

## **MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE MILITARY DIVISION**

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

#### **Lieutenant Commander Nathan Lindsay COLE RAN, NSW**

For meritorious service in the field of maritime communications and Information Systems support.

Lieutenant Commander Cole's technical and professional knowledge, coupled with exceptional leadership over successive postings, contributed to substantial improvements in the Fleet computer and network information systems. The development and implementation of these improvements, and the associated training, not only contributed considerably to the increased readiness, overall effectiveness and efficiency of Navy Communications and Information Systems but also realised significant project and ongoing support cost savings for Defence.

#### **Chief Petty Officer Cameron DEVENNY, VIC**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy's Boatswains Mate Workgroup and meritorious devotion to duty as Chief Petty Officer Boatswain HMAS *Hobart*.

Chief Petty Officer Devenny is an exceptional sailor who has consistently performed to the highest professional standards across a range of challenging postings at sea and ashore. He has worked tirelessly to enhance the Boatswains Mate Workgroup in order to provide improved capability in a modernised Navy. His drive and determination has resulted in significant cost savings for the Royal Australian Navy over the life of the Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers.

#### **Captain Mark Gregory McCONNELL RANR, ACT**

For meritorious service to personnel management and shaping future people capability within the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander McConnell made a substantial contribution to the Royal Australian Navy's capability through his dedication and focussed individual approach when managing Navy people. His inspirational leadership, outstanding communication skills and strong people focus have enabled him to introduce and implement progressive management systems that empower Navy people to build their resilience and overcome personal challenges.

#### **Captain Darren John RAE RAN, NSW**

For meritorious service in the field of Naval Aviation Engineering.

Captain Rae has been influential in the development of the Royal Australian Navy's aviation capability through outstanding service and devotion to duty in senior engineering and leadership positions. His outstanding contribution to Navy's aviation engineering and maintenance workforce contributed to a highly operational focus at all levels. Captain Rae expertly navigated wide ranging organisational and regulatory changes providing firm foundations for the operational effectiveness and safety of the Navy's Fleet Air Arm.

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### *Australian Army*

#### **Major Jeffrey COCKS, QLD**

For meritorious achievement as the Officer Commanding and Music Director of the Australian Army Band - Brisbane, and as the Executive Officer of the Australian Army Band.

Major Cocks' meritorious leadership of the Australian Army Band - Brisbane was manifest in his selfless contribution to the musical and professional development of the band. Major Cocks personally oversaw and contributed to more than 200 domestic and overseas engagements undertaken by the Army Band. His comprehensive understanding of the logistical and administrative demands necessary to support overseas engagements has ensured consistent and meticulous preparation for all events.

#### **Warrant Officer Class One Bradley Michael DOYLE, ACT**

For meritorious service as Regimental Sergeant Major of 1st/19th Battalion, the Royal New South Wales Regiment; as Regimental Sergeant Major of 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment; and as Regimental Sergeant Major of Training Task Group Five on Operation OKRA.

Warrant Officer Doyle's exemplary service, training expertise and enforcement of rigorous standards, was instrumental in the success of the Australian contribution to coalition operations. His drive, leadership and support to all ranks epitomised his unit's ethos and he was influential in the attainment of the training objectives. Of note was his key role in the preparations of the Battalion's Duke of Gloucester Cup winning section and the devising and evaluating of unit training in 2016, which set the foundations for the realisation of battle-group level capability.

#### **Warrant Officer Class One Trent Rowan MORRIS, ACT**

For meritorious service as Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd/17th Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

Warrant Officer Morris demonstrated meritorious leadership and compassion as he led the Battalion through significant changes to its role and structure. He was instrumental to developing the relationship between the 2nd Battalion and HMA Ships Canberra, Adelaide, and Choules. His devotion to the unit, its soldiers, and its capability had marked and lasting effect on the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment and development of the Australian Defence Force's amphibious capability.

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### **Warrant Officer Class One Jason Graham ROBINSON, SA**

For meritorious performance of duty as the Senior Assistant Instructor, School of Armour; Regimental Sergeant Major 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers; and Regimental Sergeant Major 1st Armoured Regiment.

Warrant Officer Robinson demonstrated exceptional commitment and leadership as the Senior Assistant Instructor, School of Armour. Warrant Officer Robinson improved the training system cognisant of policy relevant to a registered training organisation. As the Regimental Sergeant Major 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers, he instigated cultural reform and enhanced capability for the partnered Combat Brigade. As the Regimental Sergeant Major 1st Armoured Regiment he led with distinction, in the field, barracks and relocation activities.

### **Warrant Officer Class One Stephen Norman TAYLOR, ACT**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police in regimental leadership roles and enhancing the Military Police Dog Capability.

Warrant Officer Taylor consistently demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and devotion to the Military Police capability. His inspirational leadership, self-motivation and commitment to continual improvement have significantly contributed to the modernisation of the Military Police and, in particular, the development of the Military Police Dog capability.

### **Warrant Officer Class One Charmaine Joan WALTERS, NSW**

For meritorious service during several postings to Headquarters Joint Operations Command as the Warrant Officer Financial Services, the Group Reserve Manager and Base Operations Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Walters' extraordinary diligence as an Active Reservist have been instrumental to Joint Operations Command achieving key operational, exercise and joint collective training outcomes. Warrant Officer Walters selflessly invested significant effort to achieve enduring improvements in the Command's financial governance and Reserve work force management, while concurrently providing astute mentorship to junior peers. Demonstrating superior leadership qualities and deep professional expertise, she proved an excellent role model in a tri-Service environment.

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

### **Warrant Officer Brett Graham NICHOLS, NSW**

For meritorious service in personnel capability development; prohibited substance testing; cultural change management; and training leadership in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Nichols is an exemplary professional of impeccable character who displayed inspirational leadership, rare insight, and conspicuous devotion to duty in delivering a range of lasting benefits for the Royal Australian Air Force. He has driven the development of personnel capability in a number of areas; advanced prohibited substance testing processes and procedures; implemented cultural change, particularly in personal fitness; and promoted leadership and airpower awareness across the entire training domain over a decade of most devoted service.

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**Warrant Officer Kenneth George ROBERTSON, NSW**

For meritorious performance of duty on operations as the Command Warrant Officer of Joint Task Force 633, while deployed to the Middle East Region during the period January 2017 to January 2018.

Warrant Officer Robertson provided outstanding support and advice to his commander during a period of significant operational tempo. He motivated people to higher performance and outcomes; he masterfully applied his experience and judgement in refining processes and enforcing policies while attaining harmony across a diverse force. His leadership was inspirational across the deployed joint force, he achieved complete trust at all levels, directly influencing command decisions and contributed to the successful conduct of operations across the Middle East Region.