

AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL (ASM)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Mr Paul John FEATHERSTONE BM, 8 Eugenia Street, Loftus NSW 2232

Mr Featherstone joined the Ambulance Service of NSW as an ambulance officer with Central District in 1973 and since progressed with distinction by way of his specialist skills in the recovery and care of people in life threatening situations. In 1986 he conceived and developed the Service's 'Special Casualty Access Team' (SCAT) and has since been a team leader in developing patient access techniques and in the provision of high dependency care in hostile and extreme environments. He continues to pass on his considerable knowledge and skills as senior SCAT Instructor in his operational capacity as senior Flight Rescue Paramedic with an excess of 1,000 hours aircraft operation time at the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Base at Mascot. Many of the rescues and retrievals under emergency conditions have involved major incidents and gained national and international media attention. He was awarded the Bravery Medal following the 1997 Thredbo landslide disaster, and has been commended by successive NSW Premiers and other community leaders and organisations. Mr Featherstone has provided distinguished service to the community of New South Wales for over 33 years.

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Mr Peter Roy PILON, 3 Russ Hammond Close, Korora NSW 2450

Mr Pilon has provided 30 years' distinguished service to the Ambulance Service of NSW, serving predominately in western rural areas but also participating in and leading many major projects managed through Ambulance State Headquarters in Sydney. Through these projects he has significantly contributed to the effective progression of the Service, particularly in the areas of computerised patient prioritisation dispatch and communications. While his outstanding efforts have largely benefited the Service they have also gained recognition through ambulance and emergency services, both nationally and internationally. Mr Pilon's career has been one of strong commitment and determination to the community of New South Wales, especially relating to patient care in remote areas.

Awards include:
Centenary Medal, 2001.

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Mr Paul Leslie WOODGATE, 28 Fuchsia Crescent, Bomaderry NSW 2541

Mr Woodgate's distinguished career with the Ambulance Service of NSW began as an Honorary Officer at Bankstown in 1959, then as a permanent workshop tradesman's assistant in 1962 followed by his appointment as a permanent ambulance officer in 1963. While initially serving at several Sydney metropolitan stations, Mr Woodgate has predominately been stationed in the Shoalhaven area. He was prominent in the establishment of the first rescue unit at Bomaderry and he participated in community fundraising to assist with the fitting, equipping and maintenance of the unit. He has devoted considerable time and effort to the advancement of rescue services in the region. He was, until recently, a rescue instructor both locally and at the Ambulance Education Centre Rozelle and he fostered strong relations between the Service, NSW Police Rescue and other emergency rescue agencies. He was also recognised as the "face" of the Service through his regular appearances in regional television coverage of major rescue incidents. Mr Woodgate has dedicated over 47 years' distinguished service to the community of New South Wales through his commendable efforts as an ambulance officer.

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QUEENSLAND

Mr Patrick John (Pat) DENHAM, 34 Kookaburra Street, Bundaberg Qld 4670

Mr Denham has served the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) with distinction and dedication in many operational and management positions for over 38 years. While serving in Bundaberg Mr Denham frequently provided support and guidance to staff at all hours of the day and night including at the scene of many high impact incidents. A most notable example of this occurred during the aftermath of the Childers Backpackers Hotel fire, when he provided support to his team for several days. His strong advocacy for his staff and community resulted in the QAS undertaking to educate and appoint some of Queensland's first Intensive Care Paramedics to Bundaberg. All of his roles have been earmarked by successful outcomes and his commitment to staff and community. When appointed as Superintendent of the Mount Morgan Station and while continuing to provide high level clinical care, Mr Denham successfully managed the local service taking it from near bankruptcy to a strong financial position, thus enabling the purchase of new ambulance vehicles and the appointment of additional staff. Mr Denham has regularly undertaken the role of acting Area Director for the Wide Bay-Burnett Sector and often performs as the Duty Officer for the area.

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Mr Ian Leslie RIZZOLI, 21 Bangalee Street, Jindalee Qld 4074

After commencing his ambulance career in Victoria in 1979, which saw him serve in many positions such as Clinical Instructor, Instructor for MICA paramedic trainees and numerous management positions, Mr Rizzoli joined the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) as a Rescue Crew-Intensive Care Paramedic based at Archerfield in Brisbane in 1997. In 1998 he was appointed as Clinical Support Officer for the South West Area of Brisbane, a position he still holds today. Mr Rizzoli continues to coordinate Intensive Care Paramedics on Rescue 500 helicopters, both with rosters and training as well as performing his training duties. In 2004, Mr Rizzoli successfully applied for the position of Senior Clinical Instructor in Ireland. Working with the University College Dublin and National Ambulance Training School of Ireland, he undertook writing training materials and examination papers, and delivered lectures and tutorials. He also gained registration as an Advanced Care Paramedic in Ireland and worked as a supervisor for the Advanced Care Paramedic students during their on-road internship. On his return to the QAS, Mr Rizzoli continued to demonstrate his outstanding commitment to training and professionalism, acting as Manager of Regional Staff Development until July 2006 and is currently employed as Clinical Support Officer.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mr Michael Dundas SCOTT, 'North Bellendean', Middleton SA 5213

Mr Scott has been volunteer member of the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) and its antecedent organisations for over 35 years. During his distinguished service he has performed with distinction in an extensive range of areas and appointments including District Staff Officer, Volunteer Team Leader, Foundation Member and Chairman of the Goolwa Branch Committee, Zone Delegate and Deputy Chairman of the Country Ambulance Services Advisory Committee (CASAC), Chairman of the Hills Fleurieu Kangaroo Island Zone Committee, and Member of the Fleet Management Consultative Committee. As an operational ambulance officer Mr Scott continues roster coverage on a regular basis at the Goolwa station despite his numerous off-roster activities and commitments. An extremely passionate advocate for volunteering with emergency service organisations, he has worked tirelessly with the Goolwa Station, taking it from a struggling team into a cohesive and most effective unit. His vision, enthusiasm and progressive thinking have seen many positive improvements including the promotion of volunteering, the establishment of the Volunteer Service Team and the current Country Services Business Unit, and increased contribution to various reward and recognition programs, local community programs and events. A recent significant achievement was his initiating the SA Great Community Group Award for the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Zone. This initiative has increased awareness of the valued service provided by volunteers to their communities. As the recently appointed CASAC Chairman, Mr Scott is driven to achieve even greater recognition of volunteers' contributions, changes within the organisation and state-wide improvements to ensure the recruitment and retention of volunteers.

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TASMANIA

Mr David Peter CURTIS, 42 Linton Avenue, Heybridge Tas 7316

Mr Curtis joined the Tasmanian Ambulance Service (TAS) in 1977 as a Student Ambulance Officer, and has given over 26 years of dedicated service to the TAS having left for a short period to work in nursing in the public sector. Mr Curtis is held in the highest regard for his clinical excellence and professionalism as an Intensive Care Paramedic, Rescue Officer, Wilderness Rescue, Driver Trainer and Clinical Educator. He has also been employed for 2 years as the North West Regional Ambulance Superintendent. Mr Curtis has provided high level clinical education for ambulance personnel as well as emergency responses to thousands of local residents. He has also promoted positive changes within the TAS and is an outstanding example for his colleagues to emulate.

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Mr Noel Mervyn DALWOOD, 6 Esplanade, Seven Mile Beach Tas 7170

Mr Dalwood joined the Tasmanian Ambulance Service (TAS) as a Volunteer Ambulance Officer in 1966 and became a salaried officer in 1968. He left the TAS for 18 months in 1971, gaining experience with the New South Wales Ambulance Service. Mr Dalwood worked in a variety of operational positions, including Rural Branch Station Officer at New Norfolk and Huonville as well as in operational paramedic positions in Hobart, before being appointed Regional Training Officer in southern Tasmania in 1980 and, in 1984, was appointed as a Duty Officer involving operational supervisory duties in southern Tasmania. Mr Dalwood was the first ambulance officer to hold the position of Course Coordinator for Advanced Life Support Training, and he advanced clinical training for Tasmania's ambulance staff through the introduction of additional skills and procedures including advanced airway management. Mr Dalwood has been the Superintendent of Clinical Practice and Education since 1993 and has played a key role in a number of significant advancements in ambulance education, training and clinical practice over the last decade. Throughout his distinguished career of almost 40 years Mr Dalwood has remained a committed and dedicated ambulance professional.

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Mr Robert John JORDAN, 21 Riflerange Road, Currie, King Island Tas 7256

Mr Jordan joined the Tasmanian Ambulance Service (TAS) as a Volunteer Ambulance Officer on King Island in 1990 and was appointed the Operations Coordinator of the King Island Volunteer Ambulance Unit in 1996, a position he still holds. Mr Jordan has shown outstanding leadership qualities in uniting and leading a small group of dedicated ambulance volunteers serving an isolated island community. He has actively promoted the TAS and led fundraising efforts in support of medical and training equipment purchases to benefit the King Island ambulance unit and community. Mr Jordan has earned commendations from Tasmania Police for his assistance in difficult cases and he is highly regarded in his local community for his work as an emergency service volunteer. Mr Jordan has given over 17 years' distinguished service to the TAS and to the King Island community.

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AUSTRALIA CAPITAL TERRITORY

Mr David Andrew FOOT,

ACT Emergency Services Agency, 123 Carruthers Street, Curtin ACT 2605

Throughout his career with the ACT Ambulance Service, Mr Foot has made significant contributions to the Service and to the public of the Australian Capital Territory through exceptional leadership and being instrumental in the implementation of a variety of innovative developments. During the January 2003 Bush Fire Emergency, the Service's capabilities were stretched to the extreme in simultaneously dealing with an extraordinary number of multi-faceted and often hazardous operations while continuing to maintain an adequate level of response capability for standard ambulance operations. At that time, Mr Foot was Operations Manager with responsibility for supervision of all Service field operations, staff deployment, Communications Centre task delegation, Snowy Hydro South Care Rescue Helicopter operations, coordination of NSW and other support ambulance personnel, and the identification and organisation of additional support requirements. As a result of exemplary delivery of service during the emergency, the Service was singled out for special praise; much of the success of the Service's operations can be directly attributed to Mr Foot's exemplary leadership, sound strategic decisions and resourcefulness. Mr Foot also performed a pivotal role in the introduction of the Snowy Hydro South Care Helicopter Service scheme from the conceptual stage to a practical reality. His role included but was not limited to undertaking comprehensive research and consultation to establish the feasibility of service implementation; identification of service personnel, equipment and infrastructure requirements; identifying service delivery expectations; and developing a comprehensive range of protocols and standing orders necessary to cover all the complexities of aero-medical operations. The continued success of this high-profile service can be substantially attributed to Mr Foot's commitment and contribution.