

AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL (ASM)

Queensland

Mr Phillip William AXSENTIEFF, PO Box 454, Cooktown Qld 4895

Mr Axsentieff joined the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade at Coolangatta in 1982 as an Honorary Officer, and was appointed as a permanent Officer in 1983. In 1988 he was promoted to Senior Ambulance Officer at Burleigh Heads Station and promoted to Station Officer shortly after. He was subsequently promoted to be the Officer-in-Charge at Halifax where he became actively involved in the community. In 1990 Mr Axsentieff took up the position of District Operations Coordinator at Innisfail, and in 1998 became the Officer-in-Charge at Cooktown. While in Cooktown, he has been dedicated to the community through the Local Ambulance Committee and many community projects. Mr Axsentieff was responsible for the establishment of the First Responder Group at Lakeland Downs, and this group is one of the most successful and dedicated groups in Queensland. The Cooktown Ambulance Station is regarded as a model of excellence for the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) due to Mr Axsentieff's outstanding management. His motivation, commitment and dedication to the Queensland community and the QAS have been exceptional.

Mr Michael John DAVIS AM, 10 Acacia Street, Everton Hills Qld 4053

Mr Davis joined the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade (QATB) as an honorary officer in 1964. He became a permanent officer 5 years later. He has served the QATB and Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) as an ambulance officer, district superintendent, training coordinator, Manager Professional Development, Manager Staff Development, Manager Corporate Development, Manager Business Improvement and, more recently, as Manager Workplace Health and Safety. Mr Davis' enthusiasm for the history and heritage of the QAS is evident by his commitment to the QAS Wynnum Museum and in the establishment of the QAS Charters Towers Museum. His support of the annual memorial and commemorative service and management of the QAS Honour Roll have ensured that fallen colleagues are remembered with respect and dignity. His outstanding commitment to the profession is further demonstrated through his involvement in industry peak bodies including executive appointments as Director and National Treasurer of the former Australian College of Ambulance Professionals. He has served as National President, State President and Secretary of the college. Mr Davis has also had involvement with the Queensland Community Services and Health Industries Training Council, the Queensland Branch of the Australian College of Health Service Executives and Australian Institute of Emergency Services, and many other industry bodies. Mr Davis has performed with distinction and demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to duty over a career spanning over 47 years.

Awards/recognition include:

Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in The Queen's Birthday 2000 Honours List for his service to community health through the Queensland Ambulance Service and the Institute of Ambulance Officers, particularly in the areas of education and training.

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South Australia

Ms Lorraine AMOS, Salisbury Heights SA 5109

Ms Amos has been with the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) for over 21 years. During that time, she has progressed through various management positions from Team Leader to Operations Manager, Acting Clinical Development Manager and Senior Operations Manager to her present role as General Manager Metropolitan Patient Services. This career progression has seen her move from the tactical day-to-day operational management to the very strategic role of General Manager, a transition at which she has excelled. During her distinguished career Ms Amos has excelled in a very challenging environment and has become a role model for female staff looking to achieve their full potential as managers of an emergency service. She is clearly viewed by her colleagues as a highly competent senior manager who continually strives to improve all aspects of her performance. She has had involvement in, or directly led, a number of projects, programs and leadership roles and has attained a significant number of achievements and milestones. Her success in developing an efficient and comprehensive system of management of metropolitan operations cannot be overstated. In a tough industrial environment during an extremely challenging integration into health, Ms Amos has managed to ensure the service delivery to the community of South Australia has been maintained and performed at a very high level.

Awards/recognition include:

An Emergency Services Ministerial Commendation for her work at the scene of the Salisbury bus/train accident involving significant personal risk.

Norfolk Island

Mrs Margaret Elizabeth JACKSON, Collins Head Road, Norfolk Island 2899

Mrs Jackson has provided dedicated exemplary service to the Norfolk Island community since 1987, initially as a volunteer ambulance officer with the Norfolk Island Division of the St John Ambulance, and then as a full-time member of the Norfolk Island hospital staff. Throughout her time as a St John Ambulance volunteer between 1987 and 2004, Mrs Jackson achieved the rank of Serving Sister and also her Nurse Aid certificate through correspondence. As well as being a highly skilled ambulance officer, she also contributed to the operation of First Aid classes, mentoring other ambulance officers and attending ambulance callouts. From 1998 she also assisted with monitoring and patient care on weekends at the hospital. At this time, Mrs Jackson achieved the rank of Serving Sister and achieved her Nurse Aid Certificate, again through correspondence. After 17 years of outstanding service to the Norfolk Island community through the St John Ambulance as a highly skilled ambulance officer, Mrs Jackson resigned to join the hospital staff on a full-time basis.