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INAUGURAL THINKUKNOW VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Today, on International Volunteer Day, I announce the recipients of the inaugural ThinkUKnow Volunteer Awards, recognising six of Australia's most dedicated volunteers for their commitment in working to make Australians safe, resilient and respectful online.

The recipients have contributed to the success of the ThinkUKnow program by delivering cyber safety and crime prevention presentations and championing cyber safety within their organisations and local communities.

The 2017 ThinkUKnow Volunteer Award winners are:

- Nicolas Bartsch – Australian Federal Police
- Graeme Ellice – Bankwest
- Stephen Goddard – Commonwealth Bank
- Kal Thompson – Datacom
- Grant Clayton – Microsoft
- Graham Higgerson – Neighbourhood Watch

South Australia Police are awarded the ThinkUKnow Youth Partner of the Year Award for their continuous support and expansion of the ThinkUKnow program. In 2016-17, South Australia delivered 461 ThinkUKnow youth presentations to 29,177 students – a 25 per cent increase from the previous year.

ThinkUKnow is a unique program that draws on the latest research, technological advances and police investigations to deliver free cyber safety education to parents, carers, teachers and youth.

It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Microsoft Australia and Datacom and is delivered in collaboration with all State and Territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.