

## CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

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

#### **Commander Stephen BECKMANN RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Director Navy Command, Control, Communications and Computers within the Royal Australian Navy's Communications and Intelligence Branch.

Commander Beckmann has been instrumental in the development, introduction into service and management of critical communications capabilities for the Royal Australian Navy. He has achieved outstanding results in the implementation of cutting edge communication technology upgrades that are providing significant improvements to operational capability and the quality of life at sea for Navy personnel. Commander Beckmann's dedication to duty has made an outstanding contribution to the Royal Australian Navy's operational communications capabilities.

#### **Commander Katja BIZILJ RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the Australian Defence Force School of Languages.

Commander Bizilj is an exceptional officer consistently displaying professional excellence, inspirational leadership, initiative, perseverance and outstanding dedication to duty in extremely challenging and demanding situations. Notwithstanding limited resources and dynamic operational and training management environments, Commander Bizilj's outstanding achievements in the provision of critical language training have significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's ability to undertake military operations overseas successfully.

#### **Commander Jennifer Ann DAETZ RAN, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer at HMAS Cairns.

Commander Daetz has been instrumental in generating the significant capability support outcomes of HMAS Cairns. She has provided exceptional leadership and outstanding management of an important operational naval establishment. Her considerable professional skills and highly commendable commitment has ensured that HMAS Cairns have consistently operated in a most effective and efficient manner despite undergoing a significant and complex base redevelopment program.

#### **Commander Peter Robert DOWTON RAN, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Weapons Electrical Engineering Officer in HMAS Melbourne, particularly during the Guided Missile Frigate Upgrade program.

Commander Dowton is an exceptional officer who displayed outstanding leadership, professionalism and devotion to duty while serving in HMAS Melbourne during the Guided Missile Frigate Upgrade program. As Weapons Electrical Engineering Officer, he made a significant contribution to the development and conduct of robust test and trials, maintenance routines and in-service delivery of the Frigate over an extended period.

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*Royal Australian Navy* (continued)

**Captain Mark James SACKLEY RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in the field of logistics support to the Royal Australian Navy.

Captain Sackley consistently displayed outstanding leadership and management skills between 2005 and 2008 in two of the Royal Australian Navy's most demanding senior logistics appointments: Director Logistics – Navy, and Chief Staff Officer – Support in Fleet Headquarters. He personally reinvigorated aspects of the logistics support services made an outstanding contribution to sensitive strategic discussions that garnered additional logistics resources and implemented significant enhancements to operational logistics management processes within the Fleet Command.

### ***Australian Army***

**Lieutenant Colonel Adam Winiata BOYD, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Operations Officer of the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Task Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Boyd has made an outstanding contribution to the ongoing effectiveness of the Australian Defence Force's counter improvised explosive device program. Lieutenant Colonel Boyd's selfless efforts during his appointment as Operations Officer in the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Task Force have been an example to all ranks of consistent professional excellence. His initiative and outstanding dedication to duty accord with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army.

**Major Robert BROWN, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Officer Commanding Rifleman Wing, School of Infantry.

Major Brown's command and leadership, and the application of his infantry knowledge, have contributed to a substantial and sustained improvement in the retention rates of soldiers at the Rifleman Wing, School of Infantry. He has redeveloped the basic Rifleman course to train and graduate soldiers who are able to operate in today's challenging environment. His emphasis on strong junior leadership, teamwork, character and initiative to enable the training of operationally capable infantry soldiers has provided tangible benefits to the Australian Army.

**Lieutenant Colonel Simon Timothy JOHNSTONE, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in leadership and staff planning as the Staff Officer Grade One - Combat Development, Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnstone's performance as the Staff Officer Grade One - Combat Development was exceptional. His pragmatic and extensive strategies for the management and introduction into service of new Australian Army capabilities and high quality staff input into the 2008 Defence White Paper have been of the finest order. Lieutenant Colonel Johnstone's performance was exemplary and in the best traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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*Australian Army* (continued)

### **Colonel Craig David McCONACHY, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as Commander 1st Joint Movements Group, particularly in his contribution to strategic joint movements for the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel McConachy's strategic vision, leadership and dedication to duty as the Commander 1st Joint Movements Group during 2007 and 2008 were exemplary. His commitment to driving the re-organisation and staffing of his command and to introduce training for strategic movements planning directly enhanced the support provided to Australian Defence Force operations and exercises. His leadership during a period of significant change and high tempo was inspirational to all under his command.

### **Colonel Susan Josephine NEUHAUS, SA**

For outstanding achievement in the provision of medical support as the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Health Support Battalion.

Colonel Neuhaus is a dedicated officer whose commitment, enthusiasm and energy enabled her to provide substantial medical support to operations in the Middle East and in support of training in Australia. She has reinvigorated specialist medical support by initiating new surgical processes and procedures, establishing surgical audits and formalising training requirements for specialists deploying on operations.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Nicole Louise SADLER, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Grade One Strategic Human Resources.

Lieutenant Colonel Sadler is an exceptional officer whose drive, commitment and dedication have directly contributed to the Australian Army's personnel capability. She was responsible within the Australian Army for researching and analysing strategic workforce issues, and her work established the strategic direction for the development of an agile and adaptive workforce in The Army Plan, the Workforce Companion Review and the Army-After-Next plan. Her tireless efforts resulted in a blueprint within which her innovation and specialist knowledge ensured an enduring effect for the Australian Army.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Hugh STANTON, Vic**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer, Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Army Logistic Training Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel Stanton has been instrumental in training reform and the development of blended learning techniques improving the delivery and quality of technical trade training for the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force. Additionally, his refinement of administrative review boards into a single transparent process has reduced the number of days lost from training, thus further providing technical training efficiencies.

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### *Australian Army* (continued)

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Harry WALDEN, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Army Compliance and Assurance Framework, Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Walden has made an outstanding contribution in implementing protocols for the effective oversight of the Australian Army's extensive equipment inventory. He has created a robust Compliance and Assurance Framework that has significantly improved the Australian Army's performance in this aspect of governance. He is a highly professional officer who is passionate about his work. His achievements have been exemplary and are in keeping with the highest standards of the Australian Army.

### **Royal Australian Air Force**

#### **Air Commodore Adam Rayce BROWN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Officer Commanding, Air Lift Systems Program Office.

Air Commodore Brown has demonstrated outstanding leadership through an improvement program based on cultural change and strategic planning. Due to his personal drive and determination, Air Lift Systems Program Office is a high performing organisation that reliably provides sustained logistics and engineering support to the Royal Australian Air Force within a constrained budget. His devoted and inspirational service has enhanced the capability of Air Lift Group, ensuring Australia can undertake continuous operations around the globe.

#### **Group Captain Alan Maurice HEMMINGWAY, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as an Operations and International Law expert.

Group Captain Hemmingway is an internationally recognised Operations and International Law expert who, through his leadership, initiative, drive, legal expertise and astute diplomatic skill has been instrumental in shaping international treaty negotiations in a complex diplomatic environment. Through his professionalism, commitment and dedication over a protracted period, Group Captain Hemmingway has contributed to a great humanitarian good and safeguarded Australia's interests.

#### **Group Captain Richard John KEIR AM, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of Number 87 Squadron.

Group Captain Keir has made a truly exceptional contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force's intelligence support through the conceptual planning, implementation and subsequent command of Number 87 Squadron. His inspired vision, outstanding initiative and superb leadership were responsible for the creation of the Royal Australian Air Force's first dedicated intelligence squadron, which he has seen through to a highly successful maturity as its first Commanding Officer.

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*Royal Australian Air Force* (continued)

**Group Captain Warren George McDONALD, SA**

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of Number 11 Squadron.

Group Captain McDonald has achieved outstanding results as the Commanding Officer of Number 11 Squadron during 2007 and 2008. He was personally responsible for increasing the effectiveness and morale of his unit during a period of significant operational commitment and demanding training and support activities. Group Captain McDonald's leadership, dedication and initiative have enabled Number 11 Squadron to deliver an unprecedented level of capability to the Australian Defence Force for the protection of Australia's interests.

**Wing Commander Carl Stephen WALKER, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Deputy Director, National Logistics (Air), Strategic Logistics Branch, Joint Logistics Command.

Wing Commander Walker has applied his excellent professional knowledge, leadership and boundless energy to improve logistics support to Australia Defence Force operations within Joint Logistics Command. In particular, his work and initiatives have led to detailed strategies for improving how Defence undertakes strategic warehousing and distribution of its logistics assets. In addition, through the development and maintenance of strategic agreements and arrangements, he has ensured access to national transport and infrastructure capabilities to support Australia Defence Force operations.