

STAR OF COURAGE

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Late in the afternoon on 17 April 1981 at Palm Springs, Northern Territory, Peta Lynn Mann, aged 12 years, was with Mr Hilton Graham, a family friend, who was wild pig hunting. They were travelling in an air boat. When both were out of the boat Peta heard Mr Graham call out and saw that a large crocodile had attacked him. Instinctively, no doubt, she commenced to run to the boat to safety, but then turned and ran to help Mr Graham, who had been siezed by the arm, and pulled him free. The crocodile, returning to the attack, then siezed Mr Graham by the thigh and spun him around in the water but Peta hung on and eventually managed to drag Mr Graham free. After dressing his wounds, she then drove him a considerable distance until other persons, who had been summoned to assist, met them to provide further help in conveying Mr Graham to hospital.

By her actions Peta Lynn Mann displayed conspicuous courage in most perilous circumstances.