

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

### Michael James ROBINSON

Date of action: 15 March 2019

Date of award: 16 December 2021

#### *Citation*

On 15 March 2019 around 1.40pm, a lone gunman armed with semi-automatic shotguns and assault rifles, with several hundred rounds of ammunition, commenced an attack on the Al Noor Mosque on Deans Avenue in Christchurch.

During the attack on the Mosque the gunman returned to his vehicle to collect further ammunition, and fired multiple shots along both directions of the street, on one occasion firing 27 shots in one direction.

Mr Mike Robinson and a colleague were driving in a large utility vehicle along Deans Avenue in Christchurch, near the vicinity of the Al Noor Mosque, at around 1.40pm. They heard gunshots coming from the vicinity of the Mosque, and observed the gunman firing a weapon and people falling over in the grounds of the Mosque. Mr Robinson's colleague swung their vehicle across the lanes at the end of a traffic island and together they began directing traffic to turn around.

They could see people lying on the road and the footpath back towards the Mosque so approached to help. They came across several victims who had been shot, and provided assistance to them. Mr Robinson pulled a gunshot victim to shelter between parked cars. He then proceeded as close as possible to the Mosque, but found no further victims and returned to the others.

At this point they could see ambulances at a cordon point on Deans Avenue but knew that they would not be allowed into the area until the Police had secured it. They joined others assisting nearby to plan an evacuation of four victims from within the cordon. Mr Robinson and his colleague helped load four victims into a vehicle, which then left the scene.

Mr Robinson and his colleague continued to provide assistance to victims until ambulance personnel arrived.