

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

### Michael Thomas John (Mike) ANDREWS

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 Mike Andrews was present in the supermarket at the time of the attack, hearing people yell that someone had a knife, before moving towards the commotion with another male shopper. Mr Andrews then observed two wounded individuals fall to the ground.

The offender returned to a woman he had previously attacked, who was lying on the ground, crouching over the woman to stab her. Mr Andrews saw this and approached the offender, shouting at him to distract him away from the woman. Other shoppers joined Mr Andrews in attempting to distract the offender. The offender reacted by trying to stab Mr Andrews before moving away. Mr Andrews followed the offender, intending to keep an eye on him and distract him further.

The shoppers distracting the offender moved to opposite ends of an aisle, putting distance and barriers between them. At this time, two Police officers arrived to confront the offender, who was subsequently fatally shot. Mr Andrews then assisted in providing first aid, removing his shirt and applying pressure to one individual's wound.