

THE NEW ZEALAND BRAVERY DECORATION (N.Z.B.D.)

Hakihana Jackson POMARE (Deceased)

Date of action: 21 June 1997

Date of award: 23 October 1999

Citation

At Matauri Bay, on the evening of 21 June 1997, Hakihana Pomare, aged 11 years, rescued his younger brother from their burning temporary accommodation. He re-entered the burning structure, amid thick smoke and intense heat, to rescue another brother and his sister but all three tragically died in the fire. He displayed exceptional bravery.