

### **1st Allansford**

**Bellman, Darryl Norman**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1981**

**Victorian Leader**

Darryl took evasive action to bring the canoe trip party to safety due to the swollen river approaching the Merri River Weir at Warrnambool on November 19<sup>th</sup> 1978. Two Venturers separated from the party and got into difficulties. Darryl attempted several times to paddle a canoe to the boys but was swamped on both occasions. Venturers Graeme Chislett and Peter Cathcart were drowned, with Graeme awarded the Gilt Cross for his rescue efforts.

*Source: Branch files 1978, National Telegram, Victorian Scout August 1981, P4.*

### **1st Allansford**

**Chislett, Graeme Ross**

**Gilt Cross 1981**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 15 years**

Awarded posthumously. Graeme attempted to rescue fellow Venturer Peter Cathcart from the Merri River Weir at Warrnambool on November 19<sup>th</sup> 1978 after he was washed over the 3-4 foot drop on the weir wall. Despite his efforts on his surf ski which capsized in the turbulent water, both boys drowned.

*Source: Branch files 1978, National Telegram, Victorian Scout August 1981, P4*

### **1st Allansford**

**Hagan, Kenneth**

**Silver Cross 1981**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 15 years**

Ken attempted to rescue fellow Venturer Peter Cathcart from the Merri River Weir at Warrnambool on November 19<sup>th</sup> 1978 after he was washed over the 3-4 foot drop on the weir wall. He was dragged under the water but managed to discard his life jacket and was rescued exhausted downstream.

*Source: Branch files 1978, National Telegram, Victorian Scout August 1981, P4*

### **1st Ashburton**

**Dolling, Ian Malcolm**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Rover Squire**

A group of Rovers/Scout Leaders were taking part in the Bill Rutherford Raft Race on the Goulburn River near Alexandria. Whilst searching for their lost and abandoned raft, their truck left the roadway and rolled down an embankment. A passenger was thrown through the windscreen, resulting in lacerations and a crushed vertebrae. Calling for an ambulance, the Rovers rendered assistance and updated family members on the incident and came to the hospital to lend their support.

*Source: Citation 1998*

### **1st Ashburton**

**Drummond, Nigel Anthony**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Leader**

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*Source: Citation 1998*

### **1st Avoca**

**Corcoran, William Henry**

**Gilt Cross 1995**

**Victorian Scout, aged 10 years**

Presented for his courageous action on 22nd August 1994 at Avoca in standing his ground against a bull attempting to gore his injured father and eventually driving off the beast by beating it around the head with a stick. He then rendered first aid and comfort to his father whilst awaiting the arrival of his mother whom he had alerted by mobile telephone.

*Source: Australian Scout, Mar 1989, P5 and P51.*

### **1st Bairnsdale**

**Beecher, T. F.**

**Letter of Commendation 1929**

**Victorian Scout**

Beecher rescued a boy who got into difficulties whilst bathing in the Mitchell River. The State Executive Committee recommended the letter of commendation complementing him on his gallant action.

*Source: Victorian Scout, 1/3/1928. P7*

### **1st Bairnsdale**

**Townsend, Valentine B.**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1992**

**Victorian Venturer Scout Leader**

Val received the award in recognition of the courage displayed in assisting the rescue of a family stranded by floods in the Mitchell River Valley at Lindenow, Victoria on 22nd April 1990.

*Source: Australian Scout, Oct 1992, P51*

### **3rd Bairnsdale**

**Stringer, Bruce Donald**

**Gilt Cross 1978**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

Aged 15 years. On Thursday 30th December 1978 a hire cruiser with adults and children approached mooring at Picnic Bay on the Gippsland Lakes. A small child (non swimmer) fell into the lake and two

adults jumped in. The Stringer family from the adjoining property rushed to assist and Bruce swam to the man and was injured by the man thrashing in the water, whom he managed to control and swim with him to life jackets thrown from the boat and get him onboard. The child was rescued by his brother and father in a rowboat. The child's father drowned and his body recovered from the lake the next morning.

Sources: Branch File, National Telegram, August 1979

## **Bairnsdale**

**Ottaway, Kaela**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 2005**

**Victorian Cub Scout**

Kaela called an ambulance when her mother collapsed at home. Due to Kaela's quick thinking, her mother made a full recovery. The skills Kaela received through her Scouting training have saved a life.

Source: Australian Scout, December 1999, P25

## **1st Ballarat**

**Symons, Norman Valentine**

**Gilt Cross 1928**

**Victorian Scout**

Rescued a boy from the sea at Portarlinton in April 1926. The Governor, Lord Somers paid a high tribute to the Boy Scout Movement for the instruction it gave boys in caring for themselves and others and for the high ideals of responsibility embodied in that most elusive quality, the Scout spirit.

Sources: Victorian Scout, 1/1/1927, P18, The Argus, 19/6/1928, P4.

## **Bannockburn Lethbridge Scout Group**

**Lopez, Emily**

**Lopez, Jeremy**

**Certificate of Meritorious Conduct**

**Victorian Scouts, aged 14 years and 12 years**

On 23 September 2025, Emily's father, Daniel, was involved in a dirt bike accident in Dereel while riding ahead of Emily and her brother Jeremy around a bend. They found him off his bike, lying on his side near a tree branch, initially unconscious. When he regained consciousness, he was able to speak but was in significant pain. Emily promptly applied the DRS ABCD procedures she had learned through Scouts, calmly assessing the situation. As Daniel had been responsive, they confirmed his airway was clear and determined that CPR or defibrillation was not required.

Emily knew her dad needed help but as they were in an area with weak phone reception she went to a nearby road to find assistance while Jeremy stayed with their dad. She successfully flagged down passing motorists, enabling emergency services to be called. Paramedics and police later praised her composure and actions, which were instrumental in ensuring Daniel received medical care for his 5 broken ribs and ruptured spleen. Emily displayed great courage, composure and competence with the knowledge she had learned from Scouts to help her father.

Source: Citation: 24 March 2026

## **Barak Rover Crew**

**Bacon, Gary**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1983**

**Victorian Rover Scouts**

Gary and his brother Alan rescued an aged woman from a house fire in Croydon on 8th July 1982. Clothes were left to air in front of the gas heater and ignited and burnt the curtains, carpet, walls and furniture. Gary attempted to doused the flames with a hose, switched off the gas heater and closed doors to prevent the spread of the fire.

*Source: Branch File, National File, February 1983*

## **1st Barwon**

**Money, James**

**Cornwell Scout Badge 1925**

**Victorian**

The first Scout in Australia to be awarded the highest Scout badge for bravery by Lord Stradbroke for saving the life of a fellow Scout from drowning at Anglesea at Christmas.

*Source: The Age, 17/10/1925. (Trove)*

## **1st Barwon Heads**

**Goddard, Peter Lawrence**

**Gilt Cross 1970**

**Victorian Patrol Leader**

Awarded in recognition of his part in the rescue of a child from drowning in the Barwon River, Barwon Heads on 27th August 1969 and his gallantry in reviving the child and saving his life.

*Source: Victorian Scout, March 1970. Page 6.*

## **1st Baulkamaugh / Yallaba Venturers**

**Altoft, Paul Anthony**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Scout**

On 29th August 1997, a group of Scouts and Venturer Scouts set out for an Adventurer level hike on a mountain at Lima East. Whilst commencing down from Scott's Peak, one of the Scouts stumbled and fell onto a rock with a suspected sprained ankle. On bandaging the swelled ankle, the boot could not be put on and could not walk. Assessing the easiest route and not having adequate timber to create a stretcher or ropes, the descent took five hours until they came into contact with their ground crew at dusk. After resting and having a meal it was decided the injured person should be taken out by 4WD for treatment in what turned out to be a fractured ankle. The experience the Group learnt was how to manage and work together as a team when faced with a difficult situation.

*Source: Citation 1997*

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**Cockerell, Edan Jonathon**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Scout**

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Source: Citation 1997

## **4th Bayswater**

**Smith, Justin Lee**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1995**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

Received for his courageous assistance on 31st January 1994 in the administration of cardio pulmonary resuscitation to a year 12 student who had been fatally struck by lightning at St Joseph's Regional College, Ferntree Gully. Justin also assisted a police officer and teachers to calm distressed onlookers and students.

Source: Australian Scout, Mar 1995, P23.

## **1st Beaufort**

**Blythe, Connor James**

**Bronze Cross 2008**

**Victorian Cub Scout, aged 10 years**

Connor demonstrated how he lives by the 'Scout Law and Promise'. On 20th December 2006 Connor was walking home from the bus stop about one kilometre from his home on a back country road in rural Victoria with his younger sister Erin (5 and a half years) after enjoying their end-of-year parties. Only a short distance from home, Connor noticed a car coming up fast behind them and perceived that his sister was in danger on the shoulder of the side of the road. Connor moved from the safe grassed area towards his sister and pushed or threw her out of the path of the car, only to be hit himself by the car. Whilst Erin was injured with concussion and possibly loss of consciousness, lots of grazes, bruises and a few lacerations, on seeing Connor's serious injuries, she got up and ran home to get help. On entering the house she sought assistance from her elder brothers Liam (14 years) and Sean (13 years). They stayed with Erin and rendered comfort and first aid. They maintained a calm and clear head and demonstrated skills beyond their Scouting badge levels in extraordinary circumstances. Connor sustained serious life-threatening injuries and was flown to the Royal Children's Hospital and as a result of his brave and heroic Connor was the of a small number of recipients of the Bronze Cross in Australia which is the highest level of the Gallantry awards.

Source: Australian Scout. Feb 2009, Pages 10-12

## **1st Beaufort**

**Blythe, Erin Elizabeth Eleanor**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 2008**

**Victorian Joey Scout**

Aged 5.5 years. On 20th December 2006 Erin and her 10 year old brother Connor were walking home from the bus stop about one kilometre from his home on a back country road in rural Victoria with his younger sister Erin (5 and a half years) from school. Only a short distance from home, Connor noticed a car coming up fast behind them and perceived that his sister was in danger on the shoulder of the side of the road. Connor moved from the safe grassed area towards his sister and pushed or threw her out of the path of the car, only to be hit himself by the car. Whilst Erin was injured with concussion and possibly loss of consciousness, lots of grazes, bruises and a few lacerations, on seeing Connor's serious injuries, she got up and ran home to get help. On entering the house she sought assistance

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Source: Australian Scout. Feb 2009, Pages 10-12

### **1st Beaufort**

**Blythe, Liam**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 2008**

**Victorian Scout**

Aged 14 years. Liam and his brother Sean were alerted to a car incident involving his brother Connor and sister Erin. Connor was hit by the car after pushing his sister from its path, and sustained serious injuries. Erin ran home and alerted her brothers who contacted neighbours to ring an ambulance. Both brothers maintained a calm and clear head through the emergency and demonstrated skills beyond their Scouting level badges at the time in extra-ordinary circumstances, whilst Connor's mother rendered first aid.

Source: Australian Scout. February 2009. P10-12

### **1st Beaufort**

**Blythe, Sean**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 2008**

**Victorian Scout, aged 13 years**

Liam and his brother Sean were alerted to a car incident involving his brother Connor and sister Erin. Connor was hit by the car after pushing his sister from its path, and sustained serious injuries. Erin ran home and alerted her brothers who contacted neighbours to ring an ambulance. Both brothers maintained a calm and clear head through the emergency and demonstrated skills beyond their Scouting level badges at the time in extra-ordinary circumstances, whilst Connor's mother rendered first aid.

Source: Australian Scout. February 2009. P10-12

### **1st Belgrave South**

**Argoon, Damian John**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1978**

**Victorian, aged 11 years**

Awarded for his courageous actions in extinguishing the flames from his brother Dean's petrol-soaked clothing by smothering them with his body, thereby saving his brother from more serious burns on 5th August 1977 at the family home in Selby.

Source: Victorian Scout November 1978, P12.

### **3rd Bendigo**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1966**

**Victorian**

Awarded to the 3rd Bendigo Group for their participation in the rescue of a 13 year-old lad as shown in the particulars surrounding the award to Patrol Leader Geoffrey Evan McNamara.

Source: SHV Card File.

### **3rd Bendigo**

**McNamara, Geoffrey Evan**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1966**

**Victorian Patrol Leader**

Geoffrey organised the rescue at Spring Gully Reservoir and resuscitation of a lad aged 13 years who fell into a water race, was swept into a pipeline under a roadway and thence into a concrete dispersion grill, down a spillway and into the reservoir. Geoffrey led his patrol most capably in an emergency, resulting in the life of the almost drowned and injured boy being saved.

*Source: SHV Card File.*

### **10th/13th Box Hill**

**Rasmussen, Peter**

**Gilt Cross 1989**

**Victorian Rover Scout and Leader**

Together with Mark Walters from 1st Mont Albert they assisted in a rescue of an elderly woman from a fire in a home unit at North Box Hill on 21st June 1988.

*Source: Australian Scout, April 1989, P9*

### **1st Bright**

**Handley, Martin**

**Gilt Cross 1985**

**Victorian Scout, aged 12 years**

Martin and his friend Adam were floating on a rubber tube down the Ovens River, near Bright. Adam came off his tube and was caught in fallen trees and was unable to free himself due to the force of the current. Martin remained cool in the circumstances, took stock, brought help and re-entered the river to take a rope to Adam. The recommendation asserts he was in considerable danger to life and risk to himself.

*Source: Branch File, National File Citation , March 1985*

### **11th Brighton**

**Atkinson, John Avon**

**Silver Cross 1960**

**Victorian Sea Scout**

John was a member of the crew of a boat which capsized in the Bay under tragic circumstances and with complete disregard for his own safety, he made a very long swim through choppy seas at night to obtain help.

*Sources: Victorian Scout. April 1960, P9, Victorian Scout October 1960. P7*

### **1st Brunswick**

**Brammer,**

**Letter of Commendation 1928**

**Victorian Cub Scout**

Awarded by the State Executive Committee for rescuing a boy from Coburg lake. The letter complimented him on his initiative and courage in performing the rescue.

*Source: Victorian Scout. Dec 8 1928. P95*

## **1st Brunswick**

**Love, Alex**

**Gilt Cross 1923**

**Victorian**

In recognition of bravery in averting drowning accidents and presented by His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, Sir William Irvine.

Source: *The Argus*, 24/7/1923. Page 9 (Trove)

## **1st Bulleen**

**Bell, Paul**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1968**

**Victorian Cub Scout**

Awarded for his gallantry in assisting to save a two year-old boy from drowning in a swimming pool at Greensborough during November 1967.

Source: *SHV Card File*

## **1st Buronga**

**Taylor, Garrie**

**Silver Cross 1955**

**Victorian Scout, aged 13 years**

Presented at Government House by the Chief Scout and Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, Garrie saved a 16 year-old youth from drowning in the River Murray on December 6 1954 and in doing so gallantly exposed himself to danger with no other thought other than saving a life.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*. November 1955. P4, *The Argus*. 24/10/1955. P5, *SHV Card File*.

## **1st Camberwell South**

**Charlton, Anna Georgina**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Rover Squire**

A group of Rovers/Scout Leaders were taking part in the Bill Rutherford Raft Race on the Goulburn River near Alexandria. Whilst searching for their lost and abandoned raft, their truck left the roadway and rolled down an embankment. A passenger was thrown through the windscreen, resulting in lacerations and a crushed vertebrae. Calling for an ambulance, the Rovers rendered assistance and updated family members on the incident and came to the hospital to lend their support.

Source: Citation 191st Camberwell South

**Shanks, Lloyd Arthur**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Rover Squire**

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Source: Citation 1998

## **1st Camberwell South**

**Wilkinson, David Anthony**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Rover Squire**

A group of Rovers/Scout Leaders were taking part in the Bill Rutherford Raft Race on the Goulburn River near Alexandria. Whilst searching for their lost and abandoned raft, their truck left the roadway and rolled down an embankment. A passenger was thrown through the windscreen, resulting in lacerations and a crushed vertebrae. Calling for an ambulance, the Rovers rendered assistance and updated family members on the incident and came to the hospital to lend their support.

Source: Citation 1998

## **1st Campbells Creek**

**Tallintyre, W.**

**Gilt Cross 1926**

**Victorian Scout**

Rescuing a brother scout from drowning in Campbells Creek on Nov 15th, 1925

Sources: Victorian Scout, Feb 1926. P8, Victorian Scout, Feb 1 1927, P9.

## **1st Carrum**

**Black, Peter**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1968**

**Victorian Cub Scout**

In recognition for his gallantry in assisting to save the life of a five year-old girl from drowning at Carrum Beach on 4th November 1967. Source: SHV Card File

## **2nd Clifton Hill**

**Jordan, Clancy**

**Certificate of Meritorious Conduct**

**Victorian Scout**

Clancy's mature and alert response to a serious health incident in the middle of the forest at night of a fellow Scout was truly commendable. His care and level-headedness and that he had to rely on his own cognisance to ensure a positive outcome, reflecting the core values of our movement. One selfless act of kindness can change the world.

Source: Scouts Victoria - Be Informed, August 6 2024

## **12th Coburg**

**Moore, Shane**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1967**

**Victorian Scout**

Awarded from prompt action which took place at Sunday Creek about 5 miles NE from Kilmore. A group of children were fishing on a log across the creek when one girl fell into about 5 feet of water. The fearless and prompt action of Shane diving into the water and supporting the girl until help arrived undoubtedly saved the girl's life. The presentation occurred on 25th November at Government House Melbourne.

Source: Victorian Scout, October 1967, Page 5

### **1st Collingwood**

**Bennett, Arthur W.E.**

**Gilt Cross 1927**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Master**

Presented by the Governor, Lord Somers and awarded for the rescue of a girl from drowning in the Yarra at Studley Park. On October 17th, 1925.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*, 1/2/1927. P9, *The Age*, 17/8/1927. P13

### **1st Collingwood**

**Sumner, Eric**

**Gilt Cross 1932**

**Victorian Scout, aged 15 years**

Awarded in recognition of the courage displayed in the rescue of a Wolf Cub from drowning in the Yarra river at Studley Park, Kew, Victoria on 31st October 1931.

Source: copy of certificate published in the *Australian Scout*. May 2010. P24

### **1st Corio**

**Batterham, John**

**Gilt Cross 1934**

**Victorian Scout**

In recognition of his bravery displayed by him in rescuing a girl and her baby sister from drowning on 1st December 1933. Presented by the Governor and Chief Scout, Lord Somers during the Cohen Shield competition at Gilwell on Easter Saturday.

Source: *Victorian Scout* May 1933, P 390

### **1st Cranbourne**

**Grulke, Daniel James**

**Silver Cross 2012**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

On 27th March 2012, Daniel was sitting at Beaconsfield Railway Station, Melbourne after school. Around 4:30pm he noticed a girl walking along the tracks with her back to an approaching train. Putting his own life in danger, Daniel jumped down off the railway platform, crossed the tracks and pushed the girl out of the train's path, only five seconds before it came into the station. Whilst there were other people on the station, no one else stepped forward to assist. Daniel's unselfish act of bravery and gallantry saved this young girl who was in a distressed mental state at the time. To this day Daniel is modest about his bravery, saying he only did what was required in the situation.

Source: *Australian Scout*, February 2013, P20

### **3rd Croydon**

**Mackessack, David Ian**

**Silver Cross 2017**

**Victorian Scout Leader**

Jaspreet Singh a 19 year old student who was working alone that night at a petrol station/convenience store, when two men smashed down the front doors and he was forced to open the cash register by one of the machete wielding bandits. They stole hundreds of dollars along with other items from the store. David Mackessack a regular customer and Scout Leader was filling up around 4:00 am when he

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noticed what was taking place inside the store. He grabbed a hammer from his car and slowly approached the offenders calling out to them – they then ran off with David giving chase but they managed to escape running to a primary school behind the service station. David then stayed with Jaspreet who was shaken until the police comforting him and to assist police with any other information he could.

Source: Citation – 2017

## **1st Deepdene**

**Hughes, Maxwell Moray**

**Paine, Anja Lily**

**Paine, Reuben John**

**Rowlings, George Thomas**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 2025**

**Victorian Venturer Scouts**

On 20 January 2025 during a King's Scout Peak Award Hike to Wilsons Prom Lighthouse, a member reported feeling unwell and feared she might have a fit. Over the five hours to the lighthouse, the group supported her, carrying her pack and physically assisting as she became unsteady and her speech slurring. Upon arrival, she had a 40-second fit, followed by a second and third within minutes. First aid was provided, the PLB activated, emergency services contacted by the SatPhone, and a park ranger and medical team responded.

The group maintained constant communication with leaders and supported the member until the helicopter evacuation at 8 pm. They then chose to alter their hike, retrieving extra gear the next day. Members showed courage, endurance, and teamwork under stress, shared loads, provided first aid, and executed their emergency plan despite one member sustaining a knee injury.

Source: Citation – 12 August 2025 – presented by Chief Commissioner of Australia – Brendan Watson 22 April 2026

## **Doncaster East District**

**McCarthy, Walter "Jock" Arthur**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1979**

**Victorian Leader**

Mr McCarthy suffered a stroke as a result of war service and is partly paralysed with arm, leg and speech issues. Despite all his ill-health and disabilities he has continued for many years to be a most effective member of the Doncaster East District Team. He has displayed extraordinary courage, endurance and initiative and devotion to his Scouting duties.

Source: Victorian Scout, July 1979, Page 4

## **2nd Doncaster West**

**Risojevic, David John**

**Silver Cross 1989**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 14 years**

Assisted in the rescue of a youth from drowning in rough sea conditions at Seaford, Victoria on 13 November 1988.

## **1st Essendon**

**Armstrong, Albert**

**Gilt Cross 1928**

**Victorian Cub/Scout, aged 13 years**

At Port Melbourne, Armstrong dived into twelve feet of water with his clothes on to perform the

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rescue in May 1927 and where another Cub when entering the water at the beach, got into trouble and was safely brought to shore. A powerful undertow was running at the time. The Governor, Lord Somers paid a high tribute to the Boy Scout Movement for the instruction it gave boys in caring for themselves and others and for the high ideals of responsibility embodied in that most elusive quality, the Scout spirit.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*, 1/1/1927, P18, *The Argus*, 19/6/1928, P4. *The Age*, 13/6/1928, P14

## **2nd Fairfield**

**Sharpe, Don**

**Gilt Cross 1928**

**Victorian Cub/Scout, aged 13 years**

Rescued a Cub who got into difficulties in the Yarra River at Eltham. The Governor, Lord Somers paid a high tribute to the Boy Scout Movement for the instruction it gave boys in caring for themselves and others and for the high ideals of responsibility embodied in that most elusive quality, the Scout spirit.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*, 1/1/1927, P18, *The Argus*, 19/6/1928, P4. *The Age*, 13/6/1928, P14

## **1st Footscray**

**Howden, Keith Raymond**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1974**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Leader**

Awarded in recognition of his exceptional effort to relieve the stress and suffering of many others during the floods at Maribyrnong during the night of 16th May 1974.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. June 1975, Page 10

## **6th Footscray**

**Warden, Edwin**

**Gilt Cross 1963**

**Victorian Wolf Cub Scout**

Awarded at Government House, Melbourne by the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Rohan Delacombe. Edwin displayed great promptness and initiative in rescuing from drowning the two year-old daughter of a Mr. Gray of Glenroy Street, Footscray.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*. October 1963. P10, *Victorian Scout*. November 1963 P11, SHV Card File.

## **1st Framlingham**

**Vick, James Mortimer**

**Silver Cross 1964**

**Victorian Cub Scout Master**

On November 10th, 1959 Mr. Vick assisted to disarm a man who had burnt down a farmhouse and was holding a neighbouring farmer at gun point. Regardless of his personal danger, Mr. Vick assisted to disarm the offender and hold him until the arrival of the police.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*. May 1964. P7, SHV Card File.

## **4th Frankston (Orthopedic Hospital)**

**Couacard, Phillip**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1964**

**Victorian Rover Scout**

Awarded at Government House, Melbourne by the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Rohan Delacombe on

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26th October 1963. Phillip attended the Queen's Scout presentations in a wheeled bed and received his Medal for Meritorious Conduct. He has had 13 operations for cerebral palsy and has spent most of his 17 years in hospital. The Citation says that he has "maintained to all a cheerful co-operative spirit which has been an example who have come in contact with him". This young man, has throughout his life, suffered tremendously from a physical disablement which he has borne with exemplary courage and fortitude.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. November 1963. P11

## **17th Geelong**

**Reekie, David Peter**

**Silver Cross 1978**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 13 years**

David noticed a swimmer in difficulties at Pambula Beach, NSW on 16th January 1978 and with no other assistant available, he swam out with his surfboard to Mr Titmus who was drowning. He had to dive 20 feet to rescue him and bring him safely to shore. Lifesavers subsequently realised the gravity of the situation and were then in attendance.

Sources: *Branch Letter*, *National Telegram*, December 1978, *Victorian Scout*, Jan/Feb and June 1979

## **1st Geelong**

**James, Leonard**

**Silver Cross 1928**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 15 years**

Presented by the Governor, Lord Somers at the Geelong Railway station. Len and his brother had been walking along Eastern Beach, Geelong on the 1st January, 1928, when he heard cries for help and rushed in and rescued the drowning 11 year old George Miller boy after he had sunk a few times. His Scout training had prepared him for the job. He became a King's Scout in 1931.

Sources: *The Argus*, 19/6/1928. P4, *Geelong Advertiser*, 22/6/1928. P 7. *Victorian Scout*, May 1 1928. P8. *Geelong Advertiser*. 13/6/1928. P6. *Geelong Advertiser*. 18/6/1929. P4

## **1st Geelong**

**Long, Clive H.**

**Letter of Commendation 1959**

**Victorian Group Scout Master**

Awarded for saving the life of a Scouter from drowning. Presented 16th October 1959.

Source: *SHV Card File*.

## **1st Gisborne**

**Smalley, Gavin James**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1995**

**Victorian Scout**

Presented for his prompt action and initiative displayed on 18th September 1994 at Kyneton in rescuing his young sister from drowning in a creek into which she had slipped.

Source: *Australian Scout*, March 1995, P5

## **1<sup>st</sup> / 2nd Glenroy**

**de la Coeur, Francis Bernard**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1964**

**Victorian**

Frank has been very ill for a long time, but has carried on his work in Scouting as well as he has been able and the Chief Scout of Australia approved and Award in recognition of his courage. As Frank was unable to attend the Award Presentations at Government House, the Chief Scout, Sir Rohan Delacombe, most generously visited Frank's home in Glenroy on Friday, October 18 and invested him with the Medal of Meritorious Conduct.

Source: *Victorian Scout*, November 1963, P11

## **1st Grovedale**

**Whitford, Reginald Milne**

**Silver Cross 1998**

**Victorian Assistant Cub Scout Leader**

At the Geelong and District Credit Cooperative, Reginald, with his two sons, observed a man disguised by sunglasses and a hooded jumper waving a pistol. He demanded money and obtained it by threatening a female teller. Reginald and his two teenage sons tackled the armed man and grabbed the hand holding the gun and brought the offender to the ground. The offender produced a knife and this too was overpowered. He was held until the police attended and an arrest was made. The apprehension was courageous and heroic in the life-threatening situation of not knowing the gun was real or that the offender was armed with a knife. These circumstances makes Reginald Whiteford a worthy recipient of this award.

Source: *Australian Scout*, December 1998, P21

## **1st Hadfield**

**Fleming, Craig Steven**

**Gilt Cross 1985**

**Victorian**

In recognition of his courage in the rescue of a girl who was in danger of an attack by a snake in the fast-flowing King River, near Whitfield, Victoria in January 1984.

Source: *Australian Scout*, July 1985 P37

## **1st Hampton**

**Rover Scouts**

**Medal of Merit 1926**

**Victorian Rovers**

A group of Rovers were returning by train from the Matthew Evans Shield hiking competition and rendered first aid to people involved in a rail crossing accident at Boronia, Victoria. They made stretchers from parts of the smashed motor van and provided first aid and comfort until emergency services arrived. Their bravery was noted by the Prime Minister and the Victorian Premier due to their levelheadedness in an emergency. The award is also listed as a Gilt Cross to be mounted on a parchment.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*, 11/6/1926 P2. *Victorian Scout*, Aug 1926. P12, *Victorian Scout*, May 1986. P33.

## **1st Hampton**

**Went, David Silver**

### **Cross 1951**

#### **Victorian Senior Scout Patrol Leader, aged 17 years**

Received this award from the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks. David saved a drunken man's life by jumping into the path of an oncoming electric train at Elsternwick station and hauling him to safety on 20th May 1951. He became a King's Scout in 1950.

Sources: *The Age*, 10/12/1951, P 1. *Victorian Scout* June 1951 P15 and *Victorian Scout* January 1951, P11

## **2nd Hawthorn**

**Robinson, Colin**

### **Silver Cross 1924**

#### **Victorian**

Governor, Lord Stradbroke at State Government House Melbourne presented a Silver Cross for gallantry to Colin Robinson for saving the life of a young woman from drowning at Frankston last summer.

Source: *The Age*, 22/10/1914, Page 11 & *The Herald*, 23/10/1924, Page 16 (Trove)

## **1st Invergordon**

**Altoft, Tania**

### **Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

#### **Victorian Venturer Scout**

On 29th August 1997, a group of Scouts and Venturer Scouts set out for an Adventurer level hike on a mountain at Lima East. Whilst commencing down from Scott's Peak, one of the Scouts stumbled and fell onto a rock with a suspected sprained ankle. On bandaging the swelled ankle, the boot could not be put on and could not walk. Assessing the easiest route and not having adequate timber to create a stretcher or ropes, the descent took five hours until they came into contact with their ground crew at dusk. After resting and having a meal it was decided the injured person should be taken out by 4WD for treatment in what turned out to be a fractured ankle. The experience the Group learnt was how to manage and work together as a team when faced with a difficult situation.

Source: *Citation 1997*

## **1st Invergordon**

**Dubois, Jamie Paul**

### **Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

#### **Victorian Scout**

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Source: *Citation 1997*

## **1st Invergordon**

**Dubois, Timothy Charles**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Scout**

On 29th August 1997, a group of Scouts and Venturer Scouts set out for an Adventurer level hike on a mountain at Lima East. Whilst commencing down from Scott's Peak, one of the Scouts stumbled and fell onto a rock with a suspected sprained ankle. On bandaging the swelled ankle, the boot could not be put on and could not walk. Assessing the easiest route and not having adequate timber to create a stretcher or ropes, the descent took five hours until they came into contact with their ground crew at dusk. After resting and having a meal it was decided the injured person should be taken out by 4WD for treatment in what turned out to be a fractured ankle. The experience the Group learnt was how to manage and work together as a team when faced with a difficult situation.

*Source: Citation 1997*

## **1st Invergordon**

**Gribben, Jarrod Anthony**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

On 29th August 1997, a group of Scouts and Venturer Scouts set out for an Adventurer level hike on a mountain at Lima East. Whilst commencing down from Scott's Peak, one of the Scouts stumbled and fell onto a rock with a suspected sprained ankle. On bandaging the swelled ankle, the boot could not be put on and could not walk. Assessing the easiest route and not having adequate timber to create a stretcher or ropes, the descent took five hours until they came into contact with their ground crew at dusk. After resting and having a meal it was decided the injured person should be taken out by 4WD for treatment in what turned out to be a fractured ankle. The experience the Group learnt was how to manage and work together as a team when faced with a difficult situation.

*Source: Citation 1997*

## **1st Ivanhoe**

**Lovegrove, Gregory Kenneth**

**Silver Cross 1954**

**Victorian Scout of Wesley College**

A small lad from Ivanhoe received the award from the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Dallas Brooks for his courageous attempt to rescue a boy from drowning in the Yarra. He later was a Queen's Scout at 1st Ivanhoe 1956 and also a Cub Leader.

*Source: Victorian Scout. Nov 1954, P5*

## **1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts**

**Pound, Harry**

**Silver Cross 1919**

**Victorian**

A Senior Scout and was awarded the Silver Cross for saving the life of a boy from drowning in the Yarra River at Ivanhoe. Presented at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Rally with a gold watch and chain inscribed from the boy's and parents of the Group.

*Source: The Age, 1/12/1919. P19 (Trove)*

## **Keysborough**

**Woods, Matthew Bruce**

**Certificate of Gallantry 1997**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Leader**

On his way to a Scouting activity on 6th February he came upon an overturned motor van of Moorooduc Highway, Frankston. A man, the driver, was unconscious and trapped inside. Matthew entered the vehicle through the side door, knocked out the windscreen, freed the driver's legs and with help of onlookers lifted him out through the windscreen area. Matthew then extinguished an electrical fire which had started under the dashboard.

*Source: Australian Scout, February 1998,*

## **1st Knoxfield**

**Sage, Mark**

**Gilt Cross 1983**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

Together with Rovers of the Rushdale Rover Crew rescued a number of people in difficulties in the surf and rips at Powlett River on 15th February 1981. They made several attempts between them to bring them to safely to shore on surf mats, working in tandem in the difficult conditions.

*Source: Australian Scout, May 1983, P4.*

## **1st Knoxfield / Rushdale Rovers**

**Coughlan, Virginia Susan**

**Hehir, Geoffrey Robert**

**Kendt, Mark**

**Taylor, Kerryn**

**Gilt Cross 1983**

**Victorian**

Rovers of the Rushdale Rover Crew rescued a number of people in difficulties in the surf and rips at Powlett River on 15th February 1981. They made several attempts between them to bring them to safely to shore on surf mats, working in tandem in the difficult conditions.

*Source: Australian Scout, May 1983, P4.*

## **1st Kyabram**

**Berry, James**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1964**

**Victorian Scout**

James was in his early teens and was with his brother in the backyard of their home on 10th August 1963. After a short absence, James returned to find his brother Neville hanging from a rope over a rafter in a garage. An overturned two-gallon drum was nearby. James at once used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and continued his efforts toward revival. All efforts, however, were in vain. At the inquest, the coroner spoke in terms of the highest commendation of James' effort to save his brother's life.

*Sources: Victorian Scout. October 1954. P8, SHV Card File*

### **1st Kyabram**

**Calley, Peter Gordon**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1972**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 16 years**

In recognition of prompt effort in saving a power boat driver following a boating accident on Lake Eppalock.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. November 1973, Page 3.

### **1st Kyabram**

**Davy, Peter John**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1972**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 14 years**

In recognition of prompt effort in saving a power boat driver following a boating accident on Lake Eppalock.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. November 1973, Page 3.

### **1st Lake Bort**

**Bannan, Francis**

**Gilt Cross 1962**

**Victorian Scout, aged 15 years**

Presented by the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Dallas Brooks. Awarded for bravery in rescuing his father from Lake Bort on 10/12/1910.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. December 1952. P5

### **1st Lara**

**Brasher, Noel Geoffrey**

**Cochrane, Rodney Leonard**

**Jones, Keith Alan**

**Sutton, Robert Charles**

**Letter of Commendation 1967**

**Victorian Senior Scout**

Awarded in recognition of their assistance to Noel Brasher in the rescue of a four year-old boy from a cliff ledge in the You Yangs on 12th June 1967.

Source: *Victorian Scout*, December 1987. Page 4

### **Lone Rover**

**Milne, Arthur Richard**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1931**

**Victorian Rover Scout**

Milne performed a very gallant deed in rescuing a young lady from drowning whilst in difficulties in the Leigh River, Geelong. On 12th December 1930.

Source: *Victorian Scout*, 15/5/1931 P 1, *Victorian Scout* June 1995, P13

## **1st Lower Templestowe**

**Ashby, Paul Brendon**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1979**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 15 years**

Whilst on an activity, Paul noticed a 7 year old girl Sharon Williams, a non swimmer in difficulty and floating in the flooded Kooning Creek. Paul immediately jumped in fully clothed into the swollen waters and rescued her from drowning. After having checked Sharon for and need of first aid, Paul took her home.

Source: *Victoria Scout July 1979, Page 4*

## **1st Maffra**

**Boylen, Susan Catherine**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1988**

**Victorian**

Awarded for the prompt action, calmness and initiative displayed in rendering lifesaving first aid to a seriously injured car accident victim at Greensborough on 5th August 1988. Sue was at the time CSL at 3rd Greensborough.

Source: *Australian Scout Jan/Feb 1990.*

## **1st Maffra**

**Munro, Nicholas Paul**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1988**

**Victorian Scout**

Awarded in recognition of the prompt action, calmness and initiative displayed on discovering an unconscious boy on the bottom of a pool and assisting in his rescue at Sale indoor Swimming Complex on 12th February 1987.

Sources: *Australian Scout, January 1989, P13, March 1989, P8*

## **13th Malvern**

**Oates, Ian Ralph**

**Gilt Cross 1976**

**Victorian Leader**

Ian suffered second degree burns whilst attempting to extinguish a pressure lantern which had burst into flames. He threw the lamp out of the way of young Scouts in the tent and then put his arm into the burning lamp and turned off the fuel.

Source: *Victorian Scout, March 1976, Page 10.*

## **13th Malvern**

**Quail, Peter C.**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1969**

**Victorian Senior Scout**

Awarded in recognition of his action with ASM Michael W. Shay in attempting to revive by mouth to mouth resuscitation a Scout who had suffered severe head injuries in a fall in Tasmania in January 1969, which proved fatal.

Source: *SHV Card File.*

### **13th Malvern**

**Shay, Michael W.**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1969**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Master**

In recognition of his action with Senior Scout Peter Quail in attempting to revive by mouth to mouth resuscitation a Scout who suffered severe head injuries after a fall in Tasmania in Jan 1969, which proved fatal.

*Source: SHV Card File*

### **1st Malvern**

**Field, Ian**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1969**

**Victorian Troop Leader**

In recognition of the gallantry he displayed in an attempt to rescue a Scout from heavy surf at Cape Liptrap on 27th December 1968 when both the Scout and the Scout Master, Neville Montague drowned.

*Source: SHV Card File*

### **1st Malvern**

**Montague, Neville**

**Bronze Cross 1969**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Master**

Awarded posthumously. During a Troop summer camp at Cape Liptrap, Anglesea in 1968, Scouts were advised they could go swimming in somewhat rough water conditions. The main party left the water to play beach cricket, however Scout Tim Leishman entered the water alone to explore a reef of rocks away from the main swimming area with a mask, snorkel and flippers. The flippers impaired his ability to swim and within minutes he was in trouble and the Patrol Leaders were instructed to remove him from the water. They made no headway in this endeavour and returned to shore leaving Troop Leader Ian Field to continue to assist Tim. Leader Neville Montague entered the water to assist Tim and told Ian to return to the shore. At this stage, Neville was encountering difficulties staying afloat and his wife swam out to try and assist both swimmers without avail. Although other assistance was sought, both Neville and Scout Tim drowned.

*Source: 1st Malvern Group Letter dated 4th February 1969.*

### **1st Mansfield**

**Gregory, Jason Robert**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1998**

**Victorian Scouts, ages ~11 years**

On 26th September 1998 four boys were using a rope hanging for a large tree across the river. The river was flowing strongly and suddenly the base of the tree snapped and the boy on the rope fell and got entangled in foliage and the rope was wrapped around his neck. Jason commenced to untangle the rope and allowed him to fully surface. During the same incident, Daniel Meadow's brother was struck by the falling tree before falling and crushing his lower left leg. When both boys were made safe, Daniel swam across the fast flowing river to seek assistance from a farmhouse some 300 metres away to raise the alarm. They waited with the two boys until SES and ambulance assistance arrived.

*Source: Australian Scout, December 1999, P25*

## **1st Mansfield**

**Meadows, Daniel Marc**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1998**

**Victorian Scout, aged ~11 years.**

On 26th September 1998 four boys were using a rope hanging for a large tree across the river. The river was flowing strongly and suddenly the base of the tree snapped and the boy on the rope fell and got entangled in foliage and the rope was wrapped around his neck. Jason commenced to untangle the rope and allowed him to fully surface. During the same incident, Daniel Meadow's brother was struck by the falling tree before falling and crushing his lower left leg. When both boys were made safe, Daniel swam across the fast flowing river to seek assistance from a farmhouse some 300 metres away to raise the alarm. They waited with the two boys until SES and ambulance assistance arrived.

*Source: Australian Scout, December 1999, P25*

## **2nd Maryborough**

**Melen, Geoffrey Charles**

**Bronze Cross 1965**

**Victorian Scout**

Awarded posthumously. Awarded in recognition of great gallantry when he endeavoured to rescue a boy who had fallen down a mine shaft in Maryborough and who had been overcome with carbon monoxide fumes. Geoffrey lost his life in the attempt on 21st March 1965.

*Source: SHV Card File.*

## **1st Maryknoll**

**Lewis, Ronald G.**

**Silver Cross 1962**

**Victorian Scout, aged 15 years**

Presented by the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Dallas Brooks. Awarded for courage in driving off an enraged bull which had injured his father at Nar-Nar-Goon.

*Source: Victorian Scout. December 1952. P5*

## **20<sup>th</sup> Melbourne (Malayan-Singapore)**

**Keong, Chew Teng**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1962**

**Victorian Rover Scout Leader**

Chew (a medical student at Melbourne University) was awarded the medal from November 16, 1958 recovering a drowned child from the sea and then doing all he could to revive the child.

*Source: Victorian Scout. August 1962, P13. Presented by Lieutenant Governor at Government House, Melbourne on October 27, 1962*

## **1st Menzies Creek**

**O'Dempsey, Russell Adrian**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1986**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

Venturer in recognition of the prompt action, calmness and initiative displayed in rendering first aid to a badly injured accident victim until medical assistance arrived at Menzies Creek, on 1st April 1985.

*Source: Victorian Scout April 1987, P13.*

### **1st Merbein**

**Barnes, Lionel**

**Gilt Cross 1925**

**Victorian Troop Leader**

Presented by Lord Stradbroke at Government House for saving a boy from drowning in a flooded river at Christmas.

Source: *The Age*, 17/10/1925. (Trove)

### **1st Merbein**

**Smythe, Jack**

**Gilt Cross 1925**

**Victorian Patrol Leader**

Presented by Lord Stradbroke at Government House for saving a boy from drowning in a flooded river at Christmas.

Source: *The Age*, 17/10/1925. (Trove)

### **5th Mildura**

**Wallenaffer, Russell John**

**Commendation for Meritorious Conduct 2002**

**Victorian, aged 13 years**

Later a Queen's Scout in 2007.

Source: SHV Database.

### **1st Monbulk**

**Rooney, Francis Robert**

**Silver Cross 1983**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 12 years**

Courageously evacuated his parents and brother from their burning Emerald home Whilst attempting to rescue his grandfather he was overcome by smoke and sustained 10% burns and cuts to his body and was rendered unconscious.

Source: *Victorian Scout*, May 1983, P4.

### **1st Mont Albert**

**Walters, Mark**

**Gilt Cross 1989**

**Victorian Rover Scout and Leader**

Together with Peter Rathmussen from 10th/13th Box Hill they assisted in a rescue of an elderly woman from a fire in a home unit at North Box Hill on 21st June 1988.

Source: *Australian Scout*, April 1989, P9

### **1st Moorooduc**

**Grierson, John Edward**

**Silver Cross 1998**

**Victorian Leader**

## **1st Mooroopna**

**Wood, Ray**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1981**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 14 years**

Ray was alerted by a small boy that his brother had been digging in a sand hill and it had fallen in on him. Ray stopped a passing car and with the driver assisted in digging the boy out. Ray displayed initiative and his prompt action led to a speedy rescue which avoided injury or worse to the rescued person.

Source: Branch files 1978, National Telegram, Victorian Scout August 1981, P4

## **1st Mordialloc**

**Harry, Edwin**

**Silver Cross 1927**

**Victorian Patrol Leader**

Presented by the Governor, Lord Somers for the rescue of a man from drowning at Mentone.

Sources: *The Argus*, 14/3/1927, P9, *The Age*, 17/8/1927. P13

## **7th Mordialloc**

**Large, Stephen**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1972**

**Victorian Scout**

Stephen was instrumental in preventing the drowning of a young child and contributed to her survival by giving mouth to mouth resuscitation pending the arrival of medical assistance in December 1970.

Source: *Victorian Scout*, August 1972. Page 2, *Victorian Scout* November 1972, Page 3

## **9th Mordialloc**

**Ferguson, Lee Campbell**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1970**

**Victorian Senior Scout**

Awarded for his prompt action in rendering first aid to a high school student who had been severely cut by glass for a broken door panel and caring for him until a doctor and ambulance arrived.

Source: *Victorian Scout* November 1970, Page 6.

## **1st Mornington**

**Anderson, Norman**

**Silver Cross 1929**

**Victorian Scout Master**

Took part in a valiant attempt with two Rovers to rescue a drowning man (John Thomas Davis) in a heavy sea off Mornington and together with two rovers encountered great danger. Davis was brought ashore but declared dead. Presented by the Governor, Lord Somers at Frankston.

Sources: *A Tale of Trails - History of Mornington District*. *The Argus*. 26/2/1929. P 14, *The Argus*. 27/2/1929. P8

### **1st Mornington**

**Anderson, William**

**Gilt Cross 1929**

**Victorian Rover Scout**

Took part in a valiant attempt with two Rovers to rescue a drowning man (John Thomas Davis) in a heavy sea off Mornington and with another Rover and Scout Master in which the two rovers encountered great danger, with Sheedy involved in a slightly lesser risk. Presented by the Governor, Lord Somers at Frankston.

*Source: A Tale of Trails - History of Mornington District. The Argus. 26/2/1929. P 14*

### **1st Mornington**

**Sheedy, Cyril**

**Silver Cross 1929**

**Victorian Scout**

Took part in a valiant attempt with two Rovers to rescue a drowning man (John Thomas Davis) in a heavy sea off Mornington and with another Rover and Scout Master in which the two rovers encountered great danger. Davis was brought ashore by declared dead. Presented by the Governor, Lord Somers at Frankston.

*Source: A Tale of Trails - History of Mornington District. The Argus. 26/2/1929. P 14. The Argus. 27/2/1929. P8*

### **1st Mount Evelyn**

**White, Keith**

**Silver Cross 1963**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 12 years**

Awarded at Government House, Melbourne by the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Rohan Delacombe in recognition for his gallantry when his parents' home caught fire on the night of November 16, 1961. Keith was awakened by the fire and running through the burning house, he roused his father, who is deaf, and his mother. He made two more dashes into the burning house to rescue his seven year-old brother Gregory and one-year old sister Annette.

*Sources: Victorian Scout. October 1963. P10, Victorian Scout. November 1963 P11, SHV Card File.*

### **1st Murchison**

**Carr, C.**

**Gilt Cross 1931**

**Victorian Scout.**

Awarded for his gallant attempt to save a little girl from drowning at Murchison on 18th November 1931.

*Source SHV Card File.*

### **1st Nathalia**

**Ralton, Gregory Bruce**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1974**

**Victorian Leader.**

### **1st Natimuk**

**Graham, Ian**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1931**

**Victorian Scout**

Presented by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir William Irvine. Ian went to the rescue of a girl who was in danger of drowning in Natimuk Creek on March 10 1933.

Source: *The Argus*. 31/10/1933. P5

### **4th Norlane**

**Walker, Darrel John**

**Silver Cross 1972**

**Victorian Senior Scout**

Darrel rescued two people by placing one over his surfboard and ensuring that the board caught the wave, before swimming out and rescuing another person in difficulties in hazardous circumstances at Narrabeen Beach, NSW in February 1971.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*, August 1982, Page 2, *Victorian Scout* November 1972, Page 3

### **5th North Moorabbin**

**Cook, Stephen Vivian**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1979**

**Victorian Scout, aged 7 years**

Whilst building a hen house, a fellow Scout started burning grass and used fuel on the fire and this set his clothes alight. Stephen rushed to his help, pulling him away from the fire and poured water on the other Scout and arranged for the phoning of an ambulance. The other Scout suffered from facial burns and scarring but recovered from his injuries.

Source: *Victoria Scout* July 1979, Page 4

### **5th North Moorabbin**

**Steward, Robert Henry**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1966**

**Victorian Troop Leader.**

Awarded in recognition of his actions in rescuing a little girl who had fallen into a local pool at Euroa and was in danger of drowning. Source: *SHV Card File*.

### **Not Known**

**MacPherson, Stephen James Hibbert**

**Silver Cross 1982**

**Victorian, aged 13 years**

In recognition of his gallantry on the night of 31 August 1981 near Buchan, Victoria, when at considerable risk to himself, he attempted to rescue a fellow Scout and his Scout Leader from a ferocious burning vehicle and although suffering from burns, abrasions and shock, ran 3.5 kms for help.

Source: *Australian Scout* July 1983, P10.

## **Not Known**

**Skate, Timothy James**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1973**

**Victorian**

Awarded in recognition of his action in extinguishing the burning clothes and hair of a fellow Scout, thus saving him from very serious injury, although suffering burns himself.

Source: *Victorian Scout* August 1974, Page 3.

## **Not Known**

**Webber, A. C.**

**Silver Cross 1929**

**Victorian**

Later a Presbyterian minister who was a chaplain in the military for nearly 20 years.

Source: *The Argus*. 14/2/1953, P 17

## **1st Numurkah**

**Green, Brian George**

**Gilt Cross 1953**

**Victorian Scout**

He received the award from the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Dallas Brooks for having rescued a boy from drowning in a creek in Numurkah.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. Nov 1954, P5

## **8th Nunawading**

**Walton, Brian**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1963**

**Victorian**

Presented by the Governor at Government House on November 30, 1964. Brian, the acting ASM (aged 19 years) was travelling on a train from Melbourne. It pulled up on a bridge near Burnley and when he saw the reason, he got down from the train onto the track and rendered first aid to a lad, aged 13 years who had been injured by the train. Brian worked with the boy until the ambulance arrived but the boy later died in St Vincent's Hospital.

Source: *Victorian Scout*. March 1964. P10

## **9th Nunawading**

**Guest, Neil Thomas**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1969**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Master**

In recognition of his prompt action and gallantry in attempting to rescue a young boy who drowned in Blackburn Lake, South Blackburn on 27th August 1967.

Source: *SHV Card File*.

### **10th Nunawading**

**Maurice, Peter Robin**

**Gilt Cross 1969**

**Victorian Scout**

Awarded in recognition of his gallantry in saving the life of a youth from drowning in the Yarra River on 10th November 1967.

Source: SHV Card File.

### **1st Otway Forester**

**Kennedy, Reg**

**Gilt Cross 1925**

**Victorian Troop Leader**

Presented by Lord Stradbroke at State Parliament for saving a life in dangerous surf at Ocean Grove and applying artificial respiration early in the year.

Source: Geelong Advertiser, 02/12/1925. P 3

### **1st Plenty**

**Newnham, Scott James William**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1992**

**Victorian Scout, aged 12 years**

Received this award in recognition of the prompt action, calmness and initiative displayed in assisting his disabled grandmother (who is partially blind) to escape from a house which had caught fire at Preston on 23 September 1991.

Source: Australian Scout, October 1992, P51.

### **8th Prahran**

**Chilvers, Kim**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1972**

**Victorian Patrol Second**

Kim was instrumental in preventing the drowning of an infant who fell into a suburban swimming pool in December 1971.

Sources: Victorian Scout, August 1972, Page 2, Victorian Scout November 1972, Page 3

### **1st Preston**

**Hurford, Thomas Charles**

**Silver Wolf 1921**

**Victorian Gallant Scout**

The late Thomas Hurford (aged 18 years) had sacrificed his life whilst attempting to save two younger boys in a boating accident. Awarded the Silver Wolf Award by His Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Forster). Buried at the Coburg Cemetery.

Source: The Argus, 6/12/1921. Page 10 (Trove)

## **1st Pyramid Hill**

**Ferris, Graeme Ernest**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1966**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 14 years**

The Chief Scout of Australia H.E. the Governor-General, the Rt Hon Lord Casey awarded the Medal of Meritorious Conduct to Graeme Ferris. On 12th January 1966. Graeme's father, Mr E. Ferris was filling his tractor with petrol when it exploded and showered him with burning fuel. Graeme rushed to the shed and obtained a canvas tarpaulin in which he rolled his father to extinguish the flames. He then put his father into a truck and drove for help. Mr. Ferris received burns to 30% of his body and considers he would have lost consciousness and been unable to extinguish the flames. At the time of the accident, Graeme was 14 years and nine months old.

Sources: *Victorian Scout*, December 1966, Page 6, SHV Card File

## **1st Queenscliff**

**Hinrichsen, Nicholas Charles**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1998**

**Victorian Scout**

On 17th August 1997, Nicholas Hindrichsen, aged 8 saved his 3 year old brother from drowning in a backyard unfenced pool. He looked around and his brother was not at his side and seeing some colours at the bottom of the pool he realised his brother had fallen in. He jumped in fully clothed and brought his brother to the surface and struggled to keep his head above water. By this time adult assistance arrived. It was only because of Nicholas' quick response and swimming experience that a tragedy was averted.

Source: *Australian Scout*, December 1998, P23

### **1st Red Hill**

**Rogers, Geoffrey David**

**Gilt Cross 1969**

**Victorian Senior Scout.**

Awarded in recognition of his gallantry in rescuing a swimmer from possible drowning at Gunnamatta Ocean Beach on 23rd March 1969.

Source: SHV Card File.

### **9th Richmond**

**Soler, Frank**

**Silver Cross 1953**

**Victorian**

Awarded in attempting to rescue a man overcome by fumes in the submarine Trump.

Source: Advocate, Melbourne. 3/9/1953. P14

### **7th Ringwood**

**Castle, Stephen Walter Ivan**

**Gilt Cross 1994 Victorian**

**Venturer Scout**

In recognition of the courage and initiative displayed in comforting two girls whose canoe had been swept away and who were stranded on a partly submerged tree in the middle of the fast flowing Yarra River and preventing one, who was suffering hypothermia, from drowning by supporting her for an extended period until assistance arrived at Warrandyte, Victoria on 9th October 1993.

Source: Australian Scout, November 1994, P21

### **2nd Robinvale**

**Bird, Graeme John**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1967**

**Victorian Cub Scout**

In recognition of his gallantry and prompt action in assisting to save the life of a two year-old girl from drowning in a swimming pool at Robinvale on 6th June 1967. The medal was presented at Government House on Saturday 4th May 1968.

Source: SHV Card File

### **1st Rochester**

**Gannan, Anthony**

**Silver Cross 1935**

**Victorian**

Whilst an invalid on crutches, he rescued his sister from the Campaspe River when she slipped off a rubber toy into deep water.

Sources: The Age. 20/08/1935. P13, The Argus. 20/8/1935. P9

## **1st Romsey**

**Vermont, Darcy**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 2007**

**Victorian Cub Scout, aged 8 years**

His cool-headed action at a BBQ on 4th November 2003 saved the life of their neighbour's two year old daughter from an overgrown pond after falling down an embankment. He immediately jumped in and pulled her from under the water.

*Source: Australian Scout, 2007*

## **1st Romsey/Macedon Venturers**

**Hogan, Michael**

**Commendation for Meritorious Conduct 2006 Victorian**

**Venturer Scout**

On 29th September 2004, Michael's father Chris suffered a severe angina attack whilst out walking. Returning home, Chris sought Michael's assistance. Michael, because of his Scouting experience and first aid training was able to calmly and in a mature manner organise his father's comfort, call an ambulance and liaise with treating doctors ensuring Chris was safely transported to hospital where he underwent cardiac surgery.

*Source: Australian Scout 2006*

## **Rosebud Sea Scouts**

**Male, Bruce**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 2020**

**Victorian Scout**

Together with his sister, Leisel, a Girl Guide, they noticed a member of the public in difficulties. Bruce and his sister paddled out and brought the distressed swimmer to safety. Liesel was presented with an equivalent medal from Girl Guide Australia. They displayed courage, endurance, initiative and devotion to duty. Presented at Government House, Melbourne by the Governor, The Hon. Linda Dessau AC on 8th February 2020.

*Source: Branch File, Citation, Nov 2019*

## **1st Rosedale**

**Regan, Patrick**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1931**

**Victorian Scout, aged 16 years**

Presented by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir William Irvine. Patrick went to the rescue and saved the life of a girl who got into difficulties while attempting to swim the Latrobe River during March 1931.

*Source: The Argus. 31/10/1933. P5*

## **1st Sandringham**

**Lewis, Brian Howard**

**Silver Cross 1999**

**Victorian Leader**

## **1st Sunbury**

**Davey, Paul Louis**

**Silver Cross 1987**

**Victorian Patrol Leader, aged 13 years**

In recognition of his courage in the rescue of a Cub Scout from fast flowing water off a weir spillway at Brimbank Park, Victoria on 10 November 1985.

*Source: Australian Scout April 1987. P13.*

## **Shepparton Rover Crew**

**Fleming, Fiona**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1999**

**Victorian Rover Scout**

On 7th August 1998 Fiona was walking through a park on Swanston Street, Melbourne when she saw a group of drunken youths thumping the chest of a young woman lying on the ground. Fiona attended to the woman, placed her in a coma position and applied her first aid knowledge and checked her breathing and other vital signs. Whilst carrying out this first aid, another group of youths started a brawl and she stayed with the woman despite the threatening situation. She stayed until an ambulance arrived and accompanied the woman to hospital, with the ambulance officer acknowledging that Fiona's actions had saved the woman's life.

*Source: Australian Scout, December 1999, P25*

## **2nd Springvale**

**Morgan, Leanne Jennifer**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 2008**

**Victorian Leader**

On the eve of 12th October 1997, a fight broke out amongst a number of youths in Pearcedale. During the fight a young man was stabbed. Despite some risks for her own safety, Leanne took control. She arranged for an ambulance to be called and was able to stem the blood flow from a serious wound close to the heart until paramedics arrived. Leanne's bravery, level headedness, quick action and her knowledge of first aid helped to save a life.

*Source: Citation, Scouts Australia, 2008.*

## **6th Springvale**

**Williams, Michael Shane**

**Gilt Cross 1996 Victorian**

**Scout**

Awarded in recognition of his gallantry in rescuing a man from drowning in the Cairn Curran Reservoir.

*Source: SHV Card File.*

## **1st St Andrews**

**Savage, Graeme Stanley**

**Silver Cross 1991**

**Victorian Leader**

## **1st Toorak**

**Gage, John**

**Gilt Cross 1923**

**Victorian**

In recognition of bravery in averting drowning accident and presented by His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, Sir William Irvine.

Source: *The Argus*, 24/7/1923. Page 9 (Trove)

## **Tran Hung Dao**

**Nguyen, Christopher Linh**

**Gilt Cross 2017**

**Victorian Group Leader**

On the afternoon of 23rd May 2012, Christopher noticed flames coming from a neighbour's house. He ran outside calling for his neighbour, John Woods who rushed out of his house with bad burns to his face and told Christopher his mother of 104 was still in the house. Even though the fire was well advanced and subsequently burned down the house, Christopher kicked in the glass of the front door and rushed in where he found Mrs. Woods in a frozen state in the smoke filled kitchen. With the assistance of two other neighbours he was able to carry Mrs. Woods to safety. Through Christopher's courage and immediate action a tragic outcome was averted.

Source: Citation. 2017.

## **1st Traralgon**

**Gladman, Neil**

**Silver Cross 1955**

**Victorian Scout, aged 16 years of Neerim Junction, Gippsland**

Presented at Government House by the Chief Scout and Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, Neil was the principal figure in a rescue of a boy from drowning in a fast running stream on October 30, 1954. Sources: *Victorian Scout*. November 1955. P4, *The Argus*. 24/10/1955. P5

## **1st Traralgon**

**Roodenrys, Jay Raymond**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1995**

**Victorian**

Awarded for rendering prompt and efficient assistance to a friend in danger of drowning at Inverloch.

Source: *Australian Scout*, February 1996, P5

## **1st Upwey**

**Milroy, Shane Michael**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1978**

**Victorian Assistant Scout Leader, aged 21 years**

Awarded for his prompt initiative in resuscitating an asphyxiated baby at Upwey on 9th September 1977.

Source: *Victorian Scout*, November 1978, Page 12

### **1st Vermont/12th Nunawading**

**Turner, Christopher Charles William**

**Gilt Cross 1966**

**Victorian Senior Scout, aged 16 years**

This senior Scout rescued a man from drowning while surfing at Broadbeach, Queensland. The man suffered cramp, was struck on the head by his surfboard and was carried out to sea between 200 and 300 yards. Christopher acted promptly, showed great courage and skill in lifesaving under hazardous conditions.

*Source: SHV Card File.*

### **Victorian Branch**

**Weng, Chia'Chi Ralph**

**Silver Cross 2011**

**Victorian Service Delivery Team member of Scouts Victoria**

### **1st Walwa**

**Johnston, Gary**

**Silver Cross 1965**

**Victorian Scout**

Gary was fishing in the Murray River when he saw a small boy and a girl swing from a rope tied to a tree and fall into the river. He didn't take much notice at first thinking they were playing, but when the boy called for help he realised they were in trouble. So he jumped in and pulled them out. Gary saved two lives but was very modest and secretive about the good turn he had done. Awarded on 1st May 1965 by the Chief Scout, Sir Rohan Delecombe.

*Source: SHV Card File.*

### **1st Warracknabeal**

**Ezard, Ronald Gordon**

**Gilt Cross 1960**

**Victorian Scout**

Ronald without hesitation, dived fully clothed into the Yarriambiack Creek to rescue a 3-year old boy who had fallen into the water.

*Sources: Victorian Scout. April 1960, P9, Victorian Scout October 1960. P7*

### **1st Watsonia**

**Armstrong, Robert William**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1973**

**Victorian Rover Scout, aged 19 years**

In recognition for his actions providing first aid to an old soldier who collapsed at Anzac Day March.

*Source: Victorian Scout. November 1973, Page 3.*

### **1st Wesley College**

**Webster, Ian**

**Certificate for Meritorious Conduct 1954**

**Victorian**

He received the award from the Governor and Chief Scout, Sir Dallas Brooks for rendering first aid to a boy at a disabled Youth Camp at Yarra Junction.

*Source: Victorian Scout. Nov 1954, P5*

### **3rd West Waverley**

**Reynolds, Peter Edward**

**Medal for Meritorious Conduct 1978**

**Victorian Venturer Scout, aged 17 years**

Awarded for his prompt and possibly lifesaving action following a fall of one other competitors in the Veteran Road Cycling Championships held at Sandown on 7th November 1976. Peter took charge of the situation and successfully rendered first aid to the seriously injured rider, thereby displaying initiative, skill and self-discipline not normally expected in a person of his age.

*Source: Victorian Scout, November 1978 Page 12.*

### **1st Woori Yallock**

**Tooby, Peter Dale**

**Gilt Cross 1997**

**Victorian Venturer Scout**

With a Group of Venturer Scouts on 14th July 1996 and accompanied by a Scout Troop from Texas, USA on a high adventure expedition on the US/Canadian Boundary Waters. The Group was portaging around Wheelbarrow Fall rapids when they saw a canoe with two men attempting to run the rapids. The canoe overturned and the men were swept away from their canoe without lifejackets in turbulent, deep and treacherous water. Leonard and his canoe mate Peter Tooby launch their canoe to attempt a rescue together with an American team to help. Both men from the overturned canoe were desperately trying to retrieve their packs which were holding valuable equipment. The Australian team reached one of the men and towed him back to shore, averting a potential drowning and also managed to retrieve the expensive satellite surveying equipment. The other man was also able to get to shore safely.

*Source: Australian Scout, February 1998, Citation, 1997*

## **Yarra Ranges District**

**Rayner, Leonard Vincent**

**Gilt Cross 1997**

### **Victorian District Venturer Leader**

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*Source: Australian Scout, February 1998, Citation, 1997*

## **1st Yarroweyah**

**Thomas, Ronald Craig**

**Certificate for Gallantry 1964**

### **Victorian Cub Scout**

Ronald and his younger brother Gary were burning rubbish when inflammable liquid spilled on Gary who was immediately enveloped in flames. Ronald quickly rolled his brother in the long grass and extinguished the blaze. Gary was admitted to hospital with severe burns that would have been far worse had it not been for Ronald's bravery.

*Source: Victorian Scout . October 1954. P8*