

**Government House**

**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

**27 January 2022**

**Honorary Appointment and Awards - January 2022**

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

**HONORARY COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

Sir Barry Alan GIBB CBE

United States of America

For eminent service to the performing arts as a musician, songwriter and record producer, to the advancement of Australian music artists, and to philanthropy.

**HONORARY MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION**

Mr Barry Keith BARNES

United Kingdom

For service to commemorating the service of Australian Flying Corps in Tetbury, England, and surrounding areas, during World War One.

Mr Gilbert Arthur BROGDEN

Narrabeen NSW 2101

For service to the community, particularly through volunteering and fundraising for local and national charity organisations.

Mrs Shirley Joan CONNOLLY

Grasmere NSW 2570

For service to netball, particularly in the Macarthur region of New South Wales.

Mrs Christine Robin FORSYTH

Laguna NSW 2325

For service to the Wollombi Valley region, particularly through sporting, arts and community organisations.

Mr Wayne Jude LINDSAY

Boronia Heights QLD 4124

For service to the Australian and New Zealand veterans community.

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| **By His Excellency’s command**   Paul Singer MVO Official Secretary to the Governor-General |

**APPOINTED AN HONORARY COMPANION (AC)**

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

Sir Barry Alan GIBB CBE, United States of America

For eminent service to the performing arts as a musician, songwriter and record producer, to the advancement of Australian music artists, and to philanthropy.

Sir Barry Gibb CBE is one of the co-founding and only surviving members of pop legends, the Bee Gees. Alongside his twin brothers, Maurice and Robin, the Bee Gees became one of the most commercially successful pop groups in musical history, selling over 220 million records worldwide.

The Bee Gees have influenced, and made significant contributions to, the Australian music industry and its emerging artists and producers, particularly during the formative years of Australian popular music.

Over Sir Barry's distinguished and notable music career he has amassed multiple Grammy awards (including the prestigious Legend Award, Hall of Fame Award and Lifetime Achievement Award), as well as being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and having number one songs in the 1960s,1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

Aside from Sir Barry's stellar music career, he is known for his philanthropic work, which saw him recognised in the United Kingdom through his appointment as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2002 and a Knight Bachelor in 2018. An example of his involvement in charitable events was 'Sound Relief’, with Olivia Newton-John AC DBE at the Sydney Cricket Ground to raise funds for those affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires.

On the basis of his longstanding support and development of the Australian music industry which he helped bring to an international audience and for philanthropy, Sir Barry Gibb CBE has been recognised with an appointment as an Honorary Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AC).

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)**

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**Mr Barry Keith BARNES,** United Kingdom

For service to commemorating the service of Australian Flying Corps in Tetbury, England, and surrounding areas, during World War One.

Mr Barry Barnes has displayed a long-standing commitment toward inspiring the public acknowledgment of the service of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC) that were stationed near Tetbury, England, during World War One.

Amongst these activities include Mr Barnes' considerable personal time and effort in compiling historical evidence of the service of Australian airmen during their time in Tetbury. This has culminated in a production of a self-published manuscript titled, The 1st Air Training Wing, The Cotswolds 1918-19.

For many years he has assisted in coordinating ANZAC services in Tetbury and surrounds, as well as ensuring Australian flag representation, in remembrance of those who have fallen. In addition,   
Mr Barnes is widely credited with instigating the presentation of a commemorative plaque paying tribute to the service of Australian airmen at the Tetbury Town Hall on 11 November 2017.

Mr Barnes' contributions to commemorating the service of Australian Flying Corps in Tetbury, England, and surrounding areas, during World War One, is worthy of formal national recognition with an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)**

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**Mr Gilbert Arthur BROGDEN,** Narrabeen NSW 2101

For service to the community, particularly through volunteering and fundraising for local and national charity organisations.

Mr Gilbert Brogden has been a long-standing, generous volunteer for over 35 years with over 55 local and national charities and organisations.

In particular, Mr Brogden is committed and passionate about fundraising for the Cancer Council.  He has been an active volunteer over this time through his engagement with the community, exemplary fundraising efforts for cancer research and sharing his cancer-related story to advocate and highlight the work of the Cancer Council.

Mr Brogden's service to the community was previously highlighted through being named the 2014 Senior Australian of the Year by The Centre for Volunteering.

As such, Mr Gilbert Brogden's tireless longstanding voluntary service to the community is worthy of formal national recognition with an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)**

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**Mrs Shirley Joan CONNOLLY,** Grasmere NSW 2570

For service to netball, particularly in the Macarthur region of New South Wales.

Mrs Shirley Connolly is widely recognised within the Campbelltown and broader New South Wales netball community as a driving force for the sport for over 40 years, and as a community leader committed to ensuring the inclusive, professional organisation and delivery of netball competitions at local and state levels.

Mrs Connolly has been instrumental in netball being the sport of choice for women in the Macarthur region.  She transformed her local amateur netball association into a professional sporting body, namely Campbelltown District Netball Association, where she served 29 years as President.

Throughout this extensive period of voluntary service, Mrs Connolly has been involved in a wide variety of local activities to enhance the administration, infrastructure and social engagement around the game of netball.

Mrs Shirley Connolly's service to the community through the game of netball is worthy of formal national recognition with an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)**

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**Mrs Christine Robin FORSYTH,** Laguna NSW 2325

For service to the Wollombi Valley region, particularly through sporting, arts and community organisations.

Mrs Christine Forsyth is an exemplary supporter and role model to the Laguna community and to the wider Wollombi Valley region.

Mrs Forsyth, together with her late husband, Mr Alister John Forsyth, selflessly provided much needed support to their local area through donating their own land to use s centrally located municipal sporting facilities.  On the land they have contributed to the building and maintenance of a cricket ground, club house and athletic running track, a small golf course, a local swimming pool and a "Village Green" as a place to meet and participate in recreational activities, including theatre plays and lantern parades.

These facilities provided by the Forsyth family for the community and local public school use have had a significant impact on the physical health and fitness and mental wellbeing of the community.

Mrs Forsyth is also a long-serving volunteer and avid supporter of the Lower Hunter Rural Fire Services, Wollombi Progress Association and Laguna Public School.

More recently Mr and Mrs Forsyth were recognised by Cessnock City Council with the 2019 Cessnock Senior Citizens of the Year award for their ongoing and outstanding contribution to the Cessnock Local Government Area.

Mrs Forsyth's longstanding commitment and service to her local community is commendable and worthy of formal national recognition through awarding her an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).

**AWARDED AN HONORARY MEDAL (OAM)**

**IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**Mr Wayne Jude LINDSAY,** Boronia Heights QLD 4124

For service to the Australian and New Zealand veterans community.

Mr Wayne Lindsay is a Veteran of the New Zealand Defence Forces who has dedicated over 30 years to advocate for veteran welfare and support both in the south­-east Queensland area and further afield.

Mr Lindsay has voluntarily supported many veterans, including their families, widows and survivors, with navigating the reciprocal arrangements between the New Zealand and Australian Governments.

As Director, New Zealand Veterans in in Australia Inc., Mr Lindsay's passion and commitment to the veteran community has driven his enthusiasm to ensure that government support provided is compliant and timely, thereby reducing stress and anxiety in those already experiencing other service related challenges. Through his efforts a large number of veterans and their families, as well other qualifying former service members, have been able to access benefits and entitlements that they might otherwise not have received.

As such, Mr Wayne Lindsay's decades of voluntary service to supporting and advocating for the Australian and New Zealand veteran communities is worthy of formal national recognition with an Honorary Medal in the General Division of the Order of Australia (OAM).