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ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA BRAVERY AWARDS 2022
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Major General David McLachlan AO, AO (Mil) (Retd) representing Associate Professor John Maynard, President of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia

Deputy Commissioner Rick Nugent APM, representing the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police

Directors, Royal Humane Society of Australasia

Award recipients

Distinguished guests

First, I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather – the Wurundjeri and Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation – and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and to Elders of other communities who may be with us.

I am delighted to welcome you all here this morning for the Royal Humane Society of Australasia Bravery Awards 2022.

As Patron of the Society, I am proud to be here today for these Awards.

For 148 years, the Royal Humane Society of Australasia has set about recognising those in the community who have gone above and beyond for their fellow citizens.

Across those years, so much has changed. Technological and social progress have resulted in a markedly different world. It is inevitable, then, that some of the acts for which recipients are being recognised will have changed with those times.

But what has not changed in all those years is the goodness at the heart of the acts and at the heart of the people being recognised.

The five recipients recognised here today have each risked their own lives to save the life of another.

Your actions reflect the goodness common to the recipients of these awards across the decades.

You share common courage and a selflessness.

Thank you for what you have done. Thank you for your acts of bravery, and for thinking not of yourselves, but of others.

While these awards afford us the opportunity to formally recognise that goodness, please know that we understand that today might be difficult for some of you. But in allowing us to shine a light on your acts, you serve as an inspiration to us all.

Thank you too to everyone involved at the Royal Humane Society of Australasia for administering and judging these awards, which go to the heart of the very best that our community has to offer. Thank you in particular to President, Associate Professor John Maynard who could not be with us today, and the Directors.

On behalf of the people of Victoria, thank you again to today's recipients for the bravery and selflessness you have all shown.

I hope you enjoy your time here at Government House, and I look forward to talking with you shortly.