

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Major General David Thomas MULHALL AM CSC, ACT**

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as Commander Joint Task Force 636 and Deputy Chief of Staff Support Headquarters International Security Assistance Force and Headquarters Resolute Support on Operations SLIPPER and HIGHROAD from May 2014 until May 2015.

Major General Mulhall has distinguished himself as an outstanding ambassador for the Australian Defence Force, while concurrently fulfilling a key embedded coalition position, and has ensured the reputation and operational effectiveness of the Australian commitment to Afghanistan was maintained during a period of substantial transition. His distinguished leadership, devotion and professionalism were critical to the successful raising, command and ultimately the disestablishment of Joint Task Force 636 whilst maintaining effectiveness of the Australian contribution to the Resolute Support mission.

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Major K**

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding, the Commando Company Group with the Special Operations Task Group on Operation OKRA in Iraq from February to September 2015.

Major K displayed distinguished leadership as a Special Operations Task Group Company Commander. His outstanding vision, influence and assistance enabled the 1st Iraqi Special Operations Brigade to achieve critical tactical success in the Euphrates River Valley during a vital period of the Government of Iraq's efforts to defeat Daesh. His achievements amplified unit reputation, were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Special Operations Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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

#### **Group Captain Glen Edward BRAZ CSC, Qld**

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as Commander Air Task Group 630 on Operation OKRA from 5 January 2015 until 5 July 2015.

Group Captain Braz's foresight and intuition enabled the Air Task Group to rapidly adjust and adapt whilst maintaining the highest standards of performance. Through personal commitment, fortitude, excellence and tireless devotion to duty Group Captain Braz sustained a cohesive and professional combat unit which has become a benchmark amongst coalition partners. His distinguished leadership reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

## COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Corporal L**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller with Special Operations Task Group 632.

Corporal L demonstrated outstanding technical mastery and commitment to Iraqi Special Operations Forces which directly contributed to the Task Groups' ability to achieve its mission. His distinguished performance and dedication to duty are of the highest order and in keeping with the standards and traditions of the Special Operations Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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

#### **Corporal G**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations at the Combined Joint Intelligence Operations Centre - Afghanistan.

Corporal G has displayed exceptional leadership, analytical skill and dedication to duty during his highly successfully operational deployment to Afghanistan in 2014. His tireless work directly aided in most likely saving the lives of coalition partners, protection of vital assets and directly contributing to mission success. His dedication to duty has been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of Air Force service and are truly worthy of recognition.

#### **Wing Commander G**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as Commander Task Unit 630.2 from January to June 2015 on Operation OKRA.

Wing Commander G distinguished himself through outstanding performance of duties and superior decision-making that enabled highly effective delivery of timely, precision strike support to partnering forces. His superb leadership, calmness and mentoring of the Dynamic Targeting Team led to an enduring and significantly improved targeting system that minimised errors and has set the conditions for successful Coalition support within the United States' Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

#### **Squadron Leader Scott HARRIS, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations over six rotations to the Middle East Region on Operation SLIPPER during the period 2005 to 2012.

Squadron Leader Harris has deployed on six rotations to the Middle East Area of Operations, since March 2005 as a tactician, co-pilot, aircraft Captain and Executive Officer. He has consistently applied superior technical knowledge, exceptional diligence and commitment, positioning the task unit for the future.

## **BAR TO THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC and Bar)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Colonel Timothy Sean CONNOLLY CSC, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the 6th Aviation Regiment for the period 2014 to 2015.

Colonel Connolly's superior leadership was the catalyst for significantly improved operational capability in the 6th Aviation Regiment; one of the Army's highest readiness units. He drew upon his extensive operational experience to develop the unit, and to grow additional capacity in what was previously a highly fragile capability. The unit's operational successes and maintenance reform achievements, coupled with an unwavering support to the unit's members and families, are direct reflections of Colonel Connolly's achievements as the Commanding Officer.

#### **Colonel Glenn James RYAN CSC, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion.

Colonel Ryan demonstrated outstanding qualities of judgement, commitment and leadership as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion during his two year tenure. He has shown a commitment to reform the culture, organisation and processes of his organisation to make a highly tangible difference to the safety, wellbeing and standards of Australian Soldiers into the future, and has significantly improved the strategic reputation and capability of the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Colonel Charles Peter WELLER CSC, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Commander, Australian Contingent and Senior Military Liaison Officer - Jonglei State, Operation ASLAN, United Nations Mission in South Sudan from November 2014 to July 2015.

Colonel Weller has demonstrated superior leadership, outstanding judgment and professionalism during a complex and difficult environment in the United Nations Mission in the South Sudan. His diplomatic approach and composure under pressure ensured the successful establishment of Sector East and its Headquarters and was instrumental to the success of Operation ASLAN during an unpredictable period, at times in the face of considerable provocation. His knowledge, attention to detail and intellect earned him the highest respect from his superiors, peers and subordinates alike.

#### **Brigadier Georgeina Mary WHELAN AM CSC, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Director General Garrison Health Operations.

Brigadier Whelan's dedication and outstanding leadership has resulted in the successful implementation of a program of reforms to standardise and enhance health services. These reforms have led to substantial improvements in health care to Australian Defence Force personnel. Her contribution to the success of the Joint Health Command reform program has ensured the continuing successful evolution of health care delivery to Australian Defence Force personnel.

## CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

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

#### **Captain David Stewart HOPE RAN, Vic**

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

Captain Hope has demonstrated superior leadership and dedication to duty during a challenging period. He led his team through significant and complex change while improving the delivery and outputs of Defence language training. He has made a tremendous and lasting contribution that has resulted in an improved and sustainable language capability for the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Captain Justin Garred JONES RAN, NSW**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer, HMAS *Success* while deployed on Operation MANITOU from December 2014 to April 2015.

Captain Jones' superior foresight and innovative management ensured that HMAS *Success* made a lasting and valuable contribution to maritime security operations in the Middle East Region. His drive and enthusiasm led the development and execution of a plan to enhance his ship's capabilities, and were critical to collective efforts to re-train personnel and integrate additional, often new, equipment into the ship. His achievements have brought great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Captain David Peter MANN RAN, USA**

For outstanding devotion to duty as Director Navy Capability Needs and Analysis, Navy Strategic Command, in support of force design and development.

Captain Mann applied exceptional judgement, analysis and dedication in developing a broad array of comprehensive material to inform complex senior-level decision-making for strategically important Defence capabilities, most notably the Replenishment Ship, Future Frigates and Offshore Patrol Vessels. This intensive effort came into sharp focus, developing concepts now embedded in the Force Structure Review and Enterprise Level Naval Shipbuilding Plan. His outstanding devotion to duty accords with the highest standards of service in the Royal Australian Navy and is truly worthy of recognition.

#### **Commander Leif Erik MAXFIELD RAN, NSW**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer HMAS *Tobruk* from June 2013 to August 2015.

Commander Maxfield has demonstrated sustained outstanding leadership and professionalism whilst in command of HMAS *Tobruk*, during a period which included humanitarian assistance and border protection missions to Operations PHILLIPINES ASSIST, RESOLUTE and PACIFIC ASSIST 2015. His performance in preparing and leading his crew in challenging maintenance activities and whilst on operations was pivotal to the provision of the Australian Defence Force's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts during 2014-2015.

## **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)**

*Royal Australian Navy (continued)*

### **Captain Heath Jay ROBERTSON RAN, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as Captain Sea Training from August 2011 to September 2014.

Captain Robertson has realised significant improvements in collective training whilst performing his duties as Captain Sea Training under challenging circumstances and during a period of major reform. Through his innovative thinking, leadership and implementation of new strategies; his achievements have been outstanding. Captain Robertson has led considerable changes that have enhanced the Fleet's ability to fight and win, and to deliver on the Government's objectives.

## ***Australian Army***

### **Lieutenant Colonel Troy Jason FRANCIS, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis demonstrated outstanding achievement in the delivery and governance of all corps soldier training within Army. His exceptional command, innovation, dedication and superior knowledge have enhanced the delivery of training having an enduring effect on the professional skills, knowledge and attitudes of the Australian Army.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Bede Thomas GALVIN, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Galvin has provided exceptional leadership in execution of his command of the 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment, and management of the Australian Army's Unmanned Aerial System. He has transformed the system from an immediate service need into an enduring operational capability providing comprehensive intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support to Army. Lieutenant Colonel Galvin's work has been exceptional, and has improved the delivery of Unmanned Aerial System support to Army.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Craig George JOLLY, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Task Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Jolly is an outstanding officer who has displayed exceptional achievement as an officer in the Australian Army. His leadership, energy and drive delivered a range of innovative and effective measures including countering the threat of improvised explosive devices and preparing soldiers for operations. His efforts significantly enhanced the force protection of deployed forces and reduced Australian casualties on operations. His actions are consistent with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

## **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)**

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Captain R**

For outstanding achievement as the senior communications officer on Operation AUGURY.

Captain R has made an outstanding contribution to the technical capabilities of Special Operations Command. He excelled in the design and implementation of technical solutions to enhance the exploitation capabilities of the Special Operations Task Force. His professional competence, leadership and exemplary work ethic have produced outstanding results, in keeping with the highest standards of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Warrant Officer Class One Paul Marcus RICHARDSON OAM, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Regimental Sergeant Major in the Office of the Vice Chief of the Defence Force in the area of Ceremonial and Protocol.

Warrant Officer Richardson's dedication to duty, during the reconnaissance, planning and execution phases of commemorative services marking 100 years of ANZAC both domestically and internationally, ensured the ceremonial activities were highly successful and the Australian Defence Force was portrayed as a professional force. His outstanding leadership and achievements embrace Army's core values and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Tamara Joy ROUWHORST, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Cultural Reform in Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Rouwhorst has displayed outstanding performance in delivering Army's cultural reform objectives. She has overseen organisational level innovation by rationalising and contemporising Army's cultural reform program; including enabling and empowering Army's key change agents, its unit commanders, to take ownership of Army's culture and values. Her personal commitment has directly contributed to enhancing the public reputation of the Australian Army.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Corey Jason SHILLABEER, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Strategic Force Generation within Strategic Plans Branch, Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Shillabeer has displayed exceptional dedication as the Staff Officer Grade One Strategic Force Generation in Strategic Plans Branch, Army Headquarters. Over a prolonged period he has distinguished himself with the highest levels of dedication and devotion to duty that has resulted in more effective and coordinated results for Army's intellectual, educational, learning and training areas. His outstanding achievements have brought great credit upon himself, Strategic Plans Branch and the Australian Army.

## **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)**

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Colonel John Andrew SIMEONI, NSW**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer, Combat Training Centre-Live for the period 2006 to 2009 and Commander, Combat Training Centre during the period 2014 to 2015.

Colonel Simeoni throughout his five years of service over two postings to the Combat Training Centre, has continually provided Army with exceptional leadership and service to ensure best practice in preparing forces for operational service and high end collective training. His outstanding skill, judgment, performance of duty, leadership and dedication is of the highest order, and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army, and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Colonel Jeffery Macdonald SQUIRE, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Director Information Activities in Military Strategic Commitments Division.

Colonel Squire has displayed outstanding professionalism and judgement as the Director Information Activities in Military Strategic Commitments Division. His exceptional management of complex communication campaigns and information effects has greatly contributed to Australian Government strategic objectives through a period of high operational tempo. These achievements have brought credit upon himself and have been in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Colonel Katherine-Anne STEWART, SA**

For outstanding devotion to duty as Australia's Defence Attaché to Baghdad, in support of Operation OKRA.

Colonel Stewart demonstrated superior strategic acumen and communications skills in representing Australia's national interests and influencing the environment to enable the Australian Defence Force contribution to the Coalition response in Iraq. Her careful and empathic engagement with key stakeholders established the mutual understanding and goodwill that continues to underpin operational cooperation between the Australian Defence Force and the Iraqi Security Forces.

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

### **Flight Lieutenant Clinton Joel BALDOCK, NSW**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the C-130J Simulator Fidelity Manager at Number 285 Squadron.

Flight Lieutenant Baldock has continuously displayed outstanding devotion to duty as the Number 285 Squadron Simulator Fidelity Manager. He has significantly contributed to Air Force's operational effectiveness by improving Australia's C-130J pilot simulator training, and enhanced the Royal Australian Air Force's reputation in a multi national environment. His extraordinary achievements have brought credit upon him, epitomise Air Force's values and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

## **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)**

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

### **Air Commodore Alan Gregory CLEMENTS, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Air Commodore Clements has been an extraordinary champion of cultural reform and a most effective change agent as Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy. His conspicuous dedication, astute judgement, remarkable skill, and loyalty to his staff and students have delivered a series of major reforms that will positively affect the Australian Defence Force for generations. Air Commodore Clements is an inspirational leader and an officer of impeccable character whose outstanding achievements have brought great credit upon him and the Royal Australian Air Force.

### **Warrant Officer Mathew Anthony GREEN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the C-27J *Spartan* aircraft Transition Team Operations Loadmaster.

Warrant Officer Green is an exceptional Airman who has achieved outstanding results in the C-27J *Spartan* aircraft Transition Team. His remarkable dedication, extraordinary airmanship and exemplary skill in an array of additional tasks resulted in the C-27J capability being introduced earlier than expected; and significantly contributed to Air Force's ability to commence training on the C-27J aircraft during a period of considerable pressure on the project. His conspicuous devotion has brought great credit upon him, and is in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

### **Wing Commander Nicholas James GREY, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Director of Project AIR5431 Defence Air Traffic Management and Control Systems.

Wing Commander Grey is an inspirational leader of exceptional drive, remarkable skill, and vision. His outstanding professionalism and unswerving dedication have successfully resulted in the delivery of a comprehensive program to replace all Defence air traffic management and control systems that will benefit every Australian air user for decades to come. Wing Commander Grey epitomises Air Force values and his extraordinary achievements accord with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Wing Commander Richard John HUTCHINSON, SA**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of Number 462 Squadron.

Wing Commander Hutchinson has led Number 462 Squadron through a period of unprecedented development. He has been instrumental in establishing an enduring accreditation process for all Air Force airborne and land-based information systems, while also delivering a highly effective defensive cyber operations capability to Air Force commanders. His outstanding professionalism and commitment to his unit, its people and the Air Force cyber mission, accord with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

## **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)**

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

### **Squadron Leader Jonathan Henry JORGENSEN, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Senior Engineering Officer of Number 36 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader Jorgensen has applied superior engineering skill, extensive knowledge of the C-17A Globemaster III aircraft systems, and conspicuous dedication to duty to deliver a raft of outstanding achievements that have demonstrably improved the efficiency and operational effectiveness of the C-17A capability for the Australian Defence Force. His extraordinary contribution has brought great credit upon himself and the Royal Australian Air Force, and is in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Group Captain Harry Mark LARTER, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal and Commanding Officer Number 17 Squadron.

Group Captain Larter's dedication to duty and leadership has resulted in significant positive improvements in operational support and cultural change and has enhanced the Air Force's reputation both locally and internationally. In 2014, Number 17 Squadron was awarded the Hawker Siddeley Trophy, recognising the unit as the most proficient support unit in the Royal Australian Air Force. He has extended this positive influence beyond the boundaries of the base which has ensured the community has trust and confidence in the Royal Australian Air Force.

### **Group Captain Richard Paul PIZZUTO, NSW**

For outstanding devotion to duty as Officer Commanding 41 Wing, Royal Australian Air Force.

Group Captain Pizzuto has demonstrated exceptional devotion to duty as Officer Commanding 41 Wing. His exemplary leadership and vision has advanced Australia's aerospace surveillance and battle management capability by most notably guiding technical effort to realise full operational capability for the Vigilare air battle management command and control system. His significant achievements have brought great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Air Force and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Squadron Leader Sarah Louise STALKER, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Commander, Air Component Coordination Element on Operation ACCORDION in support of Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East Region from January to July 2015.

Squadron Leader Stalker's adept planning, task management, judgement and diplomatic engagement provided an excellent level of Air Mobility support to Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East Region. Squadron Leader Stalker's conspicuous leadership was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

## **Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)**

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

### **Group Captain Susan STOTHART, ACT**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Director of Senior Officer Management - Air Force.

Group Captain Stothart has made an exceptional contribution to the Australian Defence Force through her deft management of the Air Force's senior officer cadre over several years of dedicated service. She is an officer of exceptional ability who has devoted herself to advancing the Air Force through conspicuous improvements in human resource management, both in the Air Force, and in the wider Australian Defence Force. Her superior intellect, extensive knowledge, superior research skill and administrative reforms have been in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Wing Commander Michael Gordon TULLY, SA**

For outstanding achievement as Deputy Director Special Purpose Aircraft, Air Force Headquarters.

Wing Commander Tully has displayed outstanding devotion to duty as Deputy Director Special Purpose Aircraft in Air Force Headquarters. Through exceptional insight and professionalism he identified, and progressed to Government for approval, an elegant option to rapidly procure two KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport aircraft; significantly adding to the force multiplying effect these assets contribute to Australia's national Air Power. His extraordinary achievements have brought great credit upon him, and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Flight Sergeant Luke Joseph WALKER, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in Deployable Information Systems and Communications.

Flight Sergeant Walker's exceptional knowledge, outstanding professionalism and conspicuous dedication have directly contributed to the success of multiple exercise and operational deployable information systems utilised by the Australian Defence Force. He is a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of impeccable character who lives the values of the Air Force. His exceptional achievements have brought great credit upon him and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

## CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

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

#### **Warrant Officer Christopher John APPERLEY, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Assistant Fleet Whole Ship Coordinator in Sea Training Group - Major Fleet Units from January 2013.

Warrant Officer Apperley's performance as the inaugural Assistant Whole Ship Coordinator in Sea Training Group - Major Fleet Units has been outstanding. His exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to training has directly contributed to the improved Operational Capability of front-line units and driven the achievement of multiple Mariner Skills, Unit and Mission Readiness evaluations. His selfless dedication and commitment to training has been exceptional and are in the finest ongoing traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

#### **Petty Officer Stacey Fay BROTHERTON, ACT**

For meritorious achievement as the Research and Communication Coordinator for the Royal Australian Navy Divisional System.

Petty Officer Brotherton's design and development of the Navy Divisional System intranet site and Navy People mobile application have directly enhanced the ability of all Navy people to access current and relevant personnel information, contacts and policy. Her selfless dedication and commitment to Navy's people are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

#### **Warrant Officer Darcy Glenn COOK, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as the senior Fire Control Warrant Officer within Fleet Command.

Warrant Officer Cook has demonstrated outstanding professional acumen and leadership as the technical Warrant Officer responsible for ensuring the sustainment and management of fire control systems throughout the Fleet. His contribution to both technical and operational aspects of the ANZAC Class Fire Control system in particular has been exemplary. His selfless service and commitment to his profession over a sustained period have been exceptional and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

#### **Chief Petty Officer Darren John HARKINS, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Hull Maintenance Manager and Damage Control Chief Petty Officer in HMAS *Canberra*.

Chief Petty Officer Harkins' tireless personal commitment and endeavours were instrumental in managing the acceptance and introduction into service of HMAS *Canberra*. His exceptional leadership and technical knowledge has ensured that HMAS *Canberra* was able to proceed to sea on schedule having achieved all damage control competencies.

## **Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)**

*Royal Australian Navy (continued)*

### **Chief Petty Officer Mark Daniel VERHOEVEN, NT**

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Marine Technical Officer in Patrol Boat Crew Attack Four during border protection operations.

Chief Petty Officer Verhoeven's inspirational leadership has been demonstrated during numerous challenging search and rescue events during a period of high operational tempo and his professional technical excellence has resulted in an unprecedented availability of Attack Four in direct support of Operational RESOLUTE. His service exemplifies the highest order and finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Lieutenant Commander Jared Peter WEBB RAN, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Navigation Officer, Principal Warfare Officer and Operations Officer onboard HMAS *Success* on Operation MANITOU, from December 2014 to May 2015.

Lieutenant Commander Webb displayed outstanding leadership, organisational skills, and tactical acumen in the development and execution of a scheme of manoeuvre that incorporated counter narcotic, counter piracy and combat support operations during the ship's deployment on Operation MANITOU. His efforts resulted in the fundamental reappraisal of the employment of combat support ships across all Combined Maritime Forces missions. Lieutenant Commander Webb's devotion to duty is in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Lieutenant Commander Dylan WHITE RAN, WA**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Above Water Warfare Officer and Operations Officer in HMAS *Perth* from February 2013 to July 2015.

Lieutenant Commander Dylan White has demonstrated extraordinary commitment, drive and professionalism as the Operations Officer in HMAS *Perth*, in the face of personal adversity. His contribution to Perth's operational readiness and the development of a highly proficient Operations Room team delivered key Navy capability, whilst his investment in developing user instructions for the Anti-Ship Missile Defence system in the ANZAC Class has laid the foundation for the future operation and employment of this new capability.

### **Leading Seaman Susan Elizabeth WRIGHT, Qld**

For meritorious devotion to duty as an Above Water Warfare Instructor, within Training Authority Maritime Warfare at HMAS *Watson*.

Leading Seaman Wright has displayed admirable professionalism and selfless devotion to duty as an Above Water Warfare Instructor in Training Authority Maritime Warfare. Her delivery of superior training and exceptional student support has directly contributed to increased course pass rates and the provision of highly trained and prepared Combat System Operators to the Fleet.

## **Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Major Jonathan Philip ABUNDO, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Officer Commanding Proof and Experimental Establishment - Port Wakefield.

Major Abundo consistently displayed exceptional leadership in a remote and resource constrained environment, balancing competing demands to deliver critical testing capability. Major Abundo also significantly improved relationships with the local community and enhanced the reputation of Defence in the Port Wakefield region. Through his professionalism and dedication he had driven site infrastructure improvements that addressed significant work health and safety risks to maintain an essential proof and experimental capability for Defence.

#### **Major Joanne Therese BAKER, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Specialist Recruiting Team - Health member in Defence Force Recruiting from 2014 to 2015.

Major Baker has displayed meritorious devotion to duty and compassionate inspirational leadership in her unwavering dedication to enhancing the specialist health capability of Defence Force Recruiting across Australia. She is a deeply respected and admired health professional who has delivered exceptional health candidates to the Australian Defence Force. Her personal drive and dedication are in the finest traditions of the Australian Regular Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Brian BEHAN, ACT**

For meritorious achievement as the Chief of Staff of the Royal Military College of Australia.

Lieutenant Colonel Behan has consistently displayed professional excellence and outstanding dedication to duty in supporting Army all corps training. He has coordinated a significant range of training enhancements, organisational restructuring and security initiatives, including transitioning to new Garrison Support Contracts across several regions and with an unprecedented increase in Directed Training Requirements. His commitment and outstanding work ethic have enhanced the training effectiveness and capability of the Australian Army.

#### **Warrant Officer Class Two Michael James CARROLL, USA**

For meritorious achievement as the Company Sergeant Major of the Ready Combat Team and Operations Warrant Officer of the Ready Battalion Group, 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Warrant Officer Michael Carroll has displayed outstanding knowledge, leadership and devotion to duty as the Company Sergeant Major of the Ready Combat Team and Operations Warrant Officer of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. His efforts over a sustained period have led to tangible improvements in the Battalion's readiness, training and performance on operational service. His accomplishments place him at the forefront of professional soldiering and underlie his excellence in all aspects of soldiering.

## **Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)**

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Major Aaron Peter CIMBALJEVIC, Vic**

For meritorious achievement as a United Nations Military Observer in United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation on Operation PALADIN, from December 2013 to March 2015.

Major Cimbajjevic demonstrated superior leadership, excellent judgment and professionalism during a complex and difficult environment. His superior leadership and composure under pressure ensured the successful withdrawal of United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation personnel from Southern Syria and was instrumental to the success of Operation PALADIN during a complex and difficult period.

### **Major Luke Philip CONDON, ACT**

For meritorious achievement as the Officer Commanding Force Support Element - One on Operation ACCORDION in support of Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East Region from July 2014 to February 2015.

Major Condon's distinguished and inspiring leadership has enabled Force Support Element - One to rapidly respond to a series of dynamic circumstances that dramatically increased their tempo and stretched their operational capacity beyond what would normally have been expected. In doing so, Major Condon has successfully laid the foundations for support to the Australian Defence Force's operations in Iraq while concurrently supporting the prosecution of operations in Afghanistan and across the Middle East Region.

### **Warrant Officer Class Two Shane DOEVENDANS, NT**

For meritorious achievement as the Regimental Training Warrant Officer of the North West Mobile Force.

Warrant Officer Doevendans' determination, initiative and competence contributed to the delivery of training opportunities and career pathways for indigenous soldiers within Army. He has overseen the introduction into service of new equipment and in so doing, has had a significant impact on the capability enhancement of the Regional Force Surveillance Group.

### **Major Craig J FALLSHAW, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as Staff Officer Information Management within the Directorate of Projects and Standby Reserve Management - Army.

Major Fallshaw has displayed superior initiative, determination, and foresight whilst serving as the Staff Officer Information Management. Major Fallshaw developed the system framework that ultimately improved Army's existing personnel information systems, providing Army the ability to draw on Army Standby Reserve members with specific skill sets to address Army's capability shortfalls. His accomplishments and outstanding dedication to duty are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

## **Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)**

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Corporal Rhys L GRIGGS, Vic**

For meritorious achievement as the Electronic Technician Systems Corporal, Joint Logistic Unit (Victoria) Short Range Air Defence and Radar Workshop.

Corporal Griggs' efforts have been fundamental to sustaining a high operational availability of the Ground Based Air Defence capability in support of the School of Artillery's training throughput. Further, his efforts in supporting disposal and project activity for Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group have resulted in significant improvements. He has been a workplace exemplar for his commitment to workplace health and safety practices and the management of hazardous chemicals, with initiatives he developed being adopted across Defence.

### **Corporal J**

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Instructor of the Military Working Dog Cell, Special Air Service Regiment from 2012 to 2015.

Corporal J's application of knowledge, work ethic and dedication has significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's Military Working Dog capability. His performance within the field of canine husbandry, evolutionary training techniques and skills is of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Corporal Broderick Jay NAUNTON, Vic**

For meritorious achievement as the Acting Platoon Commander, Mechanised Platoon, Support Squadron, the School of Armour.

Corporal Naunton's exceptional leadership, commitment and attention to detail resulted in the Armoured Personnel Carrier fleet maintaining an 85 percent serviceability status, which was critical in facilitating the high volume throughput of the vehicle in support of Plan BEERSHEBA. Working above his rank and experience, he ensured his Platoon maintained a mission focussed mindset and the highest level of operational effectiveness to support the Armoured Personnel Carrier fleet and the School of Armour.

### **Major Fiona Antoinette PEDEN, Vic**

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Senior Career Advisor within the Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army.

Major Peden's exemplary performance of duty has directly enhanced the manning of signals organisations to directly support the achievement of Army's digitisation objectives. Her leadership, pursuit for excellence and initiative have been pivotal to the implementation of enhanced career management of some of Army's most technical trades. Her performance has been in the best tradition of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

## **Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)**

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Warrant Officer Class Two Timothy Trent PIMLOTT, SA**

For meritorious achievement as the Operations Warrant Officer at Headquarters 9th Brigade.

Warrant Officer Pimlott's exemplary leadership, superior knowledge and professional dedication to duty have significantly aided Headquarters 9th Brigade's effective delivery of force generation activities and support to operations. His efforts have seen him undertake the roles of Brigade Major and Operations Captain for long periods, which have exponentially assisted in achieving critical capability objectives for the 9th Brigade and the 2nd Division.

### **Colonel Andrew Alfred PLANT, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as the Director of Operations and Chief of Staff of Headquarters Joint Task Force 633, Middle East Region, from October 2014 to July 2015.

Colonel Plant's application of exceptional skills, judgement and diligence has directly contributed to the successful development and establishment of each of the task units across the Middle East Region. He has demonstrated a determined devotion to his duties and the highest levels of professional mastery which reflect great credit upon himself, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Major Kelvin Stuart SEABROOK, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two, Joint Fires, Headquarters 2nd Division.

Major Seabrook has been fundamental to the successful transition of the 2nd Division's Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery units to the Light Battery capability under Plan BEERSHEBA. His expertise and commitment had been essential to the analysis, design, development, establishment, and training of the Light Battery capability. His contribution to the 2nd Division has been outstanding, and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery and the Australian Army.

### **Major Maryanne THOMSON, Qld**

For meritorious achievement as the Officer in Charge of the Soldier Recovery Centre - Brisbane.

Major Thomson demonstrated outstanding knowledge and dedication in establishing the Soldier Recovery Centre in Brisbane, which improved the management of Army's wounded, injured and ill soldiers. She developed innovative rehabilitation programs, which fast tracked the rehabilitation of soldiers, and enabled effective return to work and medical upgrading of personnel. Her outstanding work resulted in the Soldier Recovery Centre - Brisbane becoming the benchmark for Soldier Recovery across the Australian Defence Force.

**Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)**

***Royal Australian Air Force***

**Wing Commander M**

For meritorious achievement as Chief of Staff of the Air Task Group and Commander Task Element 630.1.0 on Operation OKRA, from January to August 2015.

Wing Commander M distinguished himself through outstanding commitment and leadership in a demanding, high tempo appointment. He managed numerous operational incidents skilfully, shaped planning thoughtfully and sustained the staff through many challenging situations. Under his guidance, the Headquarters built measurably on its reputation for responsiveness, productivity and high quality output.

**MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATON**

***Royal Australian Air Force***

**NUMBER 5 FLIGHT**

For sustained outstanding service in warlike operations through the provision of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance capability on Operation SLIPPER, over the period January 2010 to November 2014.

Number 5 Flight, operating as Task Unit 633.2.7, achieved an outstanding mission success rate in Afghanistan while concurrently introducing the Royal Australian Air Force's first Remotely Piloted Aircraft System. Intelligence provided from these missions demonstrably influenced and shaped Coalition actions within the battlespace, directly contributing to the saving of Coalition lives and the substantial degradation of insurgent command and control elements.

**NUMBERS 36 AND 37 SQUADRONS**

For sustained outstanding service in warlike operations throughout the Middle East Area of Operations over the period January 2002 to June 2014.

Numbers 36 and 37 Squadrons have provided sustained high tempo C-130 air mobility in support of Operations SLIPPER, FALCONER and CATALYST. Under challenging circumstances, Numbers 36 and 37 Squadrons contributed significant aid to the stabilisation of Iraq and Afghanistan while delivering direct tactical benefits to Australian and Coalition Forces through provision of reliable air logistics and aeromedical support.