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Commendation for Brave Conduct

The Commendation for Brave Conduct is conferred for an act of bravery that is worthy of recognition.

It is the fourth highest Australian Bravery Decoration.

About the award

The Australian Bravery Decorations date from the establishment of the Australian honours system in February 1975. The Group Bravery Citation was added in 1990.

The decorations recognise acts of bravery by members of the community. They selflessly 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 a bravery decoration. The nomination may be for a brave act by an Australian citizen in Australia or overseas. A citizen of another country carrying out a brave act in the interest of Australia may also be nominated.

Australian Bravery Decorations may be made posthumously.

Nominations are considered by the Australian Bravery Decorations Council, which makes recommendations to the Governor-General. The Council also recommends the level of awards.

There is no set timeframe for announcing bravery awards. Generally there are two each year in April and August.

Past recipient story

Glenn Taylor was awarded a Commendation for Brave Conduct in 2003 after rescuing a man from his car as it filled with floodwater. He was recognised for his prompt, courageous and selfless action in saving life.



Medal design

The Commendation for Brave Conduct is a silver gilt sprig of mimosa mounted on a blood-red backing ribbon.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

None

INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1975

AUSTRALIAN BRAVERY DECORATION NOMINATIONS:

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More information

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