

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Major General Michael Simon HINDMARSH AO CSC, NSW

For distinguished command and leadership in action in the Middle East Area of Operations as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 for Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER.

Major General Hindmarsh is an inspirational commander who consistently demonstrated distinguished leadership, exceptional professionalism and unwavering dedication and courage in an extremely uncertain and dangerous operational environment. He travelled extensively throughout the area of his command where elements of Joint Task Force 633 were regularly engaged in combat action against anti-Coalition forces, thus exposing himself to considerable personal risk. His personal example, tireless dedication and outstanding achievements brought great credit to himself and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Andrew WEBSDANE, NSW

For distinguished command and leadership in action as commander of the Overwatch Battle Group (West) - Four during Operation CATALYST.

Lieutenant Colonel Websdane has displayed distinguished service in his command and led his Battle Group to achieve exceptional results against the enemy in a complex and challenging environment. He is a tenacious, courageous and inspirational leader who never deviated from his mission of providing operational overwatch to Al Muthanna and Dhi Qar Provinces in southern Iraq. His inspirational leadership is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.