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# AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY DECORATIONS DETERMINATION

I, General the Honourable David Hurley, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting in pursuance of regulations 3 and 13 of the *Australian Bravery Decoration Regulations* revoke the *Australian Bravery Decorations Determination* made on the sixth day of July 2012, and hereby determine as follows (see note):

# THE CROSS OF VALOUR

# Main Piece

- 1 The Cross of Valour is a gold cross 42 millimetres in diameter, ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in gold. The cross is surmounted by a gold suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised words 'FOR VALOUR' running the width of the bar on the obverse. The obverse of the cross bears a central device of the shield and crest of the Arms of the Commonwealth of Australia with the arms of the cross interspersed with fluted rays. The reverse of the cross is blank but has the arms of the cross interspersed with fluted rays and the suspender bar is clear to allow for engraving of the recipient's name.
- 2 The ribbon for the Cross of Valour is 38 millimetres wide and is magenta in colour with a blood-red central band 16 millimetres wide.
- 3 At the highest point, the shield and crest, the thickness is 6 millimetres. From the shield and crest, the cross tapers equally on all four sides down to an edge 2.5 millimetres in thickness. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 64 millimetres. The total height of the Main Piece is 92 millimetres.

#### **Miniature Piece**

4 The Miniature Piece of the Cross of Valour is a half-size replica of the Main Piece suspended from a miniature ribbon 19 millimetres wide. At the highest point, the shield and crest, the thickness is 3 millimetres. From the shield and crest, the cross tapers equally on all four sides down to an edge 1.5 millimetres in thickness. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 32 millimetres. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 46 millimetres.

# **Ribbon Bar**

5 The Ribbon Bar of the Cross of Valour consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 38 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high. An Emblem of the cross, 4 millimetres in diameter, is attached at the centre of the Ribbon Bar.

# Lapel Badge

6 The Lapel Badge of the Cross of Valour is a replica of the cross 10 millimetres in diameter.

# **Further Awards**

7 Second and subsequent awards of the Cross of Valour are recognised by the presentation of a gold Bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The Bar has a central replica of the cross 5 millimetres in diameter. The Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award. A half-size replica of the Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An additional Emblem of the cross, 4 millimetres in diameter, is attached to the Ribbon Bar.

# Wearing

8 The Cross of Valour is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar may be worn at any time with service dress. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing Australian Bravery Decorations is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia.* 

# THE STAR OF COURAGE

# **Main Piece**

- 9 The Star of Courage is a silver seven-pointed star, ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in silver. Each axis of the seven-pointed star measures 50 millimetres. The star is surmounted by a silver suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised words 'FOR COURAGE' running the width of the bar on the obverse. On the obverse the star bears a central device of the shield and crest of the Arms of the Commonwealth of Australia with the seven points of the star having a raised textured finish. The reverse of the star has a raised textured finish all over but the suspender bar is clear to allow for engraving of the recipient's name.
- 10 The ribbon for the Star of Courage is 32 millimetres wide and is blood-red with a magenta central band 14 millimetres wide.
- 11 At the highest point, the shield and crest, the thickness is 4 millimetres. From the shield and crest, the star tapers o'n all sides down to an edge 1.2 millimetre in thickness. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 63 millimetres. The total height of the Main Piece is 94 millimetres.

# **Miniature Piece**

12 The Miniature Piece of the Star of Courage is a half-size replica of the Main Piece suspended from a miniature ribbon, 16 millimetres wide. At the highest point, the shield and crest, the thickness is 2.5 millimetres. From the shield and crest, the star tapers on all sides down to an edge 1.2 millimetre in thickness. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 32 millimetres. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 47 millimetres.

#### **Ribbon Bar**

13 The Ribbon Bar of the Star of Courage consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high. An Emblem of the star, 4 millimetres in diameter, is attached at the centre of the ribbon.

#### Lapel Badge

14 The Lapel Badge of the Star of Courage is a representation of the star 10 millimetres in diameter.

#### **Further Awards**

15 Second and subsequent awards of the Star of Courage are recognised by the presentation of a silver Bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The Bar has a central replica of the star 5 millimetres in diameter. The Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award. A half-size replica of the Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An additional Emblem of the star, 4 millimetres in diameter, is attached to the Ribbon Bar.

#### Wearing

16 The Star of Courage is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar may be worn at any time with service dress. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing Australian Bravery Decorations is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.

#### THE BRAVERY MEDAL

#### Main Piece

17 The Bravery Medal is a circular bronze medal, 38 millimetres in diameter, ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in bronze. The medal is surmounted by a bronze suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised words 'FOR BRAVERY' running the width of the bar on the obverse. On the obverse the medal bears a central device of the shield and crest of the Arms of the Commonwealth of Australia on a background of wattle blossom, contained by a zigzag border. The reverse of the medal is a background of wattle blossom, contained by a zigzag border and the suspender bar is clear to allow for engraving of the recipient's name.

- 18 The ribbon for the Bravery Medal is 32 millimetres wide and has 15 alternating stripes of blood-red and magenta.
- 19 At the highest point, at the edge of the medal, the thickness is 3 millimetres. The reverse of the medal forms a concave design with various depths. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 56 millimetres. The total height of the Main Piece is 95 millimetres.

## **Miniature Piece**

20 The Miniature Piece of the Bravery Medal is a half-size replica of the Main Piece suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. At the highest point, at the edge of the medal, the thickness is 2 millimetres. The reverse of the medal forms a concave design with various depths. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 28 millimetres. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 47.5 millimetres.

#### **Ribbon Bar**

21 The Ribbon Bar of the Bravery Medal consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high. An Emblem of the medal, 5 millimetres in diameter, is attached at the centre of the ribbon.

# Lapel Badge

22 The Lapel Badge of the Bravery Medal is a replica of the medal 10 millimetres in diameter.

# **Further Awards**

23 Second and subsequent awards of the Bravery Medal are recognised by the presentation of a bronze Bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The Bar has a central replica of the medal 5 millimetres in diameter. The Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award. A half-size replica of the Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An additional Emblem of the medal, 5 millimetres in diameter, is attached to the Ribbon Bar.

#### Wearing

24 The Bravery Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar may be worn at any time with service dress. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing Australian Bravery Decorations is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia.* 

# THE COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

#### Main Piece

25 The Commendation for Brave Conduct is a silver-gilt sprig of mimosa 30 millimetres wide and 9 millimetres high mounted on a blood-red backing ribbon

32 millimetres wide and 90 millimetres high. The centre of the sprig is 19 millimetres from the bottom of the ribbon and 16 millimetres from either edge, mounted at a 45-degree angle with the stem of the sprig pointing to the bottom left of the ribbon as viewed by the observer.

26 When the sprig is viewed horizontally, the stem at the base of the sprig is 3 millimetres wide and 1.5 millimetres high. The sprig then fans out, with the addition of leaves in a V-shape pattern, to 9 millimetres wide progressively getting narrower as it reaches the top, the last two leaves are 3 millimetres wide. At the base of the sprig and directly above the stem are eight mimosa flowers, in the form of raised domes, of various sizes sitting on top of the leaves. At the highest point, the raised mimosa flowers, the sprig thickness is 2.5 millimetres. At the lowest point, the leaves and stem, the sprig thickness is 2 millimetres.

# **Miniature Piece**

- 27 The Miniature Piece of the Commendation for Brave Conduct is a half-sized replica of the Main Piece, a silver-gilt sprig of mimosa, 15 millimetres wide and 4.5 millimetres high, mounted on a blood-red backing ribbon 16 millimetres wide and 45 millimetres high, in the same way as the Main Piece.
- 28 When the sprig is viewed horizontally, the stem at the base of the sprig is 1.5 millimetres wide and 1 millimetre high. The sprig then fans out, with the addition of leaves in a V-shape pattern, to 4.5 millimetres wide progressively getting narrower as it reaches the top, the last two leaves are 1.5 millimetres wide. At the base of the sprig and directly above the stem are eight mimosa flowers, in the form of raised domes, of various sizes sitting on top of the leaves. At the highest point, the raised mimosa flowers, the sprig thickness is 2 millimetres. At the lowest point, the leaves and stem, the sprig thickness is 1.5 millimetres.

# **Ribbon Bar**

29 The Ribbon Bar of the Commendation for Brave Conduct consists of a strip of fullsize ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high with a miniature of the insignia of the Commendation for Brave Conduct attached to the ribbon, horizontally.

# Lapel Badge

30 The Lapel Badge of the Commendation for Brave Conduct is a miniature of the Commendation.

# **Further Awards**

31 Second and subsequent awards of the Commendation for Brave Conduct are recognised by the presentation of an additional Commendation which is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award, above the first Commendation. A half-size replica of the Commendation is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An additional Emblem in the form of a miniature Commendation is attached to the Ribbon Bar, along with previous awards.

# Wearing

32 The Commendation for Brave Conduct is worn on the left breast on all occasions when full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar may be worn at any time with service dress or civilian dress at the discretion of the recipient. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing Australian Bravery Decorations is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.

# THE GROUP BRAVERY CITATION

#### Main Piece

- 33 The Group Bravery Citation is a device which has a raised bronze sprig of wattle, 25 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high, centrally positioned on a silver rectangle 30 millimetres wide and 15 millimetres high with a highly polished finish. The Group Bravery Citation bears two pins on the reverse for stabilisation.
- 34 When the device is viewed horizontally, the sprig of wattle forms an arc shape with the bottom and top of the wattle orientated towards the two bottom corners of the device. The base of the device is 1 millimetre thick. The sprig of wattle is framed by a raised silver border running along the edge of the base of the device and it is 1 millimetre wide, 1 millimetre high and 1 millimetre thick. The bronze sprig of wattle thickness is 2 millimetres.

#### **Further Awards**

35 Further awards of the Group Bravery Citation are recorded by a warrant describing the separate action being recognised.

# Wearing

36 The Group Bravery Citation is worn on the left lapel or left breast whenever orders, decorations and medals are worn. The manner of wearing Australian Bravery Decorations is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.

# ORDER OF WEAR

37 The Australian Bravery Decorations are worn in accordance with *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards.* 

# NOTE

- 38 The Letters Patent approved by The Sovereign institutes the Decorations and ordains that the Decorations are governed by the Australian Bravery Decorations Regulations. These Regulations, approved by The Sovereign, set out the terms and conditions of the Decorations, and states that the design, and manner of wearing, of the Decorations are determined by the Governor-General.
- 39 This document is known as the Determination and it informs the design of the Australian Bravery Decorations, its associated insignia, and that the order of

wearing is in accordance with *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours* and Awards and the manner of wearing is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*. The design of the Australian Bravery Decorations and associated insignia must be in accordance with the relevant technical specifications.

- 40 The placement of the Australian Bravery Decorations are approved by The Sovereign, and *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards* is the notification by the Governor-General of the positioning of all awards in the Australian honours system.
- 41 These instruments collectively inform the rules and conditions associated with the Australian Bravery Decorations.

Dated this 17th day of November GOVERNOR-GENERAL