

## MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

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

#### **Captain Jaimie Charles HATCHER RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service as Commanding Officer HMAS TOOWOOMBA during deployment on *Operation CATALYST*.

Captain Hatcher demonstrated exceptional service as the Commanding Officer HMAS TOOWOOMBA during *Operation CATALYST*. His ship provided security to offshore Iraqi oil platforms in the Northern Gulf, ensuring the flow of commerce to and from Iraqi ports. Through his outstanding leadership, energy and drive, HMAS TOOWOOMBA performed exceptionally well in a highly charged, complex operational environment. His performance in command has greatly enhanced the international reputation of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Commodore Bruce James KAHER CSC RAN, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly as the Chief, Combat Support Group in Fleet Headquarters.

Commodore Kafer has been a devoted and inspirational leader, championing a number of key organisational reforms aimed at improving the lifestyle and safety of Fleet Command personnel. His exceptional dedication and commitment mark Commodore Kafer as an outstanding Naval Officer who accepts his responsibility with enthusiasm and loyalty.

#### **Commodore Clinton William THOMAS CSC RAN, Vic**

For exceptional service as Commanding Officer HMAS CERBERUS/Training Authority-Logistics, Director General Strategic Logistics, Director General Sea Change Implementation Team, and Chairman of the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund.

Commodore Thomas has introduced a number of initiatives that contribute significantly to the retention of officers and sailors in the Royal Australian Navy. His dedication and enthusiasm throughout his 30 years' service have been outstanding.

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### *Australian Army*

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Peter James CONNOR, NSW**

For exceptional service as Commanding Officer, 2nd/17th Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment and Rotation 12 of Combined Task Force 635, Operation ANODE.

Lieutenant Colonel Connor demonstrated outstanding leadership and performance both as a Battalion Commander and Commander on operations with the Australian Defence Force. As Commander of Rotation 12 of Combined Task Force 635, his inspirational leadership and dedication ensured the success of the mission and enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force in the Solomon Islands. Lieutenant Colonel Connor brings great credit upon himself, The Royal Australian Infantry Corps and the Australian Army.

#### **Colonel Fergus Andrew McLACHLAN, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Armoured Regiment; Operations Officer on Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 during Operation CATALYST; Acting Director of Operations — Army; Director of Officer Career Management Army, and as the Commander Career Management Army.

Colonel McLachlan's performance throughout successive appointments has been exemplary. His outstanding contribution has been readily evident in command, staff and operational appointments where his leadership, strategic vision, determination and compassion have achieved excellent results. Colonel McLachlan has proven to be a highly motivated, determined and capable commander, and his conduct as a leader and staff officer in the Australian Defence Force has been of the highest order and in the best traditions of the Australian Army.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Paul Michael NOTHARD CSC, NSW**

For exceptional service as Staff Officer Grade One for Senior Officer Management in the Australian Army, Commanding Officer of the 1st Combat Service Support Battalion, and as the Commander of the Force Level Logistic Asset in the Middle East Area of Operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Nothard has demonstrated the finest qualities of leadership in command while delivering exceptional customer-focused logistic support in Australia, and overseas on operations. His contributions as a Commander and his performance as a Staff Officer for Senior Officer Management are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

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### **Brigadier Malcolm RERDEN CSC, Vic**

For exceptional service as the Commander Joint Task Force 631 on *Operation ASTUTE*.

Brigadier Rerden is an exceptional commander who consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership, military and diplomatic skill on operations in Timor Leste. He led a coalition force of Australian and New Zealand military personnel supporting the United Nations Police Force in their efforts to maintain peace and stability in troubled and volatile circumstances, ensuring that Australia's interests were protected and advanced. His achievements in a challenging operational command role have been in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Brigadier Craig Douglas WILLIAMS, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as Assistant Commander 2nd Division and as Commander 5th Brigade.

Brigadier Williams has sustained a high personal and command tempo. His ability to achieve high standards in both his corporate and military commitments bears testament to his boundless energy and enthusiasm. His service as a senior commander has featured strong leadership, initiative and a determination to enhance the capability of the Army Reserve. His exceptional performance in command has been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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### ***Royal Australian Air Force***

#### **Air Commodore John Stephen HEWITSON, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force, particularly in the fields of Maritime Surveillance Operations and Personnel Management.

Air Commodore Hewitson has a professional mastery of Maritime surveillance operations and an exceptional grasp of personnel management practices and innovation. He has successfully blended his operational experience with a deep understanding of people and contemporary personnel management practices to deliver outstanding outcomes to the Royal Australian Air Force. His dedication, inspirational leadership, excellent analytical skills, and ability to implement innovation successfully have set the benchmark for personnel capability management in Defence. Air Commodore Hewitson's performance is in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Group Captain Peter Frederick NORFORD CSC, UK**

For exceptional service in the fields of Flying Training and Aviation Safety.

Group Captain Norford has demonstrated high levels of personal commitment to the development of the aviation safety management system for the Australian Defence Force. He has imbued this commitment to safety in aviation in his students during his extensive postings to flying training appointments, making a significant contribution to a positive flying safety culture in the Australian Defence Force. His superior professional mastery as a pilot has enabled him to develop high standards of airmanship in those he has instructed, securing the future capability of the Royal Australian Air Force. Group Captain Norford's exceptional dedication to service is in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Air Commodore Kym OSLEY CSC, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force, particularly in the fields of Air Combat Operations and Capability Development.

Air Commodore Osley's contribution to Air Combat Operations and Capability Development within the Royal Australian Air Force has been exceptional. His outstanding professionalism and expert knowledge have contributed significantly to the operational effectiveness of the Royal Australian Air Force. He has demonstrated inspirational leadership and excellent academic skills, and has been instrumental in the development and improvement of Australia's Defence Capability. Air Commodore Osley's performance is in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.