

THE NEW ZEALAND BRAVERY DECORATION (N.Z.B.D.)

Stephen Robert (Steve) BRODIE

Date of action: 3 September 2021

Date of award: 6 December 2024

Citation

Mid-afternoon on 3 September 2021, a man, who had been under intense Police surveillance, entered a supermarket in New Lynn, Auckland and acquired a large kitchen knife, which he used to indiscriminately attack people across several aisles of the store. Within minutes, the offender caused significant injuries to five individuals and attempted to attack members of the public and staff who had barricaded themselves in a storeroom, before being fatally shot by Police officers.

Mr Steve Brodie was present in the supermarket with his wife at the time of the attack. He heard screaming and approached the sounds. He saw the offender stab a woman on the ground. Mr Brodie noticed the offender was walking in their direction, so he and his wife passed through some swing doors into a storeroom where several other shoppers and staff were hiding. Mr Brodie, along with staff members, barricaded the swing doors to prevent the offender gaining access to the storeroom. The offender pushed against the doors and managed to partially open them. He swung the knife, cutting Mr Brodie as he pushed against the doors. The offender was prevented from accessing the storeroom and moved away, eventually being stopped by the Police.