

## MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

### ***Royal Australian Navy***

#### **Chief Petty Officer Kelvin HARRIS, WA**

For meritorious service to the *Anzac* Class ships and as the Chief Petty Officer in charge of Propulsion Systems onboard HMAS *Toowoomba*.

Chief Petty Officer Harris has been instrumental in providing a reliable and materially sound platform capability in HMAS *Toowoomba*. His devotion to the *Anzac* Class has greatly benefited the Royal Australian Navy during a period of critical shortfalls within the engineering branch. His exemplary commitment, contribution and performance as the Chief of Propulsion Systems during two operational deployments have also greatly enhanced the international reputation of the Royal Australian Navy.

#### **Commander Michael Dermot MACNEILL RAN, NSW**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Simulation and Systems Support and Development, HMAS *Watson*, Commanding Officer of the Australian Joint Acoustic Analysis Centre and as Director of the Air Warfare System Centre, HMAS *Albatross*.

Commander Macneill is an exceptional officer who has displayed consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership, initiative and outstanding dedication to duty in the difficult and challenging environments of Maritime Warfare, Air Warfare simulation and systems development and testing. His contribution has played a critical role in enhancing Navy's war fighting capability, reducing training costs and risks while increasing interoperability with Australia's coalition partners. The Australian Defence Force has benefited significantly from his endeavours over a long, diverse and distinguished career.

#### **Warrant Officer Brendan Andrew WOODSELL, WA**

For meritorious service in the field of Combat Systems and as an outstanding warrant officer in the Royal Australian Navy.

Warrant Officer Woodsell's performance during two Operation CATALYST deployments and HMAS *Arunta*'s Southern Ocean rescue has been exceptional. His inspirational leadership in tense combat situations, operational training and a civilian rescue mission significantly enhanced unit mission success. Warrant Officer Woodsell's selfless dedication, magnificent commitment to Navy operational performance and exceptional leadership are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

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### *Australian Army*

#### **Corporal Michael Anthony COLE, NT**

For meritorious service as the Senior Combat Engineer Mentor for the 4th Kandak Battalion, Afghan National Army in Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1 in Uruzgan Province.

Corporal Cole has demonstrated excellent initiative, leadership, interpersonal relations and training skills in developing and mentoring Afghan National Army engineers, including in action on many occasions, and has dramatically increased the current and future capability of the 4th Kandak Battalion. In addition, he was instrumental in implementing significant improvements to the operations of the Trade Training School.

#### **Major Ruth Margaret HAYES, Vic**

For meritorious service as the Employment Category Process Manager, Army Logistic Training Centre and for service to the Australian Army Catering Corps.

Major Hayes' performance as an Employment Category Manager and her service to the Australian Army Catering Corps has been exceptional and unique. She has successfully facilitated logistic and health trade cases to the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal ensuring trades, training and pay structures remain contemporary. Her service as the Officer Commanding the Australian Defence Force School of Catering and as a member of Army Catering Executive Group has significantly enhanced the training and operational effectiveness of the Corps.

#### **Warrant Officer Class One Raymond John HOLZE, NSW**

For meritorious service as the Unit Sergeant Major while employed at the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre.

Warrant Officer Holze has provided an exemplary role model to his peers and subordinates alike through his demonstrated superior leadership, initiative, and selfless attitude over 7 years of service at the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre. He is an exceptionally professional and dedicated Warrant Officer who has displayed sustained commitment, initiative and loyalty far beyond the call of duty and he brings great credit to the Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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### **Warrant Officer Class One Craig Thomas HOWE, NT**

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment from 2006 to 2007 and the 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment from 2008 to 2009.

Warrant Officer Howe has played a crucial role in the retention and growth of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment and the 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. At the 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, he was directly responsible for the rapid remediation of manning; allowing the Battalion to deploy operationally at short notice just months after returning from operations in Iraq. Warrant Officer Howe has consistently displayed professional excellence, inspirational leadership and superior initiative and has brought great credit upon himself, The Royal Australian Infantry Corps and the Australian Army.

### **Warrant Officer Class One Peter George MARSH, Qld**

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 9th Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment from 2005 to 2006 and the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment from 2007 to 2008.

Warrant Officer Marsh has demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty over successive demanding regimental appointments. His inspirational example and leadership has directly enabled the successful deployment of regular and reserve soldiers on operations. Through conscientious management and mentoring, Warrant Officer Marsh has ensured that the highest quality junior leaders have been developed and posted to key instructional positions within Army. His achievements have reflected highly on himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

### **Warrant Officer Class One David Anthony (Tony) QUIRK, Qld**

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment, Squadron Sergeant Major of the 21st Construction Squadron and Engineer Task Group, 2nd Reconstruction Task Force, and as Career Manager Royal Australian Engineers.

Warrant Officer Quirk has provided outstanding service to the Army in a succession of senior postings. His meticulous planning has ensured mission success on every deployment. His professionalism and dedication has consistently inspired subordinates to achieve their fullest potential and constantly encourages them to accept greater responsibilities. His focus on combat engineering techniques, training and personnel development has made a significant contribution to Army's growth and ultimately operational success. His exceptional devotion to duty is an inspiration to all members of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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### *Royal Australian Air Force*

#### **Group Captain Alan David HOLTFRETER CSC, NSW**

For meritorious service in the field of Military Air Traffic Control capability.

Group Captain Holtfreter has demonstrated superior leadership and dedication to duty in several high profile positions during a challenging period for military Air Traffic Control. Through his professionalism, leadership, enthusiasm and unflagging commitment to his command, he has made a significant and lasting contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force that has resulted in a sustainable Military Air Traffic Control capability.

#### **Warrant Officer Kevin Patrick LEAHY, Qld**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of ground engineering.

Warrant Officer Leahy has provided outstanding service and dedication. His tireless and exemplary contribution to the development of the Ground Engineering trade has been invaluable and has significantly enhanced Ground Engineering operation capability and maintenance governance. He has shown his professional mastery and innovation, capacity to shoulder demanding workloads beyond expectations, loyalty and devotion to duty. He has shown himself to reflect the highest standards of the Ground Engineering trade and in keeping with the traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

#### **Warrant Officer Anthony James LOCK, NT**

For meritorious service in the field of aircraft maintenance and in establishing revised Royal Australian Air Force maintenance governance requirements.

Warrant Officer Lock has sustained an extraordinary work effort in the field of aircraft maintenance management and governance during postings to Number 75 Squadron, the Air Force Maintenance Management and Governance Review team and, subsequently, in Logistics Branch - Air Force. An exceptional airman, his professional competence, initiative and dedication to improvement of maintenance management and performance has substantially enhanced Royal Australian Air Force capability.