



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Queen's Birthday Honours List

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel N

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of Special Operations Task Group 632 on Operation OKRA from November 2016 to June 2017.

Colonel Richard Anthony VAGG

ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander of Task Group Taji IV in Iraq on Operation OKRA, from December 2016 to June 2017.

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal Timothy Charles INNES CSC

ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operations OKRA and HIGHROAD from January 2016 to January 2017.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Dudley GARDINER

ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as Commanding Officer Training Task Unit of Task Group Taji IV in Iraq on Operation OKRA from November 2016 to June 2017.

Colonel Michael Lee MURDOCH

ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Commander of the Kabul Garrison Command Advisory Team, and Senior Mentor to the Kabul Garrison Commander from October 2016 to June 2017.

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander G

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as Commander Task Element 630.1.1 on Operation OKRA from January 2017 to May 2017

Air Vice-Marshal Michael Robert KITCHER AM

NSW

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations whilst deployed as Commander Air Task Group 630 on Operation OKRA from January 2017 to June 2017.

Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Leslie MEREDITH AM

ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations whilst deployed as Director Combined Air and Space Operations Centre, United States Air Force Central Command, from January 2017 to July 2017.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Australian Army

Major B

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Executive Officer of Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation VI, in Iraq on Operation OKRA from November 2016 to June 2017.

Colonel Kahlil Scarf FEGAN DSC

ACT

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Director of Plans in Combined Joint Force Land Component Command - Iraq, as part of Operation Inherent Resolve from July 2016 to April 2017.

Major Christopher Daniel GILMORE

USA

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as Officer Commanding Training Team One of Task Group Taji Three in Iraq on Operation OKRA from May to December 2016.

Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Major Brian E HICKEY

ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Officer Commanding North Baghdad Operations Command Advisory and Assistance Team, Task Group Taji IV, Iraq on Operation OKRA from November 2016 to June 2017.

Lance Corporal J

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations in Iraq, on Operation OKRA from March 2017 to October 2017.

Corporal M

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as the lead Joint Terminal Air Controller in Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation VI on Operation OKRA in Iraq from November 2016 to June 2017.

Major M

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation VI Special Forces Advisory Team and as the Deputy Commander of Task Force - Counter Terrorism Service on Operation OKRA from December 2016 to June 2017.

Brigadier Cheryl Ann PEARCE AM

NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Commander Task Group Afghanistan, Operation HIGHROAD from February 2016 to November 2016.

Major R

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation VI Intelligence Fusion and Support Cell, in Iraq on Operation OKRA from November 2016 to June 2017.

Private R

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations in Afghanistan, on Operation HIGHROAD from September 2016 to February 2017.

Brigadier Jason Kyle WALK

ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations while serving as the Deputy Director Sustainment, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan on Operation HIGHROAD, in Kabul, Afghanistan from July 2016 to August 2017.

Colonel Mark Christopher WELBURN

NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Deputy Chief of Staff Security Force Assistance, Headquarters Train Advise Assist Command - South, Kandahar Afghanistan while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD over the period May 2016 to May 2017.

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant G

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Task Unit 630.2 Dynamic Targeting Intelligence Officer supporting Operation OKRA from December 2016 to June 2017.

Group Captain H

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations whilst deployed as Commander Task Unit 630.2 on Operation OKRA from April 17 to August 2017

Squadron Leader M

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations while deployed as a Combat Controller with the Special Operations Joint Task Force and as the Strike Director, Combined Joint Operations Command, Iraq on Operation OKRA between February 2015 and June 2017.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Amy Leigh BLACKER RANR

ACT

For outstanding achievement in the field of Navy workforce reform.

Commodore Grant Ian FERGUSON RANR

ACT

For outstanding achievement as Director General Suakin Branch, Defence People Group.

Captain Gregory Allen LAXTON RAN

NSW

For outstanding achievement in the field of Navy Program Management and support innovation.

Commander Michael John MILLER RAN

ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Deputy Director Operations within Maritime Border Command.

Commander Anthony Richard NAGLE RAN

NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Executive Officer in HMAS *Newcastle*.

Captain Aaron Walter NYE RAN

NSW

For outstanding achievement in the field of Major Fleet Units Sea Training.

Chief Petty Officer Michael John O'DONNELL

NT

For outstanding devotion to duty during the execution of his duty as the Ship's Damage Control Officer when responding to an engine room fire in HMAS *Maryborough* on the night of 25th and 26th May 2017.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Charmaine Sylvia BENFIELD

Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Selections and Appointments with Career Management Army during 2016 and 2017.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (Continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Major Katie Louise BURRUP

Qld

For outstanding achievement in developing and implementing a Family and Domestic Violence Framework in North Queensland as Staff Officer Grade Two - Personnel at Headquarters 3rd Brigade.

Colonel Steven John HUME

ACT

For outstanding achievement in the coordination of materiel support to Australian Defence Force operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Gerard McLENNAN

Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Soldier Combat Systems, Modernisation Branch, Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel N

For outstanding achievement in military intelligence.

Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Patrick ROBINS

NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Senior Instructor Land Intelligence Wing, Defence Force School of Intelligence.

Colonel Leonard Hendrik ROUWHORST

NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Joint Operations Command lead planner for the Middle East Region from January 2015 to August 2017.

Colonel Kirsty Marie SKINNER

NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Staff Officer Grade One Postings, Directorate of Soldier Career Management, Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry William STIMSON

ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Brigade Major of the 6th Combat Support Brigade.

Brigadier Wade Bradley STOTHART DSC AM

ACT

For outstanding achievement in significant contributions to the reform and improvement of career management and the Army people capability as Director General Career Management - Army.

Colonel Simeon Luke WARD

ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty during the transition of the Capability Development Group and establishment of the Force Design function within Defence.

Lieutenant Colonel Philippa Elizabeth WEILAND

NSW

For outstanding dedication to duty as Staff Officer Grade One Psychology in Headquarters Forces Command.

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Sergeant Renee Louise COLE

SA

For outstanding achievement in the advancement of the Australian Defence Force's Space situational awareness capability at Number 1 Remote Sensor Unit.

Squadron Leader Samuel Ian HARKISS

ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Information Systems Technical and Acquisition Manager within the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter Division of Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group.

Squadron Leader Michael James YEOMANS

Qld

For outstanding devotion to duty in managing the implementation of the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter facilities program as part of the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Benjamin Keith BRYAN

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the High Power Maintenance Manager in HMAS *Adelaide*.

Lieutenant Scott Stanley DOWD RAN

NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy Information Warfare.

Chief Petty Officer David James HOUSTON

Vic

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Navy Engineering Training Services.

Lieutenant Commander Gordon JARDINE RAN

NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of landing craft training for the Royal Australian Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Jasmine Alison LAUER-SMITH RAN

ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of submarine operations intelligence.

Lieutenant Commander Jorge Mathew McKEE RAN

ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as Planning (Operations) Officer in Combined Task Force 150 on Operation MANITOU from November 2015 to April 2016.

Warrant Officer Scott Joseph WAKE

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Naval Aviation Maintenance.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Andrew ALLAN

ACT

For meritorious achievement as the Brigade Major of 7th Brigade.

Corporal James Edward CUNNINGHAM

Qld

For meritorious achievement as a Section Commander in the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Corporal D

For meritorious achievement as a Troop Sergeant within the 71st Electronic Warfare Squadron, 7th Signal Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Travis John GORDON

Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Commander of Joint Task Group 658 in support of the national elections of Papua New Guinea during the conduct of Operation HANNAH.

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence Vincent HOVELL

NSW

For meritorious achievement in operational planning and execution in the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class Two J

For meritorious devotion to duty while posted as the Manager of Geospatial Intelligence Support within Special Operations Headquarters.

Warrant Officer Class Two L

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Static Line parachuting, instruction, and training development from 2016 to 2017.

Corporal M

For meritorious achievement as a Troop Sergeant within the 71st Electronic Warfare Squadron, 7th Signal Regiment.

Lieutenant Melissa Jane OSMAND

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Personnel Advisory Committee Section Corporal within the Directorate of Soldier Career Management.

Captain Angela Gay ROSE

Qld

For meritorious achievement in establishing the Defence Force School of Signals Regional Training Wing.

Warrant Officer Class One S

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Squadron Sergeant Major in the Special Air Service Regiment between January 2014 and December 2016.

Major Scott Brady SAMSON

NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Officer Commanding of Trainee Rehabilitation Wing at the School of Military Engineering.

Warrant Officer Class One Jason Edward STEN

Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Australian Contingent and Force Headquarters Training Warrant Officer whilst deployed to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan on Operation ASLAN from November 2016 to August 2017.

Warrant Officer Class Two Lucas Brian TELLEY

NT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the acting Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Combat Service Support Battalion.

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Joshua Dominic BROWN

SA

For meritorious achievement in the introduction of the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and response aircraft capability.

Squadron Leader Alesha Lee CANTELO

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Task Unit 630.1 Operations and Aviation Safety Officer on Operation OKRA from November 2016 to June 2017.

Group Captain Nathan Mark CHRISTIE

Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Combined Joint Task Force 633, while deployed on Operation ACCORDION during the period September 2016 to July 2017.

Wing Commander Peter John HAY

SA

For meritorious achievement in the project management of the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and support systems capability acquisition.

Wing Commander Julie-Ann Elizabeth LEO

Qld

For meritorious achievement in the introduction of battlefield mobility capabilities into the Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Tobias John LIDDY-PUCCINI

USA

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Fighter Combat Instructor at Number 75 Squadron and as Instructor of the inaugural Air Warfare Instructor Course at Number 2 Operational Conversion Unit.

Corporal Daniel Joseph MAYNARD

Qld

For meritorious achievement in cyber security development at Number 462 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Leading Aircraftman William John NEWNHAM

SA

For meritorious achievement as the lead intelligence analyst for the Space Mission at Number 1 Remote Sensor Unit.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Royal Australian Air Force (continued)

Wing Commander Ray Gregory SIMPSON OAM

WA

For meritorious achievement in air warfare development as the inaugural Commanding Officer of Number 88 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

By His Excellency's command

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Fraser LVO OAM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General