



**ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES Incorporated**

Instituted 25th July 1877

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Mark Padgett, Sir Neville Pixley Award and Letter of Commendation; Case 11/09



Probationary Constable Joanne Ross, NSW Police, Certificate of Merit; Case 10/41



Sergeant Alan Spence, NSW Police; Senior Constable Adam Cross, NSW Police and Senior Constable Shane Lynch, NSW Police receiving their Bronze Medals; Case 10/32



Leading Firefighter Jason Vineburg, Fire & Rescue NSW; Bronze Medal; Case 11/22

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136th ANNUAL REPORT *for the* YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

The Council of the Society is pleased to provide the following Annual Report.

PATRON

The Society is most grateful for the Vice-Regal patronage it is accorded by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of New South Wales. Her continuing interest and support are greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT

The Society is most grateful for the continuing interest and involvement of its President, The Honourable Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG QC.

THE 2012 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

At the annual ceremony, the Society was honoured to have the awards presented by Her Excellency The Governor at Government House on Friday 5 October 2012. The warm hospitality extended by Her Excellency and Sir Nicholas Shehadie following the ceremony was greatly appreciated by the recipients and guests present. Awards on this occasion comprised 1 Galleghan Award, 4 Silver Medals, 23 Bronze Medals, 25 Certificates of Merit and 2 Pixley Awards. In addition, on merit, during the year the Council of the Society presented 5 Letters of Commendation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's 135th Annual General Meeting was conducted on Monday 10 December 2012, when Councillors and Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months.

FINANCE

The Society's Audited Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2013 and its Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended 30 June 2013 appear at the back of this annual report.

DONORS

The financial position was only achieved through the generosity of those donors who are listed later in this report. The New South Wales Government is a long time annual helper, whilst NRMA Insurance also provides significant support. In addition the NSW Roads and Maritime Services through its "Partnership Programme" provides the funds for the calligraphy services for the certificates presented.

2012– 2013 AWARDS

The awards described in this annual report, comprise 1 Galleghan Award, 6 Silver Medals, 28 Bronze Medals, 10 Certificates of Merit and 16 Letters of Commendation. In addition, the Society issued 17 Appreciation Letters. To all recipients, the Society conveys the thanks, admiration and congratulations of the people of New South Wales.

KINDRED SOCIETIES

A happy working relationship exists with the Royal Humane Society in London, Royal Humane Society of Australasia in Melbourne and Royal Humane Society of New Zealand, to which bodies, together with other kindred organisations including the Australian Bravery Association, and the Sri Lankan Foundation for Civilian Bravery the Society offers warm greetings.

APPRECIATION

The continuing work of the Society, in providing recognition for brave deeds undertaken by the citizens of our State depends on the goodwill and help of many. Our office and use of the Council meeting room are provided by the Fire and Rescue New South Wales. The State Government and the NRMA Insurance are major donors, but there are others mentioned in this report.

The NSW Police Force, Fire & Rescue NSW and Ambulance Service of NSW remain major contributors to investigating and reporting upon cases presented for consideration by the Council. The production of the Society's Bravery Certificates is greatly assisted by the Roads & Maritime Authority with an annual grant from their Partnership Programme.

This has been another good year for the Society, but it has not been without changes. Thanks to the courtesy of the Fire Commissioner our office computers on the 3rd Floor at No.1 Fire Station in Castlereagh Street have been upgraded. The Society's ongoing business is effectively and efficiently carried out by the Honorary Secretary, Maj Roland Millbank (Retd) while after 2 busy years in the position, our Assistant Secretary, Ms. Patricia Jancovich resigned in December 2012. We wish her all success in her self employed business. The new Assistant Secretary is Mrs. Julia Simonides.

There are some changes in the professional contributions provided by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Edgar Temple, and our Honorary Publicity Officer, Mr. Stuart Doyle. Mr. Doyle, our publicity officer since 1995 resigned. He has accepted the position as an Honorary Governor in the Society. We are also very sorry to lose our Honorary Treasurer Mr. Edgar Temple retired from the Society in August 2013 after many years service.

The Society auditor is currently Mr. Martin Matthews a partner of Forsythes Assurance & Risk who was reappointed at the AGM in December 2012.

Mr Alan Batley, a member of Council since 1988 and previously Honorary Treasurer resigned from the Council in December 2012. I am pleased to advise that has also recently accepted the position as an Honorary Governor in the Society.

There has been continuing and diligent and painstaking data entry by Ms Cora Sarmiento to complete the database of all winners of the Society awards since foundation in 1877. Whilst this aspect is now complete and a table of winners is set out later in this annual report, much important data recording the citations of these brave citizens remains yet to digitally recorded.

The Council commenced this past year 2012-2013 with current caseload of 30 nominations (16 X "10 Series"; 2 x "11 Series and 5 "12 Series). During the year 27 cases were reviewed and the following awards were made:- 1 Galleghan Award, 6 Silver Medals, 28 Bronze Medals, 10 Certificates of Merit, and 16 Letters of Commendation.

Heroism is, for most of us, a difficult concept. We are dealing with ordinary persons who, with some disregard for their own life, come to the aid of others. They have not taken these steps for recognition or reward, but out of their concern for fellow human beings. It is a humbling experience for those of us contemplating these acts. It is true that not all acts of heroism come to the attention of the Royal Humane Society, but we do attempt to seek out as many brave acts as possible.

I thank our Patron, the President, my fellow Councillors and those who assist in supporting roles for the dedication they bring to fulfilling the Society's objectives.

Richard Hein AM
Chairman

BACKGROUND TO THE SOCIETY

The Society was established as a result of the loss of the 351- ton collier paddle steamer *s.s. Yarra Yarra* and its 17 man crew in a south-east gale on the night of 14/15 July, 1877, while attempting to re - enter Newcastle Harbour.

Four days later, a public meeting of citizens, under the chairmanship of the Reverend Dr Lang, at the Royal Exchange, Pitt Street, Sydney, decided to form the Society "for the relief of the widows, orphans and others dependent upon men lost in the marine service of our coast, or elsewhere, such relief to be distributed at the discretion of the committee".

The Society was instituted on 25 July, 1877, and its first meeting, under the presidency of Mr F. H. Dangar, was held on Friday, 27 July, 1877 at The Royal Exchange, Sydney. Subscriptions had by then exceeded two thousand pounds.

The Society was formed as the National Shipwreck Relief Society of New South Wales. In 1902, His Majesty, King Edward VII gave permission for the Society to be known as the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales.

In 1968, Her Majesty The Queen approved the change of name to the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales in common with all British Commonwealth Nations.

The Society was Incorporated on 26 February 2010.

OBJECTIVES

The original objectives of the Society were:-

to afford relief to widows, orphans and other dependents of seamen who lost their lives or were injured in shipwreck;

to assist crews of vessels wrecked in New South Wales waters; and

to grant medals or rewards for bravery in saving human life.

The necessity for the first and second objectives ceased when it was considered they were adequately covered by legal provisions. Pensions ceased to be paid in the late 1960s.

In recent years, however, the Society has noted cases in which the utilisation of provisions enabling financial grants in selected circumstances could have been a desirable course. Discussions have taken place with the Australian Bravery Association which has such provisions in their constitution.

The Society, of course, has maintained its third objective which was widened **to include acts of bravery in attempting to save human life.**

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

From the files of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales 100 years ago

Extracted from the Thirty Seventh Annual Report of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of New South Wales for the Year ending 30th June 1914.

On Monday August 3rd 1914, in the presence of the Governor of NSW, His Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland GCMG, the award was presented by his daughter, Miss Strickland.

Miss Lima Iris BRADLEY (aged 13).

Awarded a Bronze Medal and a Certificate of Merit

On 15th October 1913, Lima Bradley was playing with her little cousin, Roy, aged 10, in an old leaky boat in a shallow part of the river at Bowraville, NSW when by some means the boat was carried into a deep portion of the river. The boy became alarmed and his movements caused the boat to fill and sink, and the lad caught his cousin around the neck and both sank. She subsequently freed herself from his grasp and swam to the shore loudly calling for assistance. She then dived for the boy, and at the second attempt found him and with difficulty succeeded in getting him ashore, and then attempted to resuscitate him, and was so doing when help arrived.

Royal Humane Society of NSW Awards From 1877 to 2012 (correct as at 30 December 2012)

AWARD TYPE	NUMBER AWARDED
GOLD MEDAL (5 posthumous)	60
SILVER MEDAL (17 Silver Medal and Galleghan) (35 posthumous) (5 Silver Medal and Bar)	568
BRONZE MEDAL (3 Bronze Medal and Galleghan) (45 posthumous) (7 Bronze Medal and Bar)	1,866
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (16 Certificate of Merit and Pixley Book Award) (19 posthumous)	2,501
LETTER OF COMMENDATION (7 Letter of Commendation and Pixley Book Award)	142
PIXLEY BOOK AWARD	14
TOTAL	5,163
<i>Stanhope Gold Medal</i>	<i>11</i>

HOW THE SOCIETY FUNCTIONS

Today, the management of the affairs of the Society is vested in a Council consisting of a Patron, a President, a Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Secretary/Public Officer, an Honorary Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Auditor and Solicitor and Councillors.

All nominated cases of reported bravery are investigated by the Society. Such investigations involve reports from the New South Wales Police. Copies of all reports are distributed to Officers and Councillors of the Society in advance of all meetings, to enable consideration to be given to them before discussion. Voting at meetings determines the granting of awards.

The Society is supported by a grant from the New South Wales Government, supplemented by donations from organisations, corporations and citizens.

THE SOCIETY'S AWARDS

The Society's awards are the Galleghan Award, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal, Certificate of Merit, Letter of Commendation and the Sir Neville Pixley Book Award.

With the permission of the New South Wales Government, the obverse of the medals includes part of the Arms of the State of New South Wales, surrounded by the name of the Society. The reverse of the medal exhibits a Civic Wreath, which was the Roman reward for saving life, with the words, "Awarded to.....for Bravery". The name of each medal winner and the date of the act of bravery is engraved on the reverse of the medal. The medal is also numbered on its edge to indicate the consecutive number of the award by the Society.

The ribbon for all medals is light blue with a strip of dark blue on either side.

The Certificate of Merit is a scroll bearing the Arms of the State of New South Wales. It is inscribed with the recipient's name and signed by the President, Chairman and Secretary.

WEARING OF MEDALS AND RIBBONS

Recipients of Medals are entitled to wear the medal or ribbon (as appropriate) on the right breast. When only the ribbon is worn, a silver or bronze star emblem is worn centrally on the ribbon to denote the class of medal awarded to the wearer. Such wearing is officially authorized for the members of all uniformed services.

The Society does not provide duplicate medals. Lost or stolen medals may be replaced only to the recipient after an appropriate investigation.

Miniature medals are available for purchase from the Society.

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL

The Stanhope Gold Medal, an award of the Royal Humane Society, was instituted in 1873 as the English Society's highest award for bravery each year.

In 1962, all kindred Commonwealth Societies were invited to nominate each year their best cases for adjudication for this award.

Since that time, nominations by the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales have been successful on nine occasions:

1963	Frederick John KNIGHT
1964	Lieutenant Barry J. CAMPBELL RAA
1980	Bruce Wallace McPHERSON
1982	Dulcie KALMS
1992	Rodney Stephen PETERS
1994	Aaron John LEDDEN
1996	Senior Constable Ian Maurice BOUGHTON
2001	Dr Richard MORRIS
	Ambulance Paramedic Christopher WILKINSON
	Ambulance Paramedic Paul FEATHERSTONE
2008	Oguz (Alex) TASKUN SC

THE GALLEGHAN AWARD

The Galleghan Award was instituted in 1996, and recognises what the Society considers to have been the most outstanding act of bravery in the year.

It is designated by a bar reading "Galleghan Award" affixed to the ribbon of the medal award. The award is named after Brigadier Sir Frederick Galleghan DSO OBE ISO ED who was the Society's Secretary from 1958 until his death in 1971.

Sir Frederick was twice wounded in the Great War, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in the Second World War for his leadership and gallantry when commanding the 2/30th Australian Infantry Battalion at the battle of Gemas in Malaya.

This year the recipient of the Galleghan Award for 2013 is **Mr. Rowan Cutbush** (Case 11/23).

AWARDS 2012-2013

Report Item Number	Family Names	Award	Case Number	Date
18	BANISTER, Michael	Silver	Case 12/11	1 January 2012
12	BENTSEN, Nils	Bronze	Case 12/03	2 December 2011
6	BULL, Stacy Anne	Silver	Case 12/02	21 March 2011
22	BUTLER, Scott	Bronze	Case 12/14	14 August 2011
20	CANSDELL, Shaun	Certificate of Merit	Case 12/13	4 January 2011
7	COOPER, Peter	Bronze	Case 10/106	21 March 2011
5	COX, Blake (20)	Certificate of Merit	Case 10/64	26 January 2011
5	COX, Brady (15)	Certificate of Merit	Case 10/64	26 January 2011
5	COX, Liam (11)	Bronze	Case 10/64	26 January 2011
13	CUI, Jack	Posthumous Bronze	Case 12/04	1 May 2011
23	CUTBUSH, Rowan	Silver & Gallegan Award	Case 12/16	16 March 2011
26	ENYON, Dylan	Certificate of Merit	2013/09	2 September 2011
4	FARRAND, Peter	Bronze	Case 10/72	1 April 2010
21	FERNANDEZ, Nathaniel	Bronze	Case 12/19	8 May 2012
17	FLANIGAN, Shane	Certificate of Merit	Case 12/10	10 February 2012
2	FLETCHER, Graham	Bronze	Case 12/06	6 March 2009
1	FOWLER, Christopher	Bronze	Case 11/23	13 July 2007
21	GEORGE, Andrew	Bronze	Case 12/19	8 May 2012
	GOODWIN, Mark	Bronze	Case 2013/11	13 March 2013
26	GOW, Jacob	Certificate of Merit	Case 2013/09	2 September 2011
26	GREEN, Colin	Certificate of Merit	Case 2013/09	2 September 2011
	GREEN, Mark	Certificate of Merit	Case 12/14	14 August 2011
11	HANNAN, Timothy	Silver	Case 10/105	27 August 2011
4	JAMIESON, Bruce	Certificate of Merit	Case 10/72	1 April 2010
14	KENNEDY, Melissa	Bronze	Case 12/07A	24 December 2011
20	KUNST, Edward	Bronze	Case 12/13	4 January 2011
2	LYE, Lauren (19)	Bronze	Case 12/06	6 March 2009
9	McCARREN, Phillip	Bronze	Case 10/62	4 December 2009
14	McCULLY, Ben	Bronze	Case 12/07B	24 December 2011
6	McWILSON, Scott	Silver	Case 12/02	21 March 2011
16	MINOGUE, Paul	Bronze	Case 12/09	23 January 2012
25	MORGAN, James	Bronze	Case 2013/07	3 September 2010
8	O'GRADY, Matthew	Bronze	Case 10/47	28 March 2007
3	REID, Roy	Silver	Case 11/26	6 July 2009
7	RIGON, David	Bronze	Case 10/106	21 March 2011

22	RUSSELL, James	Certificate of Merit	Case 12/14	14 August 2011
8	SAKOULAS, Con	Bronze	Case 10/47	28 March 2007
24	SCHULTE, Cameron	Bronze	Case 2013/06	8 December 2009
2	SHAW, Jeffrey	Bronze	Case 12/06	6 March 2009
13	STEBBING, Lance	Bronze	Case 12/04	1 May 2011
10	TIPPETT, Jason	Bronze	Case 10/102	24 June 2011
10	TUCKWELL, Bradley	Bronze	Case 10/102	24 June 2011
19	WIBLEN, John	Bronze	Case 12/12	22 February 2012
27	ZIELTJES, Stephen	Bronze	Case 2013/10	19 August 2012

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARDED IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOLLOWING BRAVE DEEDS 2012-2013

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In acknowledgement of cases which do not attain the high standards set for awards by the Society, but are nevertheless worthy of consideration, appreciation letters are given.

CITATIONS 2012-2013

1. Case: 11/23

BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Constable Christopher John FOWLER

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Constable Benton Talbot David ALLEN

for their actions at the scene of an attempted murder at Bellbird, NSW 2325 on 13 July 2007.

Responding to several "Triple O" calls about a violent and abusive woman, on the late evening of 13 July 2007, **Senior Constable Christopher FOWLER** and **Constable Benton ALLEN** went to a house at Bellbird, NSW 2325. Approaching the house an injured man ran out of the front door.

Inside the house **Senior Constable FOWLER** and **Constable ALLEN** found the woman gripping a 30 cm serrated kitchen knife standing over a second injured man. She then stabbed at the man's head.

Constable ALLEN went outside to arrange an ambulance for the injured man and to warn other police of the impending danger.

With two young children in the house **Senior Constable FOWLER** made the decision not to use his weapon. Knocking the knife from the woman's grip he wrestled her to the ground. With the assistance of **Constable ALLEN** the woman, struggling violently, was removed from the house.

Knowing she had Hepatitis C, the woman then spat directly into **Senior Constable FOWLER's** face. Capsicum spray had to be used before she could be handcuffed.

The second man was conveyed by ambulance to John Hunter Hospital for treatment. **Senior Constable FOWLER** sought medical attention for possible Hepatitis C contamination. He has since been medically discharged from the NSW Police Force.

2. Case: 12/06

BRONZE MEDALS

Ms Lauren Johanna LYE (19)
Mr Graham Miles Henry FLETCHER
Mr Jeffrey Lawton SHAW

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Detective Sergeant Matthew James CROTTY
Ms Michelle Ann THURGOOD

for their actions at the scene of a motor vehicle collision near Bendemeer, 2355 on 6 March 2009.

At about 3:25pm on 6 March 2009 a sedan driven by a young man near Bendemeer veered into the incorrect north bound lane directly into the path of an unmarked police Pajero with two on-duty officers on board.

The Pajero driver, **Detective Sergeant Matthew CROTTY** took evasive action to prevent a head-on collision which was unsuccessful. On impact, the sedan erupted into flames, and the force of the impact caused the Pajero's airbags to be deployed

Travelling behind the sedan **Lauren LYE**, a student nurse, witnessed the incident. She pulled over, put on her hazard lights and immediately called Emergency Services.

Ms LYE then checked both vehicles and realised that **Detective Sergeant CROTTY** was already assisting his injured male passenger.

She then hailed a passing vehicle driven by **Graham FLETCHER**, and obtained a fire extinguisher. Together Ms **LYE** and Mr **FLETCHER** ran to the burning sedan.

At this stage **Jeffery SHAW** arrived at the scene. He helped Ms **LYE** and Mr **FLETCHER** by moving the driver's seat of the sedan, so that the male driver could be released. The three of them extracted the man shortly before flames engulfed his sedan.

Assessing the driver's injuries **Lauren LYE** then applied first aid before checking on the welfare of **Detective Sergeant CROTTY**.

Arriving at the scene **Michelle THURGOOD** helped the driver to walk away from the scene, applying a pressure bandage to his bleeding leg. With the fire intensifying around them **Ms THURGOOD** moved the driver further away from the scene and stayed with him until emergency services arrived. An ambulance took the driver to Tamworth Hospital.

Meanwhile, despite being pinned by the foot-well and dashboard **Detective Sergeant CROTTY** managed to force open the door and exit the Pajero.

His passenger had suffered lacerations and crushed ribs, but had managed to recline his seat as far back as possible. **Detective Sergeant CROTTY** grabbed hold of him and pulled him out of the Pajero. The man's ankles had also been injured and were turning black. The heat radiating from the burning sedan was so intense that **Detective Sergeant CROTTY** had to carry his passenger across the road to safety. He then continued beating away any flames that were getting closer to them before emergency services arrived shortly afterwards.

Ambulance Officers treated **Detective Sergeant CROTTY** for contusions and minor lacerations to his hand. His passenger was firstly airlifted to Armidale Hospital for treatment to his head wounds and a fractured left ankle later requiring orthopaedic surgery.

3. Case: 11/26

SILVER MEDAL

Mr John Roy REID

for his actions at the scene of a violent armed robbery in a newsagency at Earlwood, NSW 2206 on 6 July 2009.

At about 6:20am on 6 July 2009, two offenders wearing balaclavas entered a newsagency where the first offender forced the store owner to lay face down on the ground with a firearm pointed at his head.

The second offender grabbed a man at the counter then punched and kicked him to the ground. He ordered the beaten man to open the safe before he realised the man did not work in the newsagency.

Forcing the store owner to enter the store room both offenders became agitated and threatening the two men when they could not find the safe key. The store owner opened the till; the second offender grabbed approximately \$600 to \$700 worth of notes and started looking underneath the counter for more money.

A nearby store owner **Mr. John REID** had become aware of the robbery. He entered the newsagency through the front door allowing the store owner to run out and call Triple O.

Spotting the second offender kneeling underneath the till, Mr. **REID** grabbed hold of him and struggled with him as he pulled the offender away from the counter area. The first offender came up behind the struggling men. When **John REID** turned to face him he was confronted by a firearm levelled at his chest. The armed offender aimed and shot Mr **REID** in the right upper leg threatening to shoot at him again. Both offenders then ran from the newsagency and into a vehicle that was parked nearby.

After being stabilised **Mr. Reid** was taken by ambulance to the Emergency Department of St George Hospital later having operations on his right hip.

4. Case: 10/72

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Peter Leonard FARRAND

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr Bruce Gordon JAMIESON

for their actions in a surf rescue at Tallow's Beach, Suffolk Park, NSW 2481 on 1 April 2010.

At about 12:20pm on 1 April 2010, a young man entered a moderate swell surf with “dumping” style waves on a body board. When he was 50 metres from shore, the young man appeared to suffer a seizure and lose consciousness.

Mr. Peter FARRAND noticed that the young man was floating face downwards with waves washing over him. He entered the one metre high heavily dumping surf and realised that the young man was now also caught in a rip taking him further out to sea.

After making his way through the surf **Mr FARRAND** noticed the body board was “tombstoning” (i.e. floating in a vertical position in the water) because the board was weighted down by the rider’s body. It is estimated that the young man had been submerged in water two metres deep for approximately 5 minutes.

Mr FARRAND immediately dived down to the unconscious young man and, with great effort, propelled him off the bottom to the surface. On his way to the shore with the unconscious young man **Mr FARRAND** had to fight against the rip and dumping waves, before reaching a sand bank where he could safely support the young man’s head above water.

Mr FARRAND managed to alert another man, **Mr. Bruce JAMIESON**, who was standing on the beach. **Mr JAMIESON** entered the water, made his way to the sand bank and assisted **Mr FARRAND** in bringing the young man to the shore.

At this point, the young man was blue, not breathing, and a pulse could not be found. CPR was commenced by **Mr FARRAND** and **Mr JAMIESON** and the young man began to breathe shortly afterwards, although he remained unconscious.

When the ambulance arrived the young man was transferred by helicopter to Lismore Base Hospital. Doctors believe the young man’s seizure was due to a brain injury from an unprovoked assault that had occurred 10 months earlier.

5. Case: 10/64

BRONZE MEDAL

Master Liam Alexander COX (11)

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Master Brady COX (15)

Mr Blake COX (20)

for their actions in the rescue of a boy from drowning at Lake Macquarie, near Booragul, NSW 2284 on 26 January 2011.

At about 3:15pm on 26 January 2011 a 4-year boy wandered away from his family during Australia Day celebrations. After walking to a nearby jetty he then fell into the water approximately 20 metres from the shore.

Liam COX (11) walked out along the jetty to go fishing. He saw the young boy about 10 centimetres below the surface of the water. He called out to his brother **Blake COX (20)** standing on the shore to make his way to the jetty.

Not a strong swimmer **Liam COX**, nevertheless jumped into the water. While remaining submerged himself he managed to push the young boy above water level with both of his hands. He kept pushing the young boy upwards, encouraging him to grab hold of the jetty. **Brady COX (15)** arrived at the scene at this time and assisted **Liam COX**. Shortly afterwards **Mr. Blake COX**

arrived and removed the young boy from the water. The young boy was semi conscious and coughing up water.

The young boy went by ambulance to the John Hunter Hospital and was released the following day not having suffered any permanent injuries.

6. Case: 12/02

SILVER MEDALS

Senior Constable Stacey Anne BULL NSW Police

Probationary Constable Scott McWILSON NSW Police

for their actions in the rescue of a woman from floodwaters at Bega, NSW 2550 on 21 March 2011.

During the period 18 to 22 March 2011 the Bega Valley district experienced severe storms and torrential rainfall. The inundation caused flash flooding, broke the banks of the Bega River with the area subsequently declared a natural disaster zone.

At about 10:50pm on 21 March 2011, **Senior Constable Stacey BULL** and **Probationary Constable Scott McWILSON** were called to a flooded lagoon where a sedan was stranded. Two metre high floodwaters were lapping at the windows of the sedan and a woman trapped inside could be heard screaming.

The on site SES team was not in a position to conduct a rescue. There were no other resources available to provide assistance to the trapped woman. Faced with a life threatening situation **Senior Constable BULL** directed an SES member to guard the police vehicle and ensure it was not stranded by rising floodwaters.

Both officers removed their appointment belts and boots and entered the floodwaters. Despite being hampered by torrential rain and unknown debris, they swam through the fast flowing water in the dark and managed to reach the vehicle. In the rear seat the woman was trying to kick out one of the vehicle's windows. With water up to her shoulders she appeared to be hysterical and suffering from shock.

Senior Constable BULL used a police long baton to smash the rear near side window, cutting open her own left lower arm, hand and fingers in the process. She and **Probationary Constable McWILSON** tried to reassure the woman, who they then found out, could not swim.

Senior Constable BULL instructed **Probationary Constable McWILSON** (not a strong swimmer) to stay with the woman. She then swam 50 metres against the torrent back to the SES team. Obtaining a flotation device with a rope attached she re-entered the floodwaters and swam back to the sedan.

With the assistance of **Probationary Constable McWILSON** they managed to secure the woman in the flotation device and lay her on her back. Within moments of removing the woman from the sedan, the vehicle was swept away.

Both officers then towed the woman through the torrential floodwaters, back to the SES team. Because no ambulance could reach them they utilised the police vehicle to convey the woman to Bega Hospital, where she was treated for shock.

Senior Constable BULL rendered self first aid, and returned to her duties. Together with **Probationary Constable McWILSON** she continued to assist with other rescues. After their shift

finished she returned to Bega Hospital where her left hand and other wounds were treated for a bacterial infection.

7. Case: 10/106

BRONZE MEDALS

Senior Fire-fighter David RIGON
Senior Fire-fighter Peter COOPER

Fire & Rescue NSW
Fire & Rescue NSW

for their actions in the rescue of an elderly woman from a house fire at Birchgrove, NSW 2040 on 21 March 2011.

At about 7:38pm on 21 March 2011, Fire & Rescue NSW crews were called to a house fire where an elderly woman was trapped on the third floor balcony.

The house construction made it impossible for a single ladder to reach the third floor balcony. Using an extension ladder and carrying a “jumbo” folding extension **Senior Firefighter David RIGON** and **Senior Firefighter Peter COOPER** immediately accessed the first floor balcony. Assembling the folded ladder the two firefighters quickly used it to scale up to the second floor balcony.

Directed to move to her neighbour’s adjoining roof, the woman did this and was seen to be holding on to a railing. **Senior Firefighters RIGON** and **Senior Firefighter COOPER** then pulled up the folded ladder, re-extended it in a suitable position near the neighbouring house directly below the woman. I

Senior Firefighter RIGON scaled the ladder while **Senior Firefighter COOPER** used a table and pot plants beside the ladder to climb up and assist the woman to let go of the railing.

Despite the intensity of the fire the firefighters managed to help the woman reach the ladder safely, and bring her down to the second floor balcony

Senior Firefighter RIGON and **Senior Firefighter COOPER** cleared a path through a severely cluttered external stair to take the woman to ground level where a waiting ambulance took the woman to hospital.

8. Case 10/47

BRONZE MEDALS

Mr. Matthew O’GRADY
Mr. Con SAKOULAS

for their actions at the scene of a boating collision in Sydney Harbour, NSW 2000 on 28 March 2007.

At about 10.51pm on the evening of 28 March 2007, the ferry *Pam Burridge* and the motor cruiser *Merinda* collided in Sydney Harbour, east of the Harbour Bridge off Dawes Point.

Of 12 people on board the *Merinda*, four died, two others suffered terrible injuries while the remaining passengers and crew survived with minor injuries only. The *Merinda* was

torn in half and was almost entirely submerged within a couple of minutes. The larger vessel *Pam Burridge* had only two people aboard who suffered no injuries.

Immediately after the collision and distress calls had gone out, two ferries the *Fishburn* crewed by Mr. **Simon MITCHELL**, Mr. **Con SAKOULAS** and Mr. **Matthew O'GRADY** and the *Golden Grove* responded.

Mr. Matthew O'GRADY plunged into the black water three times to rescue survivors and to recover victims. He rescued a woman standing on the wreckage of the *Merinda* and took her to the *Pam Burridge*. He then swam back and rescued an unconscious lady and also took her to the *Pam Burridge*. He was swimming back to rescue a third woman when his feet touched the body of a man who was under the water. He swam him back to the *Fishburn* and attempted CPR but the man was deceased. He then remained on the *Fishburn* doing what he could to assist survivors who had been brought aboard by other rescuers.

Although the wreckage of the *Merinda* contained jagged edges and potential snags **Mr. Con SAKOULAS** jumped into the water and rescued the third woman clinging to the wreckage.

9. Case 10/62

BRONZE MEDAL

Intensive Care Paramedic (ICP) Phillip McCARREN

for his actions at the scene of an ambulance accident near Taree, NSW 2430 on 4 December 2009.

On 4 December 2009 **Intensive Care Paramedic Phillip McCARREN** was in the rear patient compartment of an ambulance attending to a patient being conveyed to Manning Base Hospital at Taree. Realising the ambulance was not going to negotiate a sharp corner **Mr. McCARREN** threw himself over the patient and grabbed the stretcher in order to protect the patient.

After the ambulance had rolled twice, the vehicle came to rest with the patient, having fallen through the safety harness, lying on his back unconscious in the stretcher, and on top of **Mr. McCARREN**.

After using his mobile phone to call for assistance (both radio and antenna were damaged) **Mr. McCARREN** then proceeded to kick out the window of the sliding rear side door. This was despite previously sustaining an injury to his right shoulder, three dislocated anterior ribs, soft tissue damage and back pain. Regardless of his injuries **Mr. McCARREN** went back into the ambulance to extricate the patient. He then assisted the driver, who was upside down but conscious, using scissors to cut him out of his seatbelt.

Due to his injuries **Mr. McCARREN**, along with his patient, was then taken to hospital.

10. Case 10/102

BRONZE MEDALS

Mr Jason TIPPETT
Mr Bradley TUCKWELL

for their actions at the scene of truck fire at Picton Road, Cataract, NSW 2560 on 24 June 2011.

On 24 June 2011 Mr. **Jason TIPPETT** and Mr. **Bradley TUCKWELL** arrived at the scene of a major motor vehicle accident on Picton Road, Cataract. A truck had rolled on to its side in the east bound lane and caught fire.

The driver was trapped in the vehicle with flames already starting to engulf the truck's cabin. **Mr. TUCKWELL** grabbed a metal pole and smashed some holes into the front windscreen and, with the assistance of **Mr. TIPPETT**, got the driver out. **Mr TUCKWELL** suffered a number of cuts to his hands and was attended to by the ambulance staff but he did not require any hospital treatment.

When the police arrived the truck was well alight. They observed the fire was so intense that the bitumen road surface was on fire. It took the NSW Fire Brigade nearly 30 minutes to extinguish the fire. The ambulance staff treated the driver for minor cuts and bruises to his arms and legs.

11. Case 10/105

SILVER MEDAL

Timothy HANNAN (16)

for his actions in the rescue a male from the surf off Lurline Bay, Maroubra NSW 2035 on 27 August 2011.

At approximately 1:10 pm on 27 August 2011, 16 year old **Timothy HANNAN** was rock fishing with friends. He saw a male person jump from Kings Reef Cliff, South Coogee, land on the rocks about 20 metres below, and roll into the water.

The man was then seen to be floating north past where **Timothy HANNAN** and his friends were fishing. Climbing down the rugged coastal terrain **Timothy HANNAN** entered the cold winter water, battling the ocean swell, with waves smashing up against the rocks and cliff face which could have easily resulted in injury. One of his friends threw the man a rope, but he refused to take hold, saying "he did not want any help and wanted to die".

Timothy HANNAN took hold of the man and kept him afloat for approximately 10 minutes until the arrival of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. During this time the man repeatedly said "he did not want to go back".

Once the man was winched out of the water by the helicopter crew **Timothy HANNAN** swam back to the rocks. He was retrieved by local beach life savers who had made their

way to the location on jet skis. Taken back to Maroubra Beach **Timothy HANNAN** was treated by ambulance personnel before being taken to Prince of Wales Hospital.

12. Case 12/03

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Nils BENTSEN

for his actions on 2 December 2011 on the Princes Highway at Frogs Hollow, NSW 2550 in the rescue of a driver from an overturned vehicle which subsequently ignited.

Travelling north along Princes Highway, Frogs Hollow, NSW 2550 at about 9.15am on 2 December 2011 Mr **NILS BENTSEN** observed an overturned vehicle containing the woman driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle. Smoke was issuing from the vehicle. Leaving his vehicle Mr **BENTSEN** went to render assistance when the vehicle has ignited. Despite the smoke and heat he managed to release the seatbelt and assisted the driver out of the vehicle to safety. When the Police arrived the vehicle was well alight, with heavy dark smoke issuing. The intensity of the fire caused the vehicle to explode and it was then totally destroyed by fire.

13. Case 12/04

BRONZE MEDALS

Mr Jack CUI (Posthumous)
Sergeant Lance STEBBING

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Senior Constable Jamie FARR
Probationary Constable Christian VULPEANU

for their actions at Middle Beach, Mosman, NSW 2088 in attempting to rescue two rock fishermen swept into rough seas on 1 May 2011.

On 1 May 2011 at 10:30 am at Middle Beach, Mosman NSW 2088 a rock fisherman Mr **Weiguang GE** was washed off the rocks near Obelisk Beach. His brother-in-law Mr **Jack CUI**, stripped down to his underwear, and entered the water in an attempt to assist Mr **GE** but, due to the rough conditions, they both struggled to stay afloat. Trying to swim to safety Mr **CUI** and Mr **GE** were about 5 to 10 metres from the rocks when another wave came in, they were separated and swept further out to sea. As a result of a "000" call Sergeant Lance STEBBING, Senior Constable Jamie FARR and Probationary Constable Christian VULPEANU from the Harbourside LAC attended the scene. Probationary Constable VULPEANU sighted one of the men and with little regard for his safety Sergeant STEBBING made his way down the slippery rocks entered the rough swell and retrieved the unconscious male (Mr Ge). With the assistance of Senior Constable FARR and bystanders the unconscious man was lifted to a rock platform above the breaking waves where CPR was commenced by Sergeant Stebbing and Senior Constable Farr. Also a defibrillator was used by Sergeant Stebbing but without result.

Throughout this time Probationary Constable VULPEANU continued lookout for Mr Cui until relieved later by search craft and helicopters. Police divers located Mr Cui's body under water about 2 hours later.

14. Case 12/07A

BRONZE MEDAL

Ms Melissa KENNEDY

for her actions on 24 December 2011 at Wagga Wagga, NSW 2560 in rendering assistance to a man and his dog viciously attacked in a street by two stag hound dogs.

At about 6:30 am **Mr Howard BROWN** was walking his dog along Docker Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2560 when it was attacked by two stag hound dogs. These dogs then turned on him and commenced to viciously attack him. Ms **Melissa KENNEDY**, driving along Docker Street, saw the attack and stopped to render assistance to Mr **BROWN**.

In turn, **Ms KENNEDY** was ferociously attacked by the two dogs. The two victims then attempted to gain entry into her car while still being attacked by the dogs. Once Mr Brown's dog successfully gained entry to the car the attacking stag hounds ran off.

Ms KENNEDY then drove them both to the Emergency Section of the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital.

15. Case 12/07B

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Ben McCULLY

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Constable BAGLEY

for their actions on Saturday 24 December 2011 at 7:00 am in Wagga Wagga, NSW 2560 in rendering assistance to a woman viciously attacked in a street by two stag hound dogs.

At about 7:00 am on 24 December 2011 Mrs **Vicky McCULLY** was reversing her motor cycle out of the front gate of her home when two dogs attacked her causing her to lose balance and fall off her motor cycle. On the ground the dogs commenced to drag her along the ground for about 10 metres causing her to scream in fear and pain.

Hearing his mother's screams for help **Mr Ben McCULLY** ran outside and attempted to remove the grip the two dogs had on his mother. The dogs then attacked him, allowing Mrs. **McCULLY** to run into her house to call for an ambulance and get a large kitchen knife.

Managing to grab hold of the male dog's choker chain **Mr McCULLY** dragged it to the other side of the motor cycle and pinned it to the ground. Constable **BAGLEY** then arrived and observed it was an extremely of aggressive animal which Mr **McCULLY** was struggling to control due to the severe and open lacerations to his forearms.

Constable **BAGLEY** then had to deploy severe actions (Capsicum spray and use of the long baton on the choker chain) to subdue the male dog. The female dog remained placid afterwards and a rope was secured around her neck without incident.

An ambulance attended and conveyed both victims to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, both suffering severe lacerations all over their bodies.

16. Case 12/09

**BRONZE MEDAL
Mr Paul MINOGUE**

for his actions in attempting to rescue a child from dangerous surf at Corrimal Beach, NSW 2518 on 23 January 2012.

At about 6.30pm on 23 January 2012 Mr **Paul MINOGUE** was walking at the south end of Corrimal Beach when he was alerted by a distressed 12 year old girl that her 8 year old male friend was missing in the water. The child had been in shallow water but was knocked over by a wave in dangerous surf and swept approximately 100 metres out to sea. Members of his family on the beach were non swimmers.

Seeing the raised arm of the 8 year old child **Mr MINOGUE** immediately entered the water. He swam out for a distance of approximately 100 metres and made numerous attempts to locate the child, remaining in the water for a period of some time without success. Mr **MINOGUE** needed treatment by ambulance officers for exhaustion. The young boy's body was recovered four days later at Woonona.

17. Case 12/10

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Mr Shane FLANIGAN**

for his actions in the rescue of a woman from a house fire at Towradgi, NSW 2518 on 10 February 2012.

On 10 February 2012 at approximately 12:30 hours Mr **Shane FLANIGAN** was walking his dog along Elizabeth Street Towradgi, when he heard the high pitched sound of a smoke alarm. When he approached the house he saw smoke issuing from the single level residential house.

He entered the rear of the house and found a well established fire in the kitchen. Standing adjacent to the fire was 94 year old Mrs **Sheila MINTORN** who was in her walking frame but struggling to move away from the fire. He placed her in a wheelchair which was near the front door and with the assistance of another neighbour, then wheeled her around the corner to safety.

When the Fire & Rescue NSW crew from 241 Station Bulli arrived at 12:35 hours there were large volumes of smoke blanketing the street.

18. Case 12/11

SILVER MEDAL

Mr Michael BANISTER

for his actions in the rescue of a number people from dangerous surf conditions at North Cronulla Beach, NSW 2230 on 1 January 2012.

At about 7pm on 1 January 2012 Mr **Michael BANISTER** was walking the esplanade with his family at North Cronulla beach when he noticed a group of ten young adults going down to the water's edge for a swim. Although aware of a rip in the area the youths were heading towards he continued walking with his family. Shortly afterwards he decided to check on the group, then he noticed that two of the group had been swept out past the sand bar and were in deep water and unable to swim.

Using an abandoned body board **Mr BANISTER** entered the surf. Four others from the group entered the water to help their friends but unfortunately they also required help. **Mr BANISTER** reached the first casualty, a young woman who was underwater. He managed to pull her on to the board and then collected the other four whom he instructed to cling to the board and kick their way back to the sand bar. With the five safely back on the sand bar he realised there was one person still missing – a young male just managing to tread water approximately 150 metres from the shore outside the line of breaking waves.

Instructing the five people to stay on the sand bar **Mr BANISTER** went to the young man. After locating him and getting him onto the board he escorted him back to the sand bar as well. From the sand bar **Mr BANISTER** escorted each person individually to the beach. Mr Patrick HANNAN (who lives in premises on the ocean front) and witnessed the whole incident then provided assistance.

19. Case 12/12

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr John WIBLEN

for his actions at the scene of a vehicle fire at Lions Park, Woy Woy NSW 2256 on 22 February 2012.

In Lions Park Woy Woy NSW 2256 at about 2.30pm on 22 February 2012 Mr John WIBLEN heard an explosion, saw the boot of a car fly open and flames and smoke come out of the vehicle. He saw a person sitting in the rear of the vehicle, behind the driver's seat engulfed by flames and screaming. As he raced towards the vehicle Mr WIBLEN noticed smoke and flames rolling through the vehicle around the person's head, and that the roof lining was beginning to burn.

Forcing open the rear door of the vehicle Mr WIBLEN dragged the victim to a safer area some 20 metres from the vehicle. With the assistance of another member of the public he started administering first aid and continued to do so until ambulance personnel took over.

Fire & Rescue NSW personnel determined the fire was deliberately lit, confirmed by police as an attempted suicide.

20. Case 12/13
BRONZE MEDAL
Mr Edward KUNST

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Mr Shaun CANSDALL

LETTER OF COMMENDATION
Mr Greg HACKFAITH

for their actions in the surf rescue of two women at Sandy Beach NSW 2456 on 4 January 2011.

At Sandy Beach NSW 2456 on 4 January 2011 at about 2:00 pm Mr **Edward KUNST** was approached by a distraught woman pointing to the ocean where her friend was screaming and in trouble. Mr KUNST immediately swam out in swirling surf and tried to calm the woman before assisting her to the beach.

Despite feeling exhausted, Mr **KUNST** re-entered the dangerous surf and began to search for a second woman known to have been in the surf at that time. In difficult and dangerous surf conditions he eventually had to leave the water without finding the missing woman.

A local lifeguard Mr **Shaun CANSDALL** entered the water with his rescue board. Identifying the rip and the direction in which it was heading, he commenced to search for the second woman. Conditions at this time were rough, with a strong wind blowing. The choppy swell was so treacherous that the local surfers had already left the area.

About 20 minutes later the unconscious body of the woman was located approximately 600 metres from where she had entered the water floating face up in the water. Mr **CANSDALL** brought her to shore where he and the head lifeguard Mr **Greg HACKFAITH** continued CPR in tandem for over one hour without respite. Unfortunately the woman was unable to be revived.

21. Case 12/19
BRONZE MEDALS
Mr Nathan FERNANDEZ
Mr Andrew GEORGE

for their actions in the rescue of two men at Budgewoi Beach NSW 2262 on 8 May 2012.

On 8 May 2012 at about 5.30pm two men were fishing in a 16 foot aluminium boat off Budgewoi Beach, NSW 2262 when a large wave capsized the boat approximately 200 metres from shore throwing them into the water.

The younger man managed to swim to shore. However the older man remained in the water drifting away from the upturned vessel. At this time Mr **Nathan FERNANDEZ** and

Mr **Andrew GEORGE** attempted to use a paddle board to reach the fisherman still in the water. Due to dangerous conditions they had to return to shore. Again they both attempted to paddle out to the man and were concerned with the fading light, very poor visibility and knowing that the rescue helicopter was still some 15 minutes away.

Although Mr **GEORGE** was forced to return to shore because he was exhausted Mr **FERNANDEZ** persisted until he was able to reach the man and return him to shore where medical assistance was waiting.

22. Case 2012/14

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr. Scott BUTLER

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mr. James RUSSELL

for their actions at the scene of an attempted murder at Yamba NSW 2464 on 14 August 2011.

At home on 14 August 2011 at 12:30 pm **Mr. James Russell** heard his mother screaming. Reaching the kitchen, he saw his mother leaning against the kitchen bench with his father trying to choke her from behind. The blood on the floor came from his mother who had sustained two stab wounds and lacerations to her neck, and a wound to her chest.

A neighbour **Mr Scott Butler**, armed with a long handled scraper, ran into the premises to help **Mr. James Russell**. He found **Mrs Karen Russell** and, beside her, a knife wielding male not known to him. **Mrs Russell** was holding a blood stained cloth to her neck and appeared to be in shock. There was a large amount of blood on the kitchen floor, cupboards and sink. **Mr. Butler** held up the floor scraper and told the man (**Mr. Tony Russell**) to put down the knife.

While **Mr. Butler** kept the man with the knife occupied, **Mrs Russell** and **Mr. James Russell** were able to move out to the front yard of the premises. The agitated man continued to pace the kitchen and kept trying to push past **Mr. Butler** who was attempting to negotiate and calm him down. He then picked up a second knife off the kitchen floor and walked in and out of the kitchen to the back yard a number of times. During this period **Mr. Butler** followed and kept him in his sight whilst attempting to calm him.

Eventually the man walked into the back yard again where he entered **Mrs. Russell's** vehicle armed with a knife and refused to exit the vehicle.

Police arrived shortly after and negotiated with the man for 6 hours before he was tasered. He was subsequently charged with attempted murder.

23. Case 2012/16

SILVER MEDAL & GALLEGHAN AWARD

Mr Rowan CUTBUSH

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Mr Mark GREEN

for their actions in the rescue of a female after a shark attack on 16 March 2011, off Nelson Head at Port Stephens, NSW 2315.

While wakeboarding behind a para-sailing vessel at approximately 12:57 pm on 16 March 2011 **Ms. Lisa Mondy** fell into the water about 500 metres off Nelson Head, Port Stephens. Immediately, the master of the vessel, **Mr. Mark Green**, with his observer **Mr. Rowan Cutbush**, turned around to pick Ms. Mondy up. As **Ms. Mondy** was swimming towards the wakeboard she was attacked from underneath by a 3.5 to 4 metre Great White Shark. Bitten on the right hand side of her neck face and left arm, the shark lifted **Ms. Mondy** approximately half a metre out of the water before releasing its grip on her.

Without hesitation **Mr. Cutbush** leapt into the water while **Mr. Green** navigated the vessel towards **Ms. Mondy**. **Mr Green** then threw **Mr. Cutbush** a line. Holding the line with one hand **Mr. Cutbush** used his other arm to hold **Ms. Mondy's** right arm and her life jacket. **Mr. Green** used the line to pull them to the boat. **Mr. Cutbush** then swam them both to the aft area of the vessel. While they attempted to confuse the shark, the vessel was churning up as much white water as possible. **Mr. Green** and **Mr. Cutbush** were able to lift **Ms. Mondy** out of the water onto the marlin board of the vessel.

Ms. Mondy had sustained substantial injuries and what was remained of her left arm was only barely attached. **Mr. Green** found the artery and used **Mr. Cutbush's** shirt to plug the wound and apply pressure. During the 10 minute trip back to the marina **Mr. Green** made all efforts to keep **Ms Mondy** conscious and assist, as much, as he could with her huge pain problems. **Mr. Cutbush** navigated the vessel to the wharf where they were met by an ambulance. Conveyed to John Hunter Hospital via Westpac Rescue Helicopter **Ms. Mondy** underwent 16 hours of eventually successful surgery.

24. Case 2013/06

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr. Cameron SCHULTE

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Senior Constable Troy Christian SIMMONS

Senior Constable Caroline TOMEK

Mr. Stephen Roy HILL

for their actions in the rescue of two badly burnt victims from a bush fire near Vittoria, NSW 2799 on 8 December 2009.

At about 4.17pm on 8 December 2009 **Senior Constable Troy Simmons** and **Senior Constable Caroline Tomek** went to a bush fire near Vittoria, NSW 2799. They were met by **Mr. Stephen Hill**, who took them to a site where two badly burnt men were at a water trough. It transpired that the son, **Mr. Cameron Schulte**, on his motor bike had gone in search of his father. After finding him, although both had got caught and burned by the fire, they had managed to find and use a water trough.

Mr Hill and **Senior Constables Simmons and Tomek** immediately applied first aid. Air assistance was called. A water bombing helicopter began to drop near the site, but the rescue helicopter was unable to land due to poor visibility and smoke. However, nearby, it was able to hover sufficiently low enough for a doctor to alight. When the fire front moved closer, **Mr. Hill** moved his refrigerated meat truck to the site.

The badly burnt men were helped on to the vehicle, one in the front with **Senior Constable Simmons** and the doctor, while the other was in the back with **Mr. Hill**. In a desperate situation **Senior Constable Simmons** drove the refrigerated vehicle off the site, through rough terrain, until the following rescue helicopter could land safely. **Senior Constable Tomek** followed in the police vehicle.

Ambulance officers attending treated both victims before conveying them to hospital.

25. Case 2013/07

BRONZE MEDAL

Constable James MORGAN

for his actions in the rescue of a man from drowning in the Parramatta River at Meadowbank, NSW 2114 on 3 September 2010.

At about 3.30am on 3 September 2010 police responded to a call to assist a male who was drowning in the Parramatta River off Meadowbank Wharf. Arriving on the scene, police observed the man about 300 metres from the wharf, being swept by the current towards Sydney.

With no police rescue units available for some time, sensing the man was in a distressed state and drowning, **Constable James Morgan** took the decision to enter the water. After swimming about 400 metres in pitch dark and freezing cold waters **Constable Morgan** reached the drowning man. Together they then drifted down to a further 200 metres to the Belmore Street Wharf where other police assisted them from the water.

An ambulance took the rescued man to Ryde hospital. **Constable Morgan** resumed his duties soon afterwards.

26. Case 2013/09

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Chief Inspector Colin GREEN

Constable Jacob GOW

Mr. Dylan ENYON

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mr. Travis LAMB

Mr. Asher LICCARDI

Mr. David GWILLIM

for their actions at the scene of a light plane crash at North Curl Curl beach, NSW 2096 on 2 September 2011.

At about 10.30am on 2 September 2011 a light plane crashed into the sea about 50 metres off North Curl Curl Beach, NSW 2096. A passenger managed to free himself from the wreckage of the plane which sunk on impact. Two members of the public, who witnessed the crash immediately entered the water. **Mr. Travis Lamb** and **Mr. Asher Liccardi** swam out to the man and assisted him to a rocky ledge. They were assisted by **Mr. David Gwillim** to bring the man ashore.

Informed that the pilot was trapped in the sunken plane the police at the scene, **Chief Inspector Colin Green** and **Constable Jacob Gow** removed their police uniforms and swam to the area

where the plane had disappeared. The wreckage was about 10 metres below the surface. The water was covered in oil slicks and debris. Both officers made several efforts to dive down to the wreckage of the plane to free the trapped pilot, but without success.

The officers were joined at the wreckage site by **Mr. Dylan Enyon** who also dived unsuccessfully in his attempts to free the trapped pilot.

The body of the pilot was later removed from the wreckage by police divers.

27. Case 2013/10

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Stephen ZIELTJES

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Mrs Michelle ZIELTJES

for their actions at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on the Northern Distributor, Orange, NSW 2800 on 19 August 2012

On 19 August 2013, **Mr Stephen ZIELTJES** a passenger in a car with his family on the Northern Distributor Orange, NSW 2800, witnessed a motor vehicle accident.

Mr Zieltjes ran to one of the vehicles involved in the collision, a Ford 4 wheel drive vehicle containing a female driver and 3 children. At once **Mr. Zieltjes** started to remove the children from the vehicle.

Seeing the other vehicle, a sedan, had started to catch on fire **Mr Zieltjes** called to his wife, **Mrs Michelle Zieltjes**, to help the female driver and the children while he ran to the other car.

Mr Zieltjes then entered the vehicle to extricate the driver but unfortunately found him deceased. **Mr Zieltjes** obtained a fire extinguisher to spray on this vehicle prior to the arrival of Fire & Rescue NSW.

The deceased driver was on the passenger side of the vehicle. In attempting to pull the deceased person out of the car, **Mr Zieltjes** had to enter the car through the back left hand door. Regrettably this attempt was unsuccessful because the door was locked. **Mr Zieltjes** then got into the back seat, put his arms around the deceased chest area but was unable to remove him because the deceased's right hand was stuck on the driver's side door.

Fumes and smoke forced **Mr Zieltjes** out of the vehicle without the deceased person.

Fire, Police and Ambulance officers arrived shortly after. The car burst into flames.

28. Case 2013/11

BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Mark GOODWIN

for his actions in recovering an injured male from under a train at Lindfield Railway Station, NSW 2070 on 13 March 2013.

At approximately 7.50am on 13 March 2013, **Mr Mark Goodwin**, dressed in business attire, saw a 19 year old man attempted self harm by jumping in front of a city bound passenger train at Lindfield Railway Station, NSW 2070. **Mr Goodwin** was among the approximately 150 commuters on the station waiting to board the train.

Without regard for his own safety **Mr Goodwin** immediately jumped to the track between two carriages and located the young man screaming under the fourth carriage. In this rescue attempt **Mr Goodwin** faced considerable danger because of live electrical components under the train, the possibility of the train moving off, and other trains running coming to Lindfield during the peak hour period.

Mr Goodwin assisted the young man to remove himself from under the train. As a result of the incident the young man attempting self harm suffered only minor lacerations

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

Statement of Financial Position – as at 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets	3	369,065	352,990
Inventories - Medals on hand		-	372
Accrued Income		1,212	1,346
Other Receivables		999	1,066
Total Assets		<u>371,276</u>	<u>355,774</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables		<u>1,450</u>	<u>3,463</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,450</u>	<u>3,463</u>
Accumulated Funds	4	<u>369,826</u>	<u>352,311</u>

Statement of Comprehensive Income – for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Donations		23,760	12,170
Interest		15,267	18,757
Sale of Miniatures/ and Enquiries		279	150
		<u>39,306</u>	<u>31,077</u>
Expenses from Ordinary Activities			
Annual Award Presentation		4,231	7,348
Honorarium	6	6,900	7,800
Insurance		159	159
General Expenses, Postage, Data Base and supplies		6,245	3,608
Printing and Stationery		3,006	1,320
Auditor remuneration		1,250	2,500
		<u>21,791</u>	<u>22,735</u>
Net Profit		<u>17,515</u>	<u>8,342</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these Statements.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

Statement of Changes in Equity – for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

	Retained surpluses	Total equity
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2011	343,969	343,969
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	8,342	8,342
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>352,311</u>	<u>352,311</u>
Balance at 30 June 2012	<u>352,311</u>	<u>352,311</u>
Balance at 1 July 2012	352,311	352,311
Surplus after income tax expense for the year	17,515	17,515
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>369,826</u>	<u>369,826</u>
Balance at 30 June 2013	<u>369,826</u>	<u>369,826</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Changes in Equity.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED

Statement of Cash Flows - for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from activities and donors		24,240	19,966
Interest received		15,267	18,757
Payments to suppliers and employees		(23,432)	(19,254)
Net cash (absorbed) provided by operating activities	9	16,075	19,469
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		352,990	333,521
Cash at the end of the financial year		369,065	352,990

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Cash Flows.

Notes to the Financial Statements - for the financial year ended 30 June 2013

Note 1. Summary of Accounting Policies

Financial reporting framework

The financial statements have been prepared as a general purpose financial report which complies with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Standards Board Interpretations) and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Charitable Fundraising Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention and do not take account of changes in either the purchasing power of the dollar or in the prices of specific assets.

Significant accounting policies

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resultant financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions and other events is reported. The accounting policies used are consistent with those adopted in the previous year.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report.

Income tax

The Society has been endorsed as an income tax exempt charity entity under subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The Society's Australian Business Number is 68 581 296 689.

Note 2. Constitution of the Society

The Society, founded on 25 July 1877, was previously an unincorporated body and was incorporated in NSW on 26 February 2010 under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

Upon incorporation, the persons who were members of the association immediately before the date of incorporation, together with any other persons who from time to time become members of the incorporated association (as from the time they become members), are an incorporated association by the name of Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated.

Upon incorporation, the assets of the former association vested in the incorporated association and the rights and liabilities of the former association became the rights and liabilities of the incorporated association. The incorporated body is capable of performing all of the functions of the body corporate, including the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property. Moneys may be invested in any investment authorised by the Trustee Act 1925-1942 of New South Wales or any amendment thereof.

Upon dissolution, assets and funds on hand may, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charity or charities as a majority of the members present at a General Meeting may decide.

	2013	2012
	\$	\$

Note 3. Cash Assets

General Account		
Cash at bank	19,269	17,424
Cash on short term deposit at bank	349,546	335,513
Petty cash	250	53
Total Cash Assets	<u>369,065</u>	<u>352,990</u>

The cash on short term deposit at bank earns a fixed rate of interest, depending upon the period for which it is invested. In the year ended 30 June 2013, this rate ranged from 4.80% to 4.15 % , (2012: 5.80% to 4.80%).

Note 4. Accumulated Funds

Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the financial year	352,311	343,969
Net profit	17,515	8,342
Accumulated Funds at the end of the financial year	<u>369,826</u>	<u>352,311</u>

2013 **2012**
\$ **\$**

Note 5. Remuneration of Officers

The members of Council and the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary are appointed on an honorary basis and do not receive remuneration either directly or indirectly.

Note 6. Remuneration of Assistant to the Secretary

An honorarium is paid to the Secretary's Assistant.	<u>6,900</u>	<u>7,800</u>
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Note 7. Remuneration of Auditors

Auditor of the financial report	1,250	2,500
Other services	230	-
	<u>1,480</u>	<u>2,500</u>

Note 8. Financial Instruments

Credit Risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Society. The Society has adopted the policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as appropriately credentialled as a means of mitigating the risk of losses from defaults. The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position represents the maximum credit risk to which the Society is exposed.

Net fair value

The carrying amount of the financial assets and liabilities as shown on the face of the Statement of Financial Position represents the net fair value of the financial assets and liabilities at the reporting date. All of these assets and liabilities are of such a nature that they are not readily traded.

Note 9. Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

Reconciliation of Net cash (absorbed) provided by Operating Activities to Operating profit

Operating Profit	17,515	8,342
Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in net assets and liabilities:	17,515	8,342
Changes in net assets and liabilities		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Other current assets	573	7,664
Decrease (increase) in:		
Other current liabilities	(2,013)	3,463
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	16,075	19,469

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**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

In the Councillors' opinion:

1. the financial statements and notes set out on pages 1 to 5 present fairly the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations);
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
3. the Statement of Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals;
4. the Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals;
5. the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act, the regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation; and
6. the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

Made in accordance with a resolution of the Council.

R. J. Hein AM.
Chairman

E. R. Temple, FCA
Honorary Treasurer

Sydney
12 August 2013

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report of the Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Incorporated ("Society"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Councillors' declaration as set out on pages 1 to 6.

The Councillors of the Society are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 and Charitable Fundraising Act and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Councillors' responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

Our audit did not include an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by the Councillors or management.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Qualification

Donations (including bequests) are a significant source of revenue for the Society. The Society has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over these donations prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to such revenue activities had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether the proceeds of donations to the Society are complete.

In respect of the qualification however, based on our review of the internal controls, nothing has come to our attention which would cause us to believe that the internal controls over revenue from fundraising appeal activities by Society are not appropriate.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required has the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed.

The financial report of the Society:

- (a) Gives a true and fair view, as required by the *Associations Incorporation Act 1984* and *Charitable Fundraising Act* in Australia, of the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2013, and of its performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (b) Complies with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1;
- (c) Is presented in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1984* and *Charitable Fundraising Act*, Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, to the extent disclosed in Note 1;
- (d) Gives a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals for the financial year ended 30 June 2013; and
- (e) At the date of this report there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

FORSYTHES ASSURANCE & RISK

M J Matthews
Partner
Chartered Accountants

9 August 2013

The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales Inc.

**gratefully acknowledges the continuing support
of its major donors.**

The New South Wales Government



N.R.M.A. Insurance



**DONATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPECT OF
THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE 2012**

Mr J. D.O. Burns

Mr C.M. Fagg

Councillors of the Royal Humane Society of N.S.W.