

## OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

### *Royal Australian Navy*

#### **Rear Admiral Davyd Rhys THOMAS AM CSC RAN, ACT**

For distinguished service as Commodore Flotillas, Maritime Commander Australia, Commander Australian Fleet and Commander, Australian Defence College.

Rear Admiral Thomas has made an enormous contribution to the performance and effectiveness of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force throughout his distinguished career. As Commodore Flotillas, Maritime Commander Australia and Commander Australian Fleet he continually displayed outstanding leadership, integrity and dedication throughout the busiest operational tempo the Australian Defence Force has experienced in decades. His command of the Australian Defence College was dynamic and his legacy will have a profound impact on the education of officers of the Australian Defence Force for years to come. An exceptional officer, his performance is in the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

### *Australian Army*

#### **Major General Ian Bruce FLAWITH CSC, NSW**

For distinguished service to the Australian Army in the fields of training and personnel, particularly as Commander 11th Brigade, Assistant Commander of the 1st Division and as Commander of the 2nd Division.

Major General Flawith has driven profound organisational change to increase the operational capability of the Army Reserve substantially, thereby improving the support available for operations. His leadership, professionalism and dedication during a period of significant operational tempo and change for the Australian Army have marked his distinguished service as Commander 11th Brigade, Assistant Commander of the 1st Division and Commander of the 2nd Division, bringing great credit upon himself, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Major General Richard Gary WILSON AM, Qld**

For distinguished service to the Australian Army in the fields of force structure, personnel training and operations, particularly as Commander Training Command - Army and as the Commander of the 1st Division.

Major General Wilson has been instrumental in driving profound organisational and intellectual change at the individual and collective training level as well as maximising the Australian Army's ability to conduct complex and cohesive deployments during a period of sustained change and operational tempo. His leadership and intellect have been hallmarks of his distinguished service and bring great credit upon himself and the Australian Defence Force.