



# CHAPLAIN WATCH

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### BRISBANE'S ANGEL OF THE NIGHT HONOURED IN AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST FOR A LIFE OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

- Senior Chaplain, Lance Mergard awarded Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of a life of faithful service.

Today, as part of the Australia Day Honours, announcement was made that ChaplainWatch Founder, Pastor Lance Mergard will be awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community through social welfare organisations.

The announcement of the award reads ([https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/ad2020\\_media\\_notes\\_oam\\_m-r.pdf](https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/ad2020_media_notes_oam_m-r.pdf)) :

Pastor Lance Gregory MERGARD, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 For service to the community through social welfare organisations.

#### ChaplainWatch

- Founder, 2001.
- Senior Chaplain and Chief Executive Officer, since 2001.
- Established the NightWatch, NightSafe Rest and Recovery, StreetWatch and LifeWatch programs.
- Founder, VAKS (Vans and Kitchens), current.

#### Clerical Roles

- Ordained as a Minister through the Assemblies of God in Australia.
- Minister, Jimboomba Baptist Church, 1998-2000.
- Minister, Parramatta Christian Family Church, 1981-1985.

#### Fortitude Valley Rotary Club

- Member, since 2019.
- Paul Harris Fellowship, 2015.

#### Valley Chamber of Commerce

- Member, Fortitude Valley Safety Committee, since 2009.

#### Professional

- Chief Executive Officer, Teen Challenge New South Wales, 1988-1996.
- Drug and Alcohol Assessment Officer and Principal, Academy of Youth Ministry, 1984- 1986.
- Social Worker, North Gosford Private Hospital, 1997-1998.
- Social Welfare Cadet, Department of Family Services Brisbane, 1974-1979.

#### Awards and recognition include:

- Citizen of the Year, Brisbane City Council, 2013.
- Commissioner's Commendation for Bravery, Queensland Ambulance Service, 2002.

ChaplainWatch CEO, Jesse Webb was congratulatory regarding the announcement:

"We at ChaplainWatch could not be prouder of Lance. This award confirms everything we already know about Lance's heart for serving the community and his incredible dedication to proactivity and intentional intervention to meet needs in the community and to care for others. Because of Lance's faithfulness in starting ChaplainWatch by providing lifesaving first aid to a man dying from a fight-induced arm laceration, Brisbane can now boast that our entertainment precincts are safer overnight, and almost 6000 people will be served this financial year, when their good times go bad."

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