

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

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

#### **Rear Admiral Trevor Norman JONES CSC RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service as the Director General Navy Capability, Performance and Plans and as the Director General Military Strategic Commitments.

Rear Admiral Jones' service in consecutive complex and demanding appointments has been exceptional. He led with energy and commitment to excellence, constantly challenging the status quo in pursuit of improvement. He combined an outstanding intellect with high order management skills and an eye for policy nuance to produce consistently superior outcomes. His achievements have been in accordance with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Commodore Ian Richard MIDDLETON RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in a range of demanding command and management appointments, particularly as the Australian Navy Surface Force Element Group Commander.

Commodore Middleton has led the Surface Combatant Force Element Group through an exceptionally demanding period of both operational activity and capability management. His achievements in respect of the Frigate Upgrade Program and preparation for the introduction of the Air Warfare Destroyer in particular have been outstanding in every respect ensuring that his Group can safely deliver the required capability to the Australian Defence Force. He is an outstanding Naval Officer in every respect, and one who accepts his responsibility with enthusiasm and loyalty beyond the call of duty.

#### **Commodore Robyn Margaret WALKER RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service as a medical officer in the Australian Defence Force.

Commodore Walker's service in consecutive complex and demanding appointments has been exceptional. In particular, her achievements as the Director General Strategic Health Policy and Plans and as the Director General Garrison Health Support have been outstanding in every respect for the delivery of Health Services to the Australian Defence Force. Her sustained outstanding achievement in the performance of her duties, professional standards, dedication to duty and acceptance of responsibility are in keeping with the highest standards of the medical profession, the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

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### *Australian Army*

#### **Brigadier Ian Ross ERRINGTON CSC, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force as a Project Director in the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq and as Head of Australian Defence Staff in Jakarta.

An exceptional officer whose service as a Project Director in the Multinational Security Transition Command – Iraq and as Head of the Australian Defence Staff-Jakarta, has enhanced Australia's international reputation and has been instrumental in contributing to a strengthened, mature Defence relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Nicholas JAMES, ACT**

For exceptional service and leadership as the Staff Officer Grade One Personnel of Headquarters 1st Division from 2005 to 2007 and as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment from 2007 to 2009.

Lieutenant Colonel James has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership as the Staff Officer Grade One Personnel at Headquarters 1st Division. He worked tirelessly to understand the problems facing units in managing soldiers effectively, including the development of mandatory respite requirements between operational deployments. As Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel James displayed exceptional leadership and devotion to the soldiers of his battalion over an exceptionally busy period. His commitment and professionalism is of the highest order and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and the Australian Army.

#### **Colonel Bruce McEwan MURRAY, Vic**

For exceptional service to the Australian Army in the fields of career management, personnel and training, particularly as the Commanding Officer of the School of Military Engineering and as the Commanding Officer of the Soldier Career Management Agency.

Colonel Murray has been instrumental in the development and implementation of profound organisational and intellectual change within Career Management – Army with the move from a rules-based decision making paradigm to a values-based approach regarding the career management of Army's soldiers. His leadership, intellect and compassion have been hallmarks of his exceptional service and bring great credit upon himself and the Australian Defence Force.

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### **Brigadier Andrew Alexander NIKOLIĆ CSC, Tas**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the field of operations and international policy.

Brigadier Nikolić is an exceptional officer whose service as Chief of Staff of Australia's initial contribution to the Global War on Terror, as the inaugural Australian National Command Representative in Southern Iraq, and as a First Assistant Secretary within the Department of Defence, has enhanced Australia's international reputation.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Stuart David YEAMAN, Qld**

For exceptional service as the Commander, Reconstruction Task Force Rotation Four, during Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from April to October 2008.

Lieutenant Colonel Yeaman is a very gifted and courageous commander with exceptional leadership and management skills, who led his task force from the front, inspiring them to achieve outstanding success in protected reconstruction operations which directly contributed to enhancing the security of his area of operations. Lieutenant Colonel Yeaman's distinguished and inspirational leadership is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and Australian Defence Force.

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

### **Wing Commander Jason Gregory MURRAY, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the fields of project management, aircraft engineering and technical training.

Wing Commander Murray is an exemplary officer whose consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership and initiative, exceptional perseverance and sustained dedication to duty in extremely challenging and demanding situations, set him apart from his peers. Wing Commander Murray has made an outstanding contribution to Air Combat capability, applying his exceptional skills throughout his tenure as an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force.

### **Wing Commander Simon Cullen SAUER CSC, Qld**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force as Staff Officer Force Protection at Headquarters Combat Support Group and as Commanding Officer, Royal Australian Air Force Security and Fire School.

Wing Commander Sauer has made a significant impact and lasting contribution to operational sustainment over consecutive postings, enhancing the Air Force's ability to generate and sustain ground defence operations, both in Australia and overseas. Wing Commander Sauer is an exemplary officer who personifies the epitome of professionalism, consistently displaying inspirational leadership, exceptional managerial skill, outstanding initiative and unswerving dedication to duty in a range of difficult and challenging capability related roles over an extended period of time.

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

**Air Vice Marshal Mark Alan SKIDMORE, NSW**

For exceptional service as the Air Commander Australia, as the Director General-Air Joint Operations Command, and as the Joint Force Air Component Commander.

Air Vice Marshal Skidmore has shown exceptional leadership, organisational skills and character as the Air Commander Australia, Director General-Air Joint Operations Command, and as the Joint Force Air Component Commander. His calm and thoughtful leadership in these challenging appointments has been crucial at a time of great operational stress and workload. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.