

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

Anne Michele FRANCIS (formerly Miss Holdsworth)

Date of action: 2 September 1991

Date of award: 23 October 1999

Citation

Mrs Francis, while an Ambulance Officer with the Wellington Free Ambulance, on the evening of 2 September 1991, attended an incident involving a man who had taken an overdose of drugs. The patient confronted her with a loaded firearm. During a period of some 30 minutes Miss Holdsworth persuaded the patient to put the weapon down and talked to him until the Police arrived. Her calmness and patience in an extremely difficult situation almost certainly prevented injury to a colleague, Police Officers and herself.