

THE WINNERS

ENVIRONMENT

Daniel & William Clarke



CEREBAL palsy sufferer Daniel and his brother William have raised \$600,000 to save the natural habitat of the orang-utans of Borneo

INSPIRATION

Georgina Kenaghan



HAVING completed her degree at university, Georgina met six determined young women, all blind, who wished to represent their country in the sport of goalball. Georgina put her career on hold to coach the team

OUTSTANDING BRAVERY

Ryan Miller



RYAN didn't hesitate to leap to the aid of an elderly woman when she fell onto train tracks at Box Hill Station in June

COURAGE

Vanessa Robinson



MOTHER-of-two Vanessa who lost her children, Chase and Tyler, to carbon monoxide poisoning brought on by a faulty gas wall heater, headed an awareness campaign to improve gas and fossil fuel safety for Australians

CHILD OF COURAGE

Cody Harris



THIS legally blind youngster is credited with saving his family when fire engulfed their

Townsville home in May. The 10-year-old, whose albinism has affected his sight, was woken by a smoke detector and alerted his family

They're an inspiration to a nation

BRITTANY STACK

THEY are a special group of everyday Australians, united by a bond of compassion, bravery and true heroism — and their selfless acts have inspired a nation.

Chosen from more than 70 finalists from across the country, Australia's greatest unsung heroes yesterday received the recognition they deserved at the 8th annual Pride of Australia national medal award ceremony during a gala ceremony at Sydney's Sheraton on the Park.

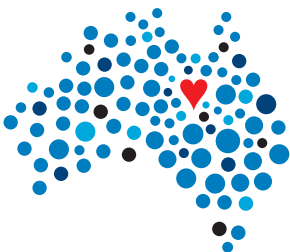
Among them were cerebral palsy sufferer Daniel Clarke and his younger brother William, who have raised more than \$650,000 to save the natural habitat of Borneo's orang-utans.

The NSW brothers, awarded the Environment medal, have also created their own book, which is used in many of the state's schools, and have lobbied politicians.

They also won the Toyota People's Choice Award — chosen by you, our readers — taking home \$10,000 cash plus another \$10,000 for charity.

Also from NSW is Georgina Kenaghan, who was awarded the Inspiration medal for her dedication to coaching the country's female Paralympic goalball team.

Ms Kenaghan put a career in psychology on hold to help the six inspiring blind women qualify for the Games for the first time in 16 years.



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Host and Network Ten newsreader Sandra Sully said the awards reminded us that humanity was alive and kicking in Australia.

"Their efforts are not widely known or recognised by the general public, but through those achievements, these extraordinary people inspire all of us to help make our nation a better place to live," Sully said yesterday.

"All of these (finalists) show you what is possible. They have a passion and determination, or there was a spontaneous moment where they were thrust into a life-changing decision and they made an incredible choice."

"In this celebrity-centric world, these awards recalibrate the community focus about what's real and important."

The Network Ten-sponsored Pride of Australia Medal is an initiative of News Limited newspapers, including *The Sunday Telegraph*, and aims to put a spotlight on those whose extraordinary efforts often slip by unrecognised.

"The Pride of Australia Medal lifts our spirits and reminds us that we can do

more," News Limited Group Editorial Director Campbell Reid said yesterday.

"We can do more to help others, to care for others, to support others. Pride of Australia is about generosity of spirit, about giving and receiving, it's about reaching out to those in need."

Other winners included Victorian Ryan Miller, who received the Outstanding Bravery medal for saving the life of an elderly woman who fell on train tracks at Box Hill station.

Mother-of-two Vanessa Robinson was recognised with the Courage medal for her work campaigning to improve gas and fossil fuel safety following the death of her children to carbon monoxide poisoning.

And young Cody Harris, who is legally blind as a result of his albinism, proudly wore the Child of Courage medal for saving his family after a fire in their Townsville home.

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“Michael has touched so many lives in such a profound way

KELLIE WILSON

A touching tribute when the Wilson family of Grace, Kellie, Eliza

This true hero is

BRITTANY STACK

MICHAEL Wilson's job was to save lives.

As one of the state's most skilled paramedics, he rescued people from the most perilous situations every day.

This meant laying his own life on the line as he dangled from helicopters or jumped into raging seas to reach people in their greatest hour of need.

The father-of-three knew the risks of his job and didn't do it for accolades — he just wanted to help others.

On Christmas Eve, while his family was at home preparing for the following day's festivities, Mr Wilson died trying to rescue a canyoner injured near Carrington Falls on the south coast.

As he and his patient were winched up by the chopper,

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Toyota is proud to congratulate Daniel and William Clarke, the People's Choice Award winners as voted by the people of Australia. The teenage brothers have managed to raise awareness and a staggering \$650,000 to help save the jungle habitat of the orangutans in Borneo and Sumatra. Toyota are delighted to gift Daniel and William \$10,000 and also contribute a further \$10,000 towards their goal of raising one million dollars to help save these magnificent great apes. Well done boys!

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