

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

### Carl JENNINGS

Date of action: 23 November 2012

Date of award: 1 August 2016

#### *Citation*

On the night of 23 November 2012 a homeowner set fire to her home in the Auckland suburb of Orakei with the assistance of accelerant, in the process setting herself alight. Shortly thereafter the house was fully engulfed with fire and parts of the house were exploding and raining debris over the road.

Mr Carl Jennings was at his home when he heard an explosion and investigated, observing flames coming from his neighbour's house. Without hesitation he immediately ran to the burning house and entered a smoke-filled garage. He then followed the victim's screams to a room further inside the house where he located the victim badly burnt and lying on the stairs. Mr Jennings then grabbed her arms and dragged her towards a clearer area of the house out of immediate direct harm from the fire. He then went outside to get a breath of air, and returned with two other neighbours where they carried the badly burnt victim from inside the garage to the roadside, and then assisted in providing aid to the woman until the arrival of emergency services. Mr Jennings risked his own safety to rescue the woman from her burning house, saving her life.