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MIDWINTER'S DAY 2009 HONOURS LIST

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following award:

AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

Mr David Ernest PULLINGER

390 Penna Road, Penna Tas 7171

For outstanding service in support of Australian Antarctic expeditions.

By Her Excellency's Command

Stephen Brady
Official Secretary to
the Governor-General

THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL**(21 June 2009)****Mr David Ernest PULLINGER**

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Occupation In Antarctica:

Helicopter Pilot

Service in Antarctica:

16 expeditions for the Australian Antarctic program and expeditions with the Italian, German and Japanese Antarctic programs.

Mr Pullinger has made an outstanding contribution to Australia's efforts in Antarctica as a helicopter pilot. He has tremendous experience and skill, and he has applied these with energy and dedication in supporting scientific and operational tasks in Antarctica.

As chief pilot on a number of challenging projects, Mr Pullinger has had responsibility for the overall planning and safety of helicopter support. His contribution to the planning and efficient execution of scientific operations during deep field glaciological programs in the Prince Charles Mountains has been a key factor in the success of these projects. Mr Pullinger has an outstanding safety record and is diligent in reinforcing the safety requirements of any operation.

He has developed innovative approaches to highly challenging aviation requirements. His contribution to the planning and efficient execution of scientific operations and his willingness to discuss and consider new and innovative ways of achieving the challenging requirements of scientific operations have been central to the success of many Antarctic science projects.

Through careful planning and trialling of new techniques, Mr Pullinger has developed safe and effective methods to transport difficult and potentially dangerous loads in typically capricious Antarctic conditions.

Mr Pullinger has made a unique and significant contribution to Australia's Antarctic program. He has delivered outstanding aviation support with professionalism, dedication, innovation and uncompromising standards. His unique insight, innovative thinking, and overall commitment to the safe delivery of Australia's Antarctic program set him apart as an outstanding Antarctic expeditioner.