



Australian Government

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Bravery Medal

The Bravery Medal is awarded for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.

About the award

The Australian Bravery Decorations date from the establishment of the Australian honours system in February 1975. The decorations recognise acts of bravery by members of the Australian community, those whose selfless actions amaze and inspire us, those who 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 an act of bravery. The award may be given for a brave act carried out by an Australian citizen in Australia or overseas, or by a citizen of another country carrying out a brave act here in Australia. It may also be made posthumously.

Nominations are then considered by the Australian Bravery Decorations Council which is an independent advisory body, which meets twice a year to consider all nominations and make recommendations to the Governor-General for Bravery awards. The Council also recommends the level of awards.

There is no set timeframe for the announcement of bravery awards, although generally there are two announcements each year in April and in August.

Medal design

The Bravery Medal is a circular bronze medal, 38 millimetres in diameter, ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in bronze.

The obverse is surmounted with the shield and crest of the Arms of the Commonwealth of Australia.



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Above the shield is the Federation Star, which is contained within a circular zig-zag border.

The reverse has a similar design to the obverse in outline, without the representation of the Shield of the Coat of Arms.

Medal ribbon

The ribbon is 32 millimetres wide and has 15 alternating stripes of blood-red and magenta.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

BM

INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1975

AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY DECORATION NOMINATIONS:

For more information on making a nomination contact:

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More information

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