  
Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Home Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Business Phone Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

(e.g. 01 / 11/ 1956)

Place of Birth

Town/  
Suburb

State

Country

### Description of the incident

Date of incident:

Time of incident:

Location of the incident:

Describe conditions: *(particularly if unusual or dangerous)*

Please provide a brief summary of the rescue efforts elaborating on any elements of risk to the rescuer:  
*eg. Rescue from flood waters*

## ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING FOR AN AWARD

*Please set out below details of the actions in which the person you are nominating was involved, and the reasons why you consider he or she should receive special recognition by the award of an Australian Bravery Decoration.*

*If possible, please enclose photographs of the incident or of the place where it occurred. Additionally, you may also supply media articles and web links that provide further information and details of the incident.*

*NOTE : If there is insufficient space, you may provide additional information on a separate document and attach them to the nomination form.*

**ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE PERSON  
YOU ARE NOMINATING FOR AN AWARD**

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## DETAILS OF PERSONS/EYEWITNESSES WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE DIRECT COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT

*Please note: While helpful, these details may not always be available.*

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Business Phone Number

Email Address

Involvement in incident:  
*eg. eyewitness, victim etc.*

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## DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

*Please provide your contact details to enable officers of the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat, Government House, Canberra to seek further details, if required.*

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### Declaration

Checking this box forms your signature and confirms that all information provided on this form is accurate and true to the best of your knowledge.

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Please note:

If the above link does not work, please send the completed nomination form to [bravery@gg.gov.au](mailto:bravery@gg.gov.au)

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### **More information or help**

If you have any further questions, or require guidance in the preparation of the nomination, please call the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat, Government House, Canberra on telephone (02) 6283 3604.

Further information can be found at [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au).