



2023 Russell Medal

Ella McIlveen

While 17-year-old Ella was driving along the Kwinana Freeway, Western Australia with her brother in November 2022, she witnessed a significant collision between a pedestrian and truck. Ella stopped her car and approached the pedestrian who was unconscious on the ground and not breathing. She quickly took charge by organising bystanders and called emergency services.

Ella then administered first aid to control bleeding from a head wound and began performing CPR. After a few minutes the injured man began breathing independently and Ella continued to provide first aid until emergency services arrived.

Having previously completed a CPR course through school, Ella used her skills to respond to a major emergency. She remained calm and performed under great pressure, ultimately saving the man's life.

For her calm and courageous actions,

Ella McIlveen is awarded the 2023 Russell Medal