



AWARDS FOR BRAVERY INVESTITURE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

SYDNEY

Friday 12 March 2021

Investiture 1: 1 pm to 3pm

Investiture 2: 4pm to 6pm

PROGRAM

Official Party enters the Ballroom

Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson
enter the Ballroom

(all stand)

National Anthem

Her Excellency's opening remarks

Recipients are invested

Her Excellency's closing remarks

Her Excellency and Mr Wilson followed by
Official Party move to the Arcade

Recipients and Guests move to the Arcade
where refreshments will be served

Her Excellency and Mr Wilson withdraw

Guests depart

The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales

Patron-In-Chief

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Patron

Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales

President

Mr Donald McDonald AC

Chair

Colonel Alexander Dangar (Ret'd)

Vice Chair

Mr David Turner

Honorary Treasurer

Mr Chris Honey

Councillors

Major General The Honourable Justice Clifton Hoeben AM RFD (Ret'd)

Mrs Beatrice Gray

Commissioner Michael Fuller APM, NSW Police Force

-Represented by Assistant Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald APM

Commissioner Paul Baxter QSO, Fire and Rescue NSW

- Represented by Executive Director People & Culture Michael Baldi

Commissioner Dominic Morgan ASM, Ambulance Service of NSW

Commissioner Rob Rogers, Commissioner NSW Rural Fire Service

Commissioner Carlene York APM, NSW State Emergency Service

Honorary Secretary and Public Officer – Mr Peter Stathis AFSM

Assistant Secretary – Mr Michael Delman

Honorary Publicity Officer – Mr John Hoban

Life Governors

Major General Raymond Sharp AO RFD ED (Ret'd)

Mr Alan Batley AM

Mr Stewart Doyle

Rear Admiral The Honourable Alwynne Rowlands AO RFD QC RANR (Ret'd)

Rear Admiral Anthony Hunt AO RAN (Ret'd)

Life Member

Mr Robert May APM

Major Roland Milbank MA MPhil JP

The Royal Humane Society of New South Wales was instituted on 25 July 1887. The Society was formed as the National Shipwreck Relief Society and held its first meeting at the Royal Exchange, Sydney on Friday 25 July 1887.

In 1902 His Majesty King Edward VII gave approval for the Society to be known as the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society of NSW.

In 1968 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved the change of name to the Royal Humane Society of NSW in common with all Commonwealth Nations.

The Society was Incorporated on 26 February 2010.

The objective of the Society is to give public recognition to acts of bravery by bestowing awards on those who risk their own lives in attempting to save the lives of others and by so doing promote brave and courageous acts in the community and benefit the public in general through encouragement of such acts.

The Society's Awards are the Galleghan Award, Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Bronze Medal, Certificate of Merit, Letter of Commendation and the Sir Neville Pixley Award. The latter is a special award to recognise bravery by a young person in the performance of a humane act.

The Galleghan Award, instituted in 1996, recognises the most outstanding acts of bravery in the year. The recipient of the Galleghan Award is nominated by the Society for consideration to receive the Stanhope Medal.

The Stanhope Gold Medal, which is an award of the Royal Humane Society (England), was instituted in 1873 as the English Society's highest award for bravery each year. Since 1962, all kindred Commonwealth Societies have been invited to nominate each year their best cases for adjudication for this Award.

SOCIETY AWARDS

The Gallegghan Award

The Gallegghan Award recognises the most outstanding act of bravery during the preceding months.



twelve

Gold Medal



Silver Medal



Bronze Medal



The Stanhope Medal Certificate of Merit

Letter of Commendation

Sir Neville Pixley Award

The Sir Neville Pixley Award is a special award for brave children or children who have performed humane acts.

The Stanhope Medal

The Stanhope Gold Medal is an award made under charter of the Royal Humane Society (England). It was instituted in 1873 and is the English Society's highest award for bravery in each year.



2020 AWARDS

INVESTITURE 1 (1 to 3pm)

SILVER MEDAL

Ms Sarah Wright

BRONZE MEDAL

Ms Christine Mancer

For their actions in rescuing a woman from a vicious dog attack at Umina Beach on 20 June 2019.

Case 2019/21



BRONZE MEDALS

Senior Constable Joel Apthorpe

Senior Constable Hansell Pereira

Senior Constable Benjamin Cashmere

For their actions in rescuing a man who had been run over by a train and lay trapped underneath on the evening of 28 June 2016.

Case 2019/23



SILVER MEDALS

Leading Constable Stewart Bailey

Senior Constable Jarryd May

For their actions in rescuing a fisherman swept off rocks at Shark Point Clovelly on the morning of 15 April 2017.

Case 2109/25



SILVER MEDALS

**Leading Senior Constable David Patterson
Senior Constable Sarah Kearns (nee Ryan)**

For their actions in rescuing a drowning teenager from Chipping Norton Lake on the afternoon of 4 January 2012.


Case 2020/01



**BRONZE MEDAL
Senior Firefighter Eddie Vaysbakh**

For his actions in attempting to rescue a neighbour in a house fire in Dover Heights on the morning of 3 September 2019.

Case 2020/14



**GALLEGHAN AWARD AND STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL
Mr Nicola Gilio**

**BRONZE MEDAL
Mr Jeffrey Stack**

For rescuing a young girl who had been sexually assaulted and for detaining the offender at a dancing school in Kogarah on 15 November 2018.

Case 2020/03



2020 AWARDS

INVESTITURE 2 (4 to 6pm)

SILVER MEDALS

Mr Isah Makki
Sergeant Bruce Jarvis (Ret'd)

BRONZE MEDALS

Senior Constable Joseph Zammit
Senior Constable Alexander Prins
Senior Constable Dana Wasilenia

(Senior Constable Cameron Adams, Senior Constable Sean Smithers, Detective Senior Constable Joshua Murphy, Senior Constable Regan Burnett and former Inspector Rajic Ajaka: in absentia)

For their actions in rescuing twelve victims from a burning block of units in Bexley on the afternoon of 5 August 2013.

Case 2019/24



SILVER MEDAL

Detective Senior Constable David Kerrsmith

For his actions in rescuing two persons rock fishing at Snapper Point in the Munmorah State Conservation Area in the late afternoon of 24 January 2015.

Case 2020/05

* Police appointments: equipment including pistol, capsicum spray, handcuffs, Taser, baton etc. worn on a special belt.



SILVER MEDAL

Qualified Firefighter Christopher Sherring

For his actions in rescuing two persons and evacuating four others in a house fire at Benora Point on the afternoon on 14 March 2019.

Case 2020/06



SILVER MEDAL

Mr Bradley Johnston

For his actions in rescuing the driver of a vehicle from the Hawkesbury River on the afternoon of the 27 June 2018.

Case 2020/08




BRONZE MEDAL

Mr Scott Targett

For his actions in rescuing the driver of a burning vehicle after an accident on the M1 Motorway near the Hawkesbury River, on the evening of 17 August 2014.

Case 2020/11



BRONZE MEDAL

Leading Senior Constable Ben Elder

For his actions in rescuing the occupants of a burning block of home units in Daceyville on 29 June 2014.

Case 2019/22



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Society depends upon the goodwill and help of many.

The Society is most grateful for the Vice Regal patronage accorded by Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC Governor of New South Wales.

Our annual investiture is facilitated by the Office of the Governor and Her Excellency's Deputy Official Secretary Mr Christopher Sullivan RFD who provides outstanding assistance to this Vice Regal occasion.

Fire and Rescue NSW provides the Society with our office and meeting room.

The NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW and Ambulance Service of NSW remain major contributors to investigating and reporting upon cases presented to the Council.

We are most grateful for the financial assistance provided by the NSW Government. NSW Police Force, Police Association of NSW, TPI and Mr J.D.O Burns.

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