

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

Bradley James CLARK **Senior Constable, New Zealand Police**

Date of action: 7 May 2009

Date of award: 2 April 2011

Citation

On 7 May 2009 Senior Constable Bradley Clark was one of the first Armed Offenders Squad members to arrive at the scene of the fatal shooting of Senior Constable Len Snee, and the wounding of Mr Leonard Holmwood, and Senior Constables Grant Diver and Bruce Miller, by Mr Jan Molenaar in Chaucer Road Napier.

Senior Constable Clark arrived at the scene with Detective Buckley from the southern end of Chaucer Road, stopping his vehicle at the intersection with Spencer Road. Moving up the hill on foot, the two men reached a position outside No. 35 Chaucer Road South from where they could see a male civilian, Mr Leonard Holmwood, lying on his back at the rear of Senior Constable Diver's abandoned vehicle. Carrying on up the hill again, they reached Senior Constable Diver's vehicle and, while Detective Buckley took up a covering position with his rifle, Senior Constable Clark dragged the wounded Mr Holmwood to a position out of direct sight of the gunman and began dressing his wound.

Realising that they were probably too close to the gunman's position, they lifted Mr Holmwood and dragged him further down the road to a place of safety behind a block wall in the vicinity of No. 1 Spencer Road, where they continued to administer first aid to his injuries. He was later taken by a Police car to a waiting ambulance.

Senior Constable Clark, in concert with Detective Buckley, displayed both bravery and dedication to duty in carrying out the evacuation of Mr Holmwood from a position that was only metres away from the gunman's house. Their actions enabled Mr Holmwood to receive essential first aid to a serious wound which, had it remained untreated for any length of time, might have proved fatal.