

## THE NEW ZEALAND BRAVERY MEDAL (N.Z.B.M.)

### Paul Lindsay CHANDLER

Date of action: 1 October 2001

Date of award: 23 October 2005

#### *Citation*

On 1 October 2001 a dangerous bank robber entered a bank in Akaroa wearing a balaclava and armed with a rifle. He pointed the gun at the two tellers and demanded the contents of the tills. As he was leaving, he passed a customer entering the bank, who raised the alarm. At this, the robber ran away. Mr Chandler observed the robber running from the bank carrying a gun, and decided to chase him. He was soon joined in his pursuit by Mr Peter Duncan and Mr Graham Jones and the three men pursued the robber down an alleyway. Realising he was being chased, the robber stopped and pointed the firearm at them. He then turned and continued to run. The three men also continued their pursuit. The robber then got into a stolen vehicle. Mr Chandler caught up to it and broke the passenger's side window in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent it from leaving the area. The assistance of Mr Chandler and the two other men and the information they gave the Police resulted in the subsequent apprehension and conviction of three men.