

Design your own medal for heros

MEDAL

Timaru's sea rescue medals are examples of a community-led response to maritime tragedy.

Commissioned by the St John's Masonic Lodge after the shipwrecks of 14 May 1882, the silver medals were awarded to the men who took part in the rescue attempts. They reflect local values of courage, service, and collective responsibility where individuals showed bravery, to row into danger when the sea offered no certainty of return.

Below is an example of one of the 43 medals that were designed by Arthur Haylock for the heros.



A medal that was up for auction. The Freemasons of St Johns Lodge awarded medals for gallantry during the rescue on 3 July 1882.

The men recognised by the St John's Masonic Lodge for their bravery in the Black Sunday rescue.

Forty received medals in person in August 1882: W. Collis, J. McIntosh, A. H. Turnbull, J. Cracknell, J. Thompson, G. Sunnaway, R. Collins, John Reid, J. Houlihan, M. Lekoy, J. A. Petterson, G. Findlay, C. Gruhm, J. Henneker, W. Halford, G. Shirtcliffe, W. Walls, R. H. Balsom, T. Hart, G. Davis, W. S. Smith, F. McKenzie, T. Morgan, C. Vogeler, P. Bradley, D. Bradley, S. J. Passmore, J. Crocombe, C. Moore, A. Schabb, T. Martin, M. Thompson, W. Oxby, I. J. Bradley, H. Trouselot, W. H. Walls, J. Isherwood, A. L. Haylock, John Ivey, and W. Budd.

Three were absent and their medals were sent to Scotland: G. Mentac, C. McDonald, and W. R. McAteer.

