List of Victoria Cross recipients by electorate

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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 electorates. 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.

History
The (Imperial) Victoria Cross was created in 1856, and retrospectively covered the Crimean War beginning in 1854. 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.

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. 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**

The VC is made by Messrs. Hancock, jewellers of London, from metal taken from Russian guns captured at Sebastopol. 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.

**More information**

The original warrant for the Victoria Cross, issued by Queen Victoria under her Royal Sign Manual, is available in the *London Gazette*.

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**Electorates**

**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
VC recipients by electorate

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

- **New England**
  - 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)

- **North Sydney**
  - George Cartwright (1894–1978; WWI) resided on enlistment

- **Page**
  - 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**
VC recipients by electorate

- 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; WWII) 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
VC recipients by electorate

- 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
VC recipients by electorate

- 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
VC recipients by electorate

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

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
VC recipients by electorate

Maranoa

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

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; WWII) 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; WWII) 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
VC recipients by electorate

- 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 Wylly (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

**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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6. Ibid.

7. 'Supplement to the London Gazette,' London Gazette, no. 21846, 5 February 1856, p. 410, viewed 23 March 2010, [http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/21846/pages/410](http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/21846/pages/410)

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