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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security Section**Introduction****Purpose of publication**

The intent of this website is to allow Members and Senators to identify Victoria Cross (VC) winners with ties to particular electoralates. A Victoria Cross winner is defined as 'connected' with a specific federal House of Representatives electorate if the recipient: :

- was born in the electorate
- resided in the electorate when he enlisted
- died in the electorate or
- is buried or was cremated in the electorate.

**The Victoria Cross**

... is the pre-eminent award for acts of bravery in wartime and Australia's highest military honour.

It is awarded to persons who, in the presence of the enemy, display the most conspicuous gallantry; a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice; or extreme devotion to duty.[1](#)

**History**

The (Imperial) Victoria Cross was created in 1856, and retrospectively covered the Crimean War beginning in 1854.<sup>2</sup> It was first awarded to 62 sailors and soldiers following the Indian Mutiny in 1857.

The Victoria Cross for Australia was inaugurated in 1991, and is the highest Australian award in the Australian system of Honours and Awards. It was first awarded in January 2009 to Trooper Mark Gregor Donaldson, forty years after the award to the last Australian recipient of the (Imperial) Victoria Cross, Warrant Officer Keith Payne in 1969.<sup>3</sup>

The first Australian to receive a Victoria Cross was Captain (later Sir) Neville Howse during the Boer War in 1900. Since then, 97 Australians have been awarded the Victoria Cross, all but six while serving with Australian forces.<sup>4</sup> The conflicts for which the VCs to Australians have been awarded are:

• Boer War (1899–1902):	6
• World War I (1914–18):	64
• North Russia (1919):	2
• World War II (1939–45):	20
• Vietnam (1962–72):	4
• Afghanistan (2001–present):	1

## Description



Source information: Australian Government, 'Victoria Cross for Australia', It's an Honour: Australia celebrating Australians website, viewed 22 April 2010, [http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/awards/medals/victoria\\_cross.cfm](http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/honours/awards/medals/victoria_cross.cfm)

The VC is made by Messrs. Hancock, jewellers of London, from metal taken from Russian guns captured at Sebastopol.[5](#) It is in the form of:

... a Maltese Cross in bronze adorned by a crown surmounted by a crowned lion, the emblem of the British royal family, in the centre, with a scroll bearing the inscription, 'For Valour'. On the reverse is inscribed the date of the action. The name and regiment of the holder are inscribed on the back of the suspension bar. The ribbon is red for all Services, although until July 1918, the Royal Navy used the blue ribbon.[6](#)

### More information

The original warrant for the Victoria Cross, issued by Queen Victoria under her Royal Sign Manual, is available in the *London Gazette*.[7](#)

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### Abbreviations

AAMC	Australian Army Medical Corps
AATTV	Australian Army Training Team Vietnam
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
AMF	Australian Military Forces
ARVN	Army of the Republic of Vietnam
Bn	Battalion
CB	Companion of The Most Honourable Order of the Bath
CO	Commanding Officer
Col.	Colonel
Comd.	Command
Coy.	Company
Cpl	Corporal
Cpt.	Captain
DGMS	Director General Medical Services
DSO	Distinguished Service Order
Inf.	Infantry
KCB	Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath
KCMG	Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George
LHR	Light Horse Regiment
Lieut.	Lieutenant
LMG	Light machine gun
Lt.	Lieutenant
MG	Machine gun
MM	Military Medal
NAA	National Archives of Australia

NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
OBE	Order of the British Empire
Pl.	Platoon
Posn.	Position
Pte	Private
QOCCG	Queen's Own Corps of Guides
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAR	Royal Australian Regiment
Sjt.	Sergeant
Sgt	Sergeant
T/Corporal	Temporary Corporal
TSMG	Thompson sub-machine gun
VMR	Victoria Mounted Rifles

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## Electoralates

### New South Wales

#### Banks

- [John Patrick Hamilton](#) (1896–1961; WWI) resided on enlistment

#### Bennelong

- [George Cartwright](#) (1894–1978; WWI) buried

#### Bradfield

- [George Cartwright](#) (1894–1978; WWI) died

#### Calare

- [Neville Reginald Howse](#) (1863–1930; Boer War) resided on enlistment
- [John Patrick Hamilton](#) (1896–1961; WWI) born
- [Blair Anderson Wark](#) (1894–1941; WWI) born
- [John Bernard Mackey](#) (1922–45; WWII) resided on enlistment
- [Rawdon Hume Middleton](#) (1916–42; WWII) resided on enlistment

## Chifley

- [Kevin Arthur Wheatley](#) (1937–1965; Vietnam) buried

## Charlton

- [William Matthew Currey](#) (1895–1948; WWI) born (or Electorate of Newcastle)
- [Clarence Smith Jeffries](#) (1894–1917; WWI) born (or Electorate of Newcastle)

## Cowper

- [Frank John Partridge](#) (1924–64; WWII) resided on enlistment, died, and buried

## Farrer

- [Albert Chalmers Borella](#) (1881–1968; WWI) resided on enlistment, died, and buried
- [Reginald Roy Inwood](#) (1890–1971; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [James Rogers](#) (1873–1961; Boer War) born

## Grayndler

- [William Matthew Currey](#) (1895–1948; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [John Bernard Mackey](#) (1922–45; WWII) born

## Hughes

- [Peter John Badcoe](#) (1934–67; Vietnam) resided on enlistment
- [William Matthew Currey](#) (1895–1948; WWI) buried
- [John Patrick Hamilton](#) (1896–1961; WWI) buried

## Hume

- [Charles Groves Wright Anderson](#) (1897–1988; WWII) resided on enlistment

## Hunter

- [Clarence Smith Jeffries](#) (1894–1917; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Joseph Maxwell](#) (1896–1967; WWI) resided on enlistment

## Kingsford Smith

- [Thomas James Bede Kenny](#) (1896–1953; WWI) buried
- [Joseph Maxwell](#) (1896–1967; WWI) died, and buried
- [Blair Anderson Wark](#) (1894–1941; WWI) buried

### Newcastle

- [William Matthew Currey](#) (1895–1948; WWI) born (or Electorate of Charlton)
- [Mark Gregor Strang Donaldson](#) (1979–; Afghanistan) born
- [Clarence Smith Jeffries](#) (1894–1917; WWI) born (or Electorate of Charlton)

### New England

- [George Cartwright](#) (1894–1978; WWI) resided on enlistment

### North Sydney

- [Albert Edward Chowne](#) (1920–45; WWII) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Blair Anderson Wark](#) (1894–1941; WWI) resided on enlistment

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- [Patrick Joseph Bugden](#) (1897–1917; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Frank John Partridge](#) (1924–64; WWII) born

### Parkes

- [Alexander Henry Buckley](#) (1891–1918; WWI) born and resided on enlistment
- [Arthur Charles Hall](#) (1896–1978; WWI) resided on enlistment, died, and buried

### Parramatta

- [Arthur Charles Hall](#) (1896–1978; WWI) born

### Reid

- [John Patrick Hamilton](#) (1896–1961; WWI) died
- [Thomas James Bede Kenny](#) (1896–1953; WWI) died
- [James Rogers](#) (1873–1961; Boer War) died
- [John Woods Whittle](#) (1883–1946; WWI) buried

### Riverina

- [John Hurst Edmondson](#) (1914–41; WWII) born
- [John William Alexander Jackson](#) (1897–1959; WWI) born, resided on enlistment
- [Reginald Roy Rattey](#) (1918–86; WWII) born, resided on enlistment, died, and buried
- [Edward John Francis Ryan](#) (1890–1941; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment

## Sydney

- [William Matthew Currey](#) (1895–1948; WWI) died
- [Arthur Roden Cutler](#) (1916–2002; WWII) died
- [Joseph Maxwell](#) (1896–1967; WWI) born
- [Alfred John Shout](#) (1881–1915; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Rayene Stewart Simpson](#) (1926–78; Vietnam) born
- [Percy Valentine Storkey](#) (1893–1969; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Kevin Arthur Wheatley](#) (1937–1965; Vietnam) born
- [John Woods Whittle](#) (1883–1946; WWI) died

## Warringah

- [Arthur Roden Cutler](#) (1916–2002; WWII) born, and resided on enlistment

## Watson

- [George Julian Howell](#) (1893-1964; WW1) born and resided on enlistment

## Wentworth

- [Arthur Roden Cutler](#) (1916–2002; WWII) buried
- [Hughie Idwal Edwards](#) (1914–82; WWII) died
- [Thomas James Bede Kenny](#) (1896–1953; WWI) born, resided on enlistment
- [Leonard Maurice Keysor](#) (1885–1951; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Rawdon Hume Middleton](#) (1916–42; WWII) born

## Werriwa

- [John Hurst Edmondson](#) (1914–41; WWII) resided on enlistment



## Victoria

## Ballarat

- [William Dunstan](#) (1895–1957; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Rupert Vance Moon](#) (1892–1986; WWI) born

## Batman

- [Bruce Steel Kingsbury](#) (1918–42; WWII) resided on enlistment

## Bendigo

- [Alexander Stewart Burton](#) (1893–1915; WWI) born
- [George Morby Ingram](#) (1889–1961; WWI) born
- [Walter Peeler](#) (1887–1968; WWI) born
- [William John Symons](#) (1889–1948; WWI) born

## Bruce

- [William Dunstan](#) (1895–1957; WWI) buried
- [Robert Cuthbert Grieve](#) (1889–1957; WWI) buried
- [John William Alexander Jackson](#) (1897–1959; WWI) buried
- [Richard Kelliher](#) (1910–63; WWII) buried
- [Lawrence Dominic McCarthy](#) (1892–1975; WWI) buried
- [James Rogers](#) (1873–1961; Boer War) buried
- [Edward John Francis Ryan](#) (1890–1941; WWI) buried

## Corangamite

- [Percy Herbert Cherry](#) (1895–1917; WWI) born (or Electorate of Corio)
- [Albert Jacka](#) (1893–1932; WWI) born
- [James Ernest Newland](#) (1881–1949; WWI) born
- [Frederick William Bell](#) (1875–1954; Boer War) resided on enlistment

## Corio

- [Robert Matthew Beatham](#) (1894–1918; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Percy Herbert Cherry](#) (1895–1917; WWI) born (or Electorate of Corangamite)
- [Rupert Vance Moon](#) (1892–1986; WWI) died, and buried

## Dunkley



- [George Morby Ingram](#) (1889–1961; WWI) buried

## Flinders

- [George Morby Ingram](#) (1889–1961; WWI) died

## Goldstein

- [Robert Cuthbert Grieve](#) (1889–1957; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Walter Peeler](#) (1887–1968; WWI) died

## Higgins

- [George Morby Ingram](#) (1889–1961; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Bruce Steel Kingsbury](#) (1918–42; WWII) born
- [Clifford William King Sadlier](#) (1892–1964; WWI) born (or Electorate of Kooyong)

## Indi

- [Alexander Stewart Burton](#) (1893–1915; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Albert David Lowerson](#) (1896–1945; WWI) born, died, and buried
- [Leslie Cecil Maygar](#) (1871–1917; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Frederick Harold Tubb](#) (1881–1917; WWI) born

## Jagajaga

- [John William Alexander Jackson](#) (1897–1959; WWI) died
- [Richard Kelliher](#) (1910–63; WWII) died
- [Lawrence Dominic McCarthy](#) (1892–1975; WWI) died
- [William Ruthven](#) (1893–1970; WWI) died

## Kooyong

- [Maurice Vincent Buckley](#) (1891–1921; WWI) born
- [Clifford William King Sadlier](#) (1892–1964; WWI) born (or Electorate of Higgins)

## Mallee

- [Samuel George Pearse](#) (1897–1919; Russia) resided on enlistment

## McEwen

- [Leslie Cecil Maygar](#) (1871–1917; WWI) born
- [Blair Anderson Wark](#) (1894–1941; WWI) died

### McMillan

- [Walter Peeler](#) (1887–1968; WWI) resided on enlistment

### Melbourne

- [Maurice Vincent Buckley](#) (1891–1921; WWI) died
- [Thomas Cooke](#) (1881–1916; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [William Thomas Dartnell](#) (1885–1915; WWI) born, resided on enlistment
- [William Dunstan](#) (1895–1957; WWI) died in 'Melbourne'
- [Robert Cuthbert Grieve](#) (1889–1957; WWI) died in 'Melbourne'
- [Rupert Vance Moon](#) (1892–1986; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [William Ruthven](#) (1893–1970; WWI) born
- [Edward John Francis Ryan](#) (1890–1941; WWI) died

### Melbourne Ports

- [Maurice Vincent Buckley](#) (1891–1921; WWI) buried
- [Albert Jacka](#) (1893–1932; WWI) died, and buried
- [William Donovan Joynt](#) (1889–1986; WWI) born, resided on enlistment, died and buried
- [James Ernest Newland](#) (1881–1949; WWI) died, and buried
- [William Ellis Newton](#) (1919–1943; WWII) born
- [Walter Peeler](#) (1887–1968; WWI) buried

### Murray

- [Albert Chalmers Borella](#) (1881–1968; WWI) born
- [Albert Jacka](#) (1893–1932; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Francis Hubert \(Frank\) McNamara](#) (1894–1961; WWI) born
- [Robert Mactier](#) (1890–1918; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment

### Wannon

- [Maurice Vincent Buckley](#) (1891–1921; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Edward Kenna](#) (1919–2009; WWII) born, resided on enlistment and buried
- [James Rogers](#) (1873–1961; Boer War) resided on enlistment

### Wills

- [William Ruthven](#) (1893–1970; WWI) buried
- [William John Symons](#) (1889–1948; WWI) resided on enlistment

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## Queensland

### Bonner

- [Henry Dalziel](#) (1893–1965; WWI) buried
- [Bernard Sidney Gordon](#) (1891–1963; WWI) buried
- [Henry William Murray](#) (1880–1966; WWI) buried

### Brisbane

- [John Carroll](#) (1891–1971; WWI) born in 'Brisbane'
- [Richard Kelliher](#) (1910–63; WWII) resided on enlistment

### Capricornia

- [John Leak](#) (1892?–1972; WWI) resided on enlistment

### Dawson

- [Keith Payne](#) (born 1933; Vietnam) currently living

### Griffith

- [Henry Dalziel](#) (1893–1965; WWI) died

### Herbert

- [Bernard Sidney Gordon](#) (1891–1963; WWI) resided on enlistment

### Hinkler

- [Bernard Sidney Gordon](#) (1891–1963; WWI) died

### Kennedy

- [Henry Dalziel](#) (1893–1965; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Keith Payne](#) (born 1933; Vietnam) born, and resided on enlistment

### Maranoa

- [John Alexander French](#) (1914–42; WWII) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Henry William Murray](#) (1880–1966; WWI) died
- [Edgar Thomas Towner](#) (1890–1972; WWI) born, resided on enlistment, died, and buried

### Petrie

- [Keith Payne](#) (born 1933; Vietnam) resided on enlistment



### Western Australia

#### Brand

- [James Heather Gordon](#) (1909–1986; WWII) born

#### Curtin

- [Thomas Leslie Axford](#) (1894–1983; WWI) buried
- [John Carroll](#) (1891–1971; WWI) died and buried
- [Hughie Idwal Edwards](#) (1914–82; WWII) buried
- [James Heather Gordon](#) (1909–1986; WWII) died and buried
- [George Julian Howell](#) (1893–1964; WWI) died, and buried
- [Martin O'Meara](#) (1885–1935; WWI) died, and buried
- [Clifford William King Sadlier](#) (1892–1964; WWI) resided on enlistment, and buried
- [Leslie Thomas Starcevich](#) (1918–1989; WWII) born
- [Hugo Vivian Hope Throssell](#) (1884–1933; WWI) buried
- [James Park Woods](#) (1886–1963; WWI) died, and buried

#### Durack

- [Arthur Stanley Gurney](#) (1908–1942; WWII) born
- [James Heather \(Hannah\) Gordon](#) (1909–1986; WWII) resided on enlistment
- [Leslie Thomas Starcevich](#) (1918–1989; WWII) died

## Forrest

- [Martin O'Meara](#) (1885–1935; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Clifford William King Sadlier](#) (1892–1964; WWI) died

## Fremantle

- [Hughie Idwal Edwards](#) (1914–82; WWII) born, and resided on enlistment

## Hasluck

- [James Park Woods](#) (1886–1963; WWI) resided on enlistment

## O'Connor

- [Alfred Edward Gaby](#) (1892–1918; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Percival Eric Gratwick](#) (1902–1942; WWII) born
- [Leslie Thomas Starcevich](#) (1918–1989; WWII) resided on enlistment, and buried

## Pearce

- [John Carroll](#) (1891–1971; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Lawrence Dominic McCarthy](#) (1892–1975; WWI) born, resided on enlistment
- [Hugo Vivian Hope Throssell](#) (1884–1933; WWI) born, resided on enlistment, and died

## Perth

- [Frederick William Bell \(1875-1954; Boer War\) born](#)
- [Percival Eric Gratwick](#) (1902–1942; WWII) resided on enlistment
- [Charles Pope](#) (1883–1917; WWI) resided on enlistment

## Swan

- [Arthur Stanley Gurney](#) (1908–1942; WWII) resided on enlistment

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## South Australia

### Adelaide

- [Peter John Badcoe](#) (1934–67; Vietnam) born
- [Fredrick \(or Frederick\) Birks](#) (1894–1917; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Arthur Seaforth Blackburn](#) (1892–1960; WWI) resided on enlistment and buried
- [Phillip Davey](#) (1896–1953; WWI) born and buried
- [Thomas Currie Derrick](#) (1914–45; WWII) born and resided on enlistment
- [Reginald Roy Inwood](#) (1890–1971; WWI) died and buried
- [Joergen Christian Jensen](#) (1891–1922; WWI) died and buried
- [Arthur Percy Sullivan](#) (1896–1937; Russia) born

#### **Barker**

- [Reginald Roy Inwood](#) (1890–1971; WWI) born

#### **Boothby**

- [Phillip Davey](#) (1896–1953; WWI) died

#### **Grey**

- [Thomas Leslie Axford](#) (1894–1983; WWI) born
- [Arthur Percy Sullivan](#) (1896–1937; Russia) resided on enlistment

#### **Hindmarsh**

- [William Henry Kibby](#) (1905–42; WWII) resided on enlistment

#### **Makin**

- [John Leak](#) (1892?–1972; WWI) died
- [Lawrence Carthage Weathers](#) (1890–1918; WWI) resided on enlistment

#### **Mayo**

- [Arthur Seaforth Blackburn](#) (1892–1960; WWI) died
- [John Leak](#) (1892?–1972; WWI) buried

#### **Port Adelaide**

- [Arthur Seaforth Blackburn](#) (1892–1960; WWI) born
- [Phillip Davey](#) (1896–1953; WWI) resided on enlistment

## Wakefield

- [James Park Woods](#) (1886–1963; WWI) born



## Tasmania

### Bass

- [Alfred Edward Gaby](#) (1892–1918; WWI) born
- [Bernard Sidney Gordon](#) (1891–1963; WWI) born
- [Stanley Robert McDougall](#) (1899–1968; WWI) died
- [John Woods Whittle](#) (1883–1946; WWI) resided on enlistment

### Denison

- [Walter Ernest Brown](#) (1885–1942; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [John James Dwyer](#) (1890–1962; WWI) buried
- [Percy Clyde Statton](#) (1890–1959; WWI) died, and buried
- [Guy George Egerton Wyllly](#) (1880–1962; Boer War) born, resided on enlistment

### Franklin

- [Percy Herbert Cherry](#) (1895–1917; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [John James Dwyer](#) (1890–1962; WWI) born, resided on enlistment, and died
- [Stanley Robert McDougall](#) (1899–1968; WWI) born, and resided on enlistment
- [Clifford William King Sadlier](#) (1892–1964; WWI) died
- [John Woods Whittle](#) (1883–1946; WWI) born

### Lyons

- [John Hutton Bisdee](#) (1869–1930; Boer War) born, resided on enlistment, died, and buried
- [Walter Ernest Brown](#) (1885–1942; WWI) born
- [Lewis McGee](#) (1888–1917; WWI) born, resided on enlistment
- [Henry William Murray](#) (1880–1966; WWI) born
- [James Ernest Newland](#) (1881–1949; WWI) resided on enlistment
- [Percy Clyde Statton](#) (1890–1959; WWI) born, resided on enlistment

## Northern Territory

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## Australian Capital Territory

### Canberra

- [Charles Groves Wright Anderson](#) (1897–1988; WWII) died

### Fraser

- [Charles Groves Wright Anderson](#) (1897–1988; WWII) buried
- [Stanley Robert McDougall](#) (1899–1968; WWI) buried

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