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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Midwinter's Day 2026 Honours List

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

AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL (AAM)

Mr Shaun Christopher GILLIES
TAS

Ms Jennifer Susan MCGHEE

Dr Clive Reginald MCMAHON
Kingston Beach TAS 7050

Please Note: Further details relating to these recipients can be found at www.gg.gov.au.

By Her Excellency's Command

Gerard Martin PSM
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Australian Antarctic Medal (AAM)

Mr Shaun Christopher Gillies, TAS

For outstanding contribution to Australia's Antarctic program, through fostering resilient and cohesive station communities.

Mr Shaun Gillies has delivered a sustained and highly influential contribution to the Australian Antarctic Program through long-term service across multiple Antarctic and sub-Antarctic deployments. In a range of technical and leadership roles, Mr Gillies has played a key role in maintaining safe, and reliable station operations in some of the world's most challenging environments. Through this service, Mr Gillies strengthened station capability and helped shape resilient, cohesive station communities. His leadership and commitment to others have had a lasting impact on both the effectiveness of station operations and the experience of those who work in Antarctica.

Australian Antarctic Medal (AAM)

Ms Jennifer Susan McGhee

For outstanding contribution to Australia's Antarctic Program, through leadership in fostering safe, inclusive and resilient station communities.

Ms Jennifer McGhee has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian Antarctic Program through sustained service across multiple Antarctic and head office roles. Her work has focused on supporting people, building connections and strengthening the experience of those who work in Antarctic environments. Through this approach, Ms McGhee has played a key role in fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive station communities. Her contribution to culture and wellbeing has delivered lasting benefits for the people and teams who live and work in Antarctica.

Australian Antarctic Medal (AAM)

Dr Clive Reginald McMahon, Kingston Beach TAS 7050

For outstanding contribution to Australia's Antarctic Program, in marine mammal telemetry and ocean observing systems.

Dr Clive McMahon has made an outstanding contribution to Antarctic and Southern Ocean science through internationally recognised leadership in marine mammal telemetry and ocean observing systems. His work has driven the development of innovative methods for collecting environmental data in remote and extreme Antarctic environments. These advances have significantly strengthened Australia's Antarctic science capability and contributed to global understanding of ocean and climate systems. His work supports international research collaboration and enhances Australia's influence in Antarctic science.