

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Navy

Rear Admiral Steven John Tiffen AM CSM RAN (Retd)

For distinguished service in the field of Australian Defence Force ship construction, acquisition and sustainment.

Rear Admiral Tiffen demonstrated inspirational leadership and initiative in guiding Navy surface ship programs through challenging periods. His technical expertise, diligence and ability to work with a range of stakeholders led to a number of innovative program and industry changes. His efforts provided enduring benefits to ship construction, acquisition and sustainment. His performance and commitment to building a sovereign shipbuilding industry, coupled with his engineering and commercial experience, laid the foundation for an enduring Australian Defence capability.

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Australian Army

Lieutenant General (Hon) Cheryl Ann Pearce AM CSC

For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force and to international peace and security through institutional leadership, strategic vision, and enduring commitment to global military cooperation.

Lieutenant General (Hon) Pearce has rendered distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force through extraordinary institutional leadership and strategic vision. As Deputy Chief of Army, she shaped the future force through significant cultural and capability reform. Her leadership strengthened organisational resilience and enhanced operational effectiveness. As United Nations Military Adviser, she provided preeminent leadership on the global stage and has influenced the conduct and evolution of international peace operations. Her service has significantly enhanced Australia's reputation in support of international peace and security.

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Australian Army

Major General Richard Anthony Vagg DSC

For distinguished service as the lead military Director General for the Defence Strategic Review and as Head Land Capability.

Major General Vagg demonstrated distinguished service as Head Land Capability and lead military Director General for the Defence Strategic Review. He delivered Army's largest recapitalisation since the Second World War, introduced critical capabilities, championed innovation, and reformed command structures, significantly enhancing Army's preparedness and transformation to meet future strategic challenges.

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Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Bradley Valentine Lahey

For exceptional service as a Command Warrant Officer in the Royal Australian Navy.

Warrant Officer Lahey demonstrated exceptional leadership across key Navy roles, fostering morale and cohesion through leadership and innovation whilst strengthening Navy–community ties. He led major reform of the Warrant Officer advancement process, improving transparency, governance and workforce resilience. He spearheaded the implementation of Sexual Ethics and Respectful Relationships training Fleet-wide, collaborating with international partners to deliver an inclusive program designed to improve workplace behaviours and culture.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Paul James O'Grady DSM CSM RAN

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in senior leadership positions.

Commodore O'Grady demonstrated exceptional leadership in transforming Royal Australian Navy and Joint Operational doctrine. He led a team in the development of a new warfighting concept that effectively prioritises resources and enhances lethality across Fleet. His leadership during Operation COVID-19 ASSIST and during organisational restructure was instrumental in achieving and improving operational outcomes and performance. Collectively, his efforts have improved the Australian Defence Force's agility, cohesion and long-term warfighting capability.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Heath Jay Robertson CSC RAN

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in training, strategic engagement, and senior leadership roles.

Commodore Robertson demonstrated exceptional service spanning numerous roles across Navy, reshaping training activities, enhancing strategic partnerships, and redefining Support Force's role within Fleet Command. His ability to influence strategic relationships and re-shape Support Force to enhance Fleet operations will have positive impacts on the Royal Australian Navy for decades to come.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Jan Elizabeth Wiltshire CSC and Bar RAN

For exceptional service in delivering strategic personnel capability for the Australian Defence Force.

Commodore Wiltshire demonstrated exceptional leadership and strategic impact throughout her career. In complex and demanding senior appointments she delivered strategic level outcomes and transformed leadership programs. Under her guidance, Defence Force Recruiting achieved record applicant numbers and enlistments. She significantly enhanced the strategic personnel capability effects achieving enterprise level priorities to generate Defence capability.

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Australian Army

Brigadier Shaun James Hoffmann

For exceptional performance of duty as Director General Land Manoeuvre Systems

Brigadier Hoffmann's exceptional performance and inspiring leadership in key acquisition and sustainment roles within the Land Systems Division has directly contributed to achieving the accelerated delivery of priority warfighting capabilities for the Australian Defence Force. His efforts are of strategic significance and have been instrumental in advancing Australia's air and missile defence, protected mobile fires system, and long-range strike capabilities at an accelerated rate, meeting the objectives of the National Defence Strategy.

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Australian Army

Brigadier David William McCammon DSM and Bar

For exceptional performance of duties as Commander 3rd Brigade and Commander Australian Army Cadets.

Brigadier McCammon's career reflects sustained excellence in command, operational leadership, strategic influence, and enduring contributions to Army capability and youth development. His distinguished service is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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Australian Army

Brigadier Timothy Peter Orders

For exceptional service as an Officer in the Australian Army over various positions.

Brigadier Orders' command of the 9th Brigade has significantly enhanced Army's capability and operational effectiveness. His exceptional leadership, dedication to the wellbeing of personnel, and his ability to generate capability whilst dealing with significant change has directly enabled a number of successful operations and exercises, while posturing his force for the changing strategic circumstances. His exemplary service is of the highest order and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Matthew Stephen Elliott

For exceptional service in workforce analytics, major project acquisition support, and enterprise data reform for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Elliott has delivered exceptional service through his enduring enterprise solutions over an extended period of time in workforce analytics. He has shaped the future of Air Force capability through his pivotal support to the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter acquisition program and beyond. His foresight and persistence have ensured that Air Force possesses resilient, data-driven tools to manage its workforce and future force structure.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Martin Thomas Parker

For exceptional service as Commanding Officer Number 75 Squadron and his role in the development of agile operations and battle worthiness.

Group Captain Parker has achieved exceptional results through his outstanding leadership of Number 75 Squadron and through his pioneering development of an enhanced battleworthiness assessment process for Air Force. Group Captain Parker's leadership, foresight and initiative accelerated development of the Australian agile operations concept, thus enabling flexible deployment of the F-35A Lightning II in regional contexts to enhance international partnerships and regional security.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Todd Matthew Woodford

For exceptional service in the advancement of Australia's airborne electronic attack and long-range strike capabilities.

Wing Commander Woodford has employed exceptional leadership and been a foundational figure in the establishment of the EA-18G Growler in Australian service. His ability to build relationships within the United States Navy EA-18G program has shaped Australia's strike and electronic warfare capability.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Susan Elizabeth Yates

For exceptional performance of duty in improving the lives of women in service and demonstrated commitment to improving the retention of women in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Yates' exceptional achievements as National Program Coordinator of the Women's Integrated Networking Groups program has adeptly supported the retention of Royal Australian Air Force women. Her dedication to this initiative is a reflection of her commitment to improving the lives of women in service. Her outstanding contributions have ensured the program has evolved and expanded to deliver strategic and enduring impacts for Air Force.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commander Kate Elizabeth Alston RAN

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in personnel support roles.

Commander Alston significantly contributed to improvements in personnel management in the Royal Australian Navy. Her inspirational leadership, work ethic and organisational abilities enabled her to make substantial enhancements in personnel management over successive postings within Navy and Defence Personnel organisations. This included development of robust, fair, transparent and repeatable policy and processes as well as advocacy for our People in selection processes and the administration of employment conditions.

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Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Marcus Nathan Effrett

For meritorious service in the fields of Navy operational seamanship and training.

Chief Petty Officer Effrett's efforts significantly enhanced operational efficiency in the field of Seamanship and Capability Delivery to the Royal Australian Navy and Partner Nations, at sea and ashore. He implemented cost-effective solutions, and ensured the safety and well-being of all personnel. Demonstrating extraordinary leadership, he fostered resilient teams while contributing to ongoing maritime commitments and operations.

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Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Mohab Hanna RAN

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of maintenance delivery services to the Royal Australian Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Hanna demonstrated leadership and performance over an extensive career that included a number of complex sea and shore support postings in the field of maintenance delivery services. The professionalism, enthusiasm, and commitment exhibited by Lieutenant Commander Hanna impacted positively the operational effect of the Royal Australian Navy and the ongoing maintenance delivery support services.

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Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Bradley Scott Martin

For meritorious service to the Navy in the field of military catering operations.

Warrant Officer Martin demonstrated professionalism, dedication and leadership in the provision of upgraded catering facilities, equipment and services across Navy bases. His efforts boosted overall catering operations through enhancing the quality, efficiency, and safety of meal services. These enhanced catering operations directly contributed to increasing the morale, welfare, safety and operational effectiveness of personnel.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commander David Evan O'Toole RAN

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of Navy Aviation Operational Policy and Airworthiness.

Commander O'Toole contributed significantly to the safe and efficient delivery of Naval Aviation outputs to Fleet through superior knowledge, skills, professionalism and leadership over a number of years. He implemented practical and cultural improvements in identifying, analysing and addressing aviation-related hazards, in turn ensuring the delivery of operationally ready naval aviation combat power to the Australian Fleet as an essential element in the defence of Australia.

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Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Robert Scott Varian RAN (Retd)

For meritorious service as a Submarine Acoustic Intelligence Specialist and Intelligence Officer while deployed on Operation VIGILANCE.

Lieutenant Commander Varian has made a remarkable contribution toward the effectiveness of the Australian Submarine Service and Acoustic Intelligence for more than three decades. He has delivered significant outcomes in tremendously challenging conditions, over multiple operational deployments, in both Australian and United States Navy submarines. Throughout his career, his excellent commitment, expertise and dedication to duty were instrumental in generating strategic levels of acoustic intelligence for Australia, Allies and Partners.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commander David Anthony Wright RAN

For meritorious service in the field of Naval Mine Warfare.

Commander David Wright significantly advanced the Navy's Mine Warfare capability. He led the replacement of legacy systems, and the introduction of a deployable Maritime Mining capability, enhancing tactical advantage. He strengthened international partnerships, improving interoperability and strategic cooperation. His achievements reflect exceptional dedication and have elevated the operational effectiveness of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Michael William Beeton

For meritorious performance of duty as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Australian Army Band.

Warrant Officer Class One Beeton has made a significant contribution to increasing the capability of Defence bands and providing a more effective training continuum for Defence musicians through his professionalism, innovation and superior trade skills. Critical improvements in the areas of noise management and workplace safety has ensured the protection and welfare of Australian Army Band musicians well into the future. His presence and performance on the international stage has been superior and is in keeping with the finest traditions of his Corps and the Army.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Scott Russell Caswell

For meritorious performance of duty as a Master Gunner in the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Caswell made a significant contribution to the Australian Army's force projection and lethality through his exceptional dedication in both the Explosive Ordnance test and evaluation capabilities culminating in the completion of the Land 17 Phase 1C.2 project, as well as his leadership and stewardship at the Land Warfare Centre South Australian Wing. His superior skills, knowledge and dedication over a sustained period, across multiple disciplines is exemplary. The benefits of his tireless devotion and work will be realised by the Australian Army over many years.

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Australian Army

Major Andrew Scott Crook

For meritorious performance of duty as a Regimental Sergeant Major and senior enlisted leader in the Australian Army.

Major Crook is a leader who has demonstrated exemplary performance in a range of demanding senior soldier appointments over five postings spanning ten years. His unwavering initiative, performance of duty, and sustained meritorious service have significantly enhanced Army capability through the development of professional and capable officers and soldiers. His contributions are of the highest order and reflect the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Wayne Robert Davis

For meritorious performance of duty as an Artificer Sergeant Major and as the Master Artificer Technician Electrical for the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Davis made a significant contribution to the Army's operational effectiveness through remarkable initiative, superior leadership and technical knowledge, and performance of duty over a number of postings. His innovation and reform of Army's electrical trade training has safeguarded future capability, while his strategic influence as Master Artificer Technician Electrical shaped the modernisation of land materiel systems. His service reflects great credit upon himself and upholds the highest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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Australian Army

Major Craig Fairweather

For meritorious service in military engineering for the Australian Army.

Major Fairweather's engineering expertise and leadership has contributed to Australia's defence objectives across the Indo-Pacific region. His remarkable project management skills and dedication to mentoring have enhanced Army's engineering capability, while his technical excellence has advanced Australia's strategic partnerships. His achievements have created enduring benefits for Defence and partner nations, as well as the Aboriginal community, and exemplify the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Adam Boyd Harper

For meritorious performance of duty as a joint movements specialist within the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Class One Harper made an enormous and lasting contribution to the joint movements community through his meritorious performance of duty over multiple appointments. Through his steadfast and diligent commitment to increasing the operational capability of the 1st Joint Movements Unit, he has greatly improved the effectiveness of support to all Australian Defence Force Joint Operations, Activities and Investments.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Alison Lee Huber

For meritorious performance of duty in Army People Capability Branch and the Directorate of Australian Defence Force Human Resource Information Systems.

Warrant Officer Class One Huber continuously demonstrated exemplary commitment to duty and made a remarkable contribution to the Defence People System. Displaying incisive leadership and a commitment to continuous improvement, she inspired change and implemented processes that improve accuracy of Defence personnel records. She applied her extensive subject matter expertise to support implementation of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran's Suicide outcomes and influence the future operating model for Human Resource Information Systems.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One David Nutini

For meritorious service to training and capability integration as the Regimental Sergeant Major in the Australian Army over various appointments.

Warrant Officer Class One Nutini provided sustained meritorious service over a decade of continuous leadership across unique unit, formation and corps-level roles. His leadership to bridge technical and cultural needs, to advance aerial delivery, artillery, and combined arms capabilities was admirable. His generation of soldier-focused, welfare-informed training systems and his influential approach to integration made a direct impact on soldier skills, attitudes, and teamwork to progress capability. His commitment to each role is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Gregg Pierre Orlicki

For meritorious performance of duty as the Regimental Sergeant Major within various units.

Warrant Officer Class One Orlicki epitomises the Defence values of service and excellence. His remarkable contributions to 3rd, 7th and 11th Brigades, through devotion to upskilling soldier marksmanship, mounted manoeuvre in non-armoured fighting vehicles, and driver proficiencies has significantly enhanced the readiness of the Army. His meritorious performance, significant personal dedication and commitment to excellence, as Regimental Sergeant Major across three distinctly different units, brings credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Scott William Atkinson

For meritorious service in the advancement of catering capabilities for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Atkinson's application of outstanding skills and tireless efforts achieved significant enhancements to the culture of the Air Force Catering Workforce and advanced the Air Force catering capability. Through exemplary commitment, Warrant Officer Atkinson developed and implemented solutions to emerging workforce pressures enhancing Air Force catering and culture at all levels. His remarkable accomplishments have resulted in a range of enduring advancements and cost savings that serve to highlight his extraordinary commitment to service.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Tobias David Peach

For meritorious service as a High Frequency Radar and Space Surveillance Subject Matter Expert within the Australian Defence Force.

Flight Lieutenant (Acting Squadron Leader) Peach's extensive operational experience, ingenuity and exceptional technical knowledge have been crucial to the operation, development and delivery of High Frequency Radar and space surveillance capabilities to the Royal Australian Air Force. His unwavering dedication to the successful introduction of multiple phases of Project AIR2025 and key space capabilities has enhanced Australia's national interests, contributed materially to the partnership with the United States, and has led to a strategic surveillance capability for Australia that is world-leading.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Alan Ross Turner

For meritorious service in the development of health capability for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Turner significantly advanced the Royal Australian Air Force health capability and readiness, joint integration and overall retention of health professionals through inspirational leadership, exceptional personal dedication, and extraordinary acumen. He is the epitome of professionalism and his exceptional service over a prolonged period in an extremely challenging strategic environment has produced lasting benefits that will improve the growth and retention of a highly skilled Defence health workforce.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC and Bar)

Australian Army

Colonel Tracy Merlene Allison CSC

For outstanding devotion to duty in support of Army members and their families during the management of sensitive and strategic matters.

Colonel Allison has displayed remarkable skills as Deputy Chief of Staff – Army Headquarters. Colonel Allison's outstanding devotion to duty in support of Army members and their families through the inquiry into events surrounding the 2023 MRH-90 Taipan helicopter accident, a period of significant uncertainty and pressure, was impressive, and directly contributed to improved mental wellbeing outcomes for those involved.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Bernadette Leon Alexander RAN

For outstanding achievement in the fields of Navy Capability, Shipbuilding and Sustainment.

Captain Alexander persistently demonstrated acute strategic and political acumen in her frank, researched and accurate advice, recommendations and counsel to senior Defence leaders. She presented thorough, perceptive and outcomes-driven proposals, and fostered and encouraged focussed organisational and individual discipline, enhancing the culture and relationships across Navy and Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Jorge Mathew McKee CSM RAN

For outstanding achievement in the application of extraordinary skill and judgement as Commander Combined Task Force 153 from October 2024 to April 2025.

Captain McKee made an outstanding contribution to maritime security operations in the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandeb Strait, and Gulf of Aden during a period of frequent missile attacks against naval and merchant shipping on a vital global trade route. Leading a multinational staff from thirteen nations, his unifying leadership enabled effective coordination in a high-threat environment. His management of coalition forces and engagement with regional partners under complex geopolitical conditions enhanced maritime security and reinforced Australia's reputation for capability and leadership.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Christopher Richard Searle RAN

For outstanding achievement as the Director Navy Strategic Logistics.

Captain Searle's commitment, focus and dedication were instrumental in successfully implementing a Memorandum of Understanding for Navy Logistics with the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, the use of remote and autonomous systems for logistics resupply and the introduction of Vertical Launch System resupply in Northern Australia. His exceptional contributions have resulted in developments that significantly enhance the Navy's ability to sustain maritime capability in an increasingly contested environment.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Scott John Squires RAN

For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of Maritime Operational Health for the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander Squires displayed outstanding commitment in driving the safety and capability improvement for delivery of health to personnel deployed in the maritime domain. Through strategic foresight, meticulous attention and dedication, he advanced trauma care in the Navy and Defence health enterprise, enhancing joint integration, allied interoperability and reputation in military healthcare. His successful demonstration and implementation of a new method for safe management of frozen blood products will greatly enhance medical care when Navy ships are deployed in austere maritime environments.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Richard James Adamson

For outstanding achievement in advancing tactical communications and developing warfighting-focused communicators.

Lieutenant Colonel Adamson has demonstrated outstanding leadership, innovation, and achievement in advancing tactical communications and shaping warfighting-focused communicators. His achievements have significantly enhanced the preparedness of tactical force elements and will deliver enduring capability benefits to the Australian Army.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Suzanne Eileen Albury

For outstanding devotion to duty as Commanding Officer of the 7th Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare).

Lieutenant Colonel Albury exercised disciplined and decisive command, ensuring the 7th Signal Regiment excelled in Electronic Warfare readiness while establishing enduring relationships and procedures in highly complex circumstances. She consistently exceeded expectations, significantly strengthened unit identity, and enhanced the Regiment's standing within the Army both domestically and internationally across all domains.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Patrick Allen

For outstanding devotion to duty and leadership as Commanding Officer 5th/6th Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Allen has made an indelible impact on the reputation, credibility and performance of the Brigade through his outstanding leadership and selfless devotion to 5th/6th Royal Victoria Regiment. His direction, command presence and calm, personal leadership style were critical in the Battalion being ready to meet the directed operational and force generation demands. His outstanding performance has brought great credit to himself and has significantly enhanced the capabilities of the Australian Army.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Haydn William Barlow

For outstanding achievement in the execution of Australian Army public affairs and strategic communications.

Lieutenant Colonel Barlow demonstrated outstanding skill and dedication as a strategic advisor and leader within the Australian Army Public Affairs Corps. He has played a vital role in enabling the Chief of Army to shape and communicate the Australian Army's vision following the release of the National Defence Strategy 2024. His leadership as the Head of Corps of the Australian Army Public Affairs Corps has created a generational impact with enduring benefits across the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Major Joshua Simon Clarke

For outstanding achievement in command and space capability development as Officer Commanding Number 74 Squadron.

Major Clarke's extraordinary leadership and technical excellence have been pivotal to ensuring the rapid and effective development of Space capability in a time of significant organisational and capability change. Through his drive, leadership, and bias for action, he achieved the integration of critical space capabilities across domains, and significantly advanced the Australian Defence Force's warfighting capabilities.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Travis Philip Day

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Travis Day has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership, judgment, and dedication to duty as Commanding Officer of the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment. His efforts have significantly enhanced the Regiment's capabilities and culture, while elevating the standing of the Australian Defence Force internationally. His contributions will have a lasting positive impact on strategic relationships, Army's reputation and operational capability.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy John Farrell

For outstanding achievement as the lead contingency campaign planner at Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell demonstrated exceptional leadership and strategic acumen as the lead contingency campaign planner at Headquarters Joint Operations Command, developing a critical operational plan that significantly advanced Australia's national security. His work unified Defence, government agencies, and international allies, and was instrumental in refining military preparedness through rigorous exercises and war games. His achievements have positioned him as a thought-leader within Defence and delivered enduring value to Australia's defence strategy.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Michael William Finch

For outstanding devotion to duty as Chief Operations Officer, United Nations Disengagement Observer Force whilst deployed on Operation FORTITUDE.

Lieutenant Colonel Finch's outstanding performance as Chief Operations Officer of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force was fundamental to its success in achieving its mandate and in ensuring the safety and security of its personnel during a significant period of regional instability and uncertainty. His outstanding devotion to duty is of the highest order and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel David James Hickey

For outstanding devotion to duty as Commanding Officer of the 20th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery.

Lieutenant Colonel Hickey has made outstanding contributions to Defence's Uncrewed Aerial Systems capability through his devotion to duty and superior leadership of the 20th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery during a period of significant cultural, organisational, and technological transformation. His efforts ensured continuity of operational capability while enhancing the Regiment's morale, cohesion, and overall performance in support of Australia's national border protection mission.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Peter Long

For outstanding achievement in tactical logistics design and enabling 3rd Brigade's transformation to an Armoured Formation.

Lieutenant Colonel Long, through outstanding leadership, ingenuity, and achievement, has significantly enhanced the functionality and survivability of tactical logistics for formations preparing for expeditionary large-scale combat operations. He has been instrumental in enabling the transformation of the 3rd Brigade into an Armoured Formation. His achievements have brought great credit upon himself and his team, advanced Army capability, and reflect the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Markus Roland Ludwig

For outstanding achievement in support of the Defence People System.

Lieutenant Colonel Ludwig demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication as the Staff Officer Grade One - Military Employment Classification Determinations. His unwavering commitment to reforming this complex area of career management positively impacted thousands of members and their families. His efforts have ensured transparency and empathy for individuals in approaches to decision-making and strengthened support to Command Teams, whilst preserving operational effectiveness.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Ryan James Mitchell

For outstanding achievement as a senior Staff Officer in Joint Operations Command and Commanding Officer of Task Force 12 on Operation OKRA from January 2023 to November 2024.

Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell demonstrated outstanding achievement in the application of extraordinary skills and judgment in two challenging senior staff and command roles associated with Joint Operations Command and Special Operations Command. Through foresight, judgement and composure in challenging operational circumstances, Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell substantially strengthened and safeguarded the Australian Defence Force operational posture in Europe and the Middle East. Through this performance, Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell enabled others to excel.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Glenn Leon Neilson DSM

For outstanding achievement in the advancement of Army's collective training methodologies and the enhancement of the Australian Army's combat capability.

Lieutenant Colonel Glenn Leon Neilson has demonstrated outstanding leadership and innovation in transforming the Australian Army's approach to Advanced Collective Training. By integrating performance coaching and modern training methodologies, he has enhanced the effectiveness of Army's largest tactical teams, ensuring they remain agile, resilient, and prepared for the complexities of warfare. His efforts have strengthened international partnerships and significantly improved Army's force preparedness, delivering enduring benefits to the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Damien Ripper

For outstanding achievement in the development of Littoral Manoeuvre capabilities in the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Ripper has made a remarkable contribution to the momentous capability development that the littoral manoeuvre program will have on the Army and the Australian Defence Force. His commitment, professionalism and leadership has delivered outstanding achievements in infrastructure management, workforce planning, and training design will enable Australian soldiers to fight and win on the modern battlefield.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Justin Robinson

For outstanding achievement in the development of capability in support of homeland defence.

Lieutenant Colonel Robinson's conspicuous efforts as a Commanding Officer have significantly enhanced the capability of the 25th/49th Battalion, the Royal Queensland Regiment, through introduction of equipment, training and qualifications. His outstanding leadership and management of resources has effectively advanced homeland defence capability of the 2nd (Australian) Division. His service is of the highest order and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Colonel Wendy Claire Say

For outstanding devotion to duty as an officer in the Australian Army over various positions.

Colonel Say, as Commanding Officer of the Land Warfare Centre, has demonstrated focused leadership, dedication and inspirational vision, which has enabled Army's transformation of soldier and officer intermediate and advanced foundation training. As the Staff Officer Grade One Training Strategy and Concepts, her outstanding leadership, technical acumen and prodigious work achievements in training strategy and concepts have instrumentally advanced the individual force generation outputs of the Land Domain Training System.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Brooke Idoline Steele

For outstanding achievement as the principal staff officer for logistics within Headquarters 2nd (Australian) Division and Commanding Officer 8th Operational Support Unit.

Lieutenant Colonel Steele demonstrated outstanding leadership as the principal staff officer for logistics within Headquarters 2nd (Australian) Division and Joint Task Force 629. Her foresight and planning were instrumental to the Task Force's response to national disasters and the Division's adaptation to a new role and mission. Her steadfast dedication and leadership were critical to the successful establishment of the 8th Operational Support Unit. Her commitment and her leadership are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Wayne Joseph Armstrong

For outstanding devotion to duty in Special Access Program administration, governance and capability development for the Royal Australian Air Force and Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Armstrong has made an outstanding contribution to Special Access Program governance and capability across Defence on behalf of Air Force. Through faultless leadership and superior drive, he spearheaded Air Force Special Access Program reform enabling the delegation of key authorities directly to Air Force. His outstanding efforts have enhanced war-fighter access to advanced capabilities while also enabling the employment of capabilities that have contributed to Australian national security and the strength of the United States and Australia alliance.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Nicholas Clive Chapman

For outstanding achievement in MQ-4C Triton aircrew training and capability realisation in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Chapman has made an outstanding contribution to the aircrew training and procedural frameworks of the Royal Australian Air Force MQ-4C Triton capability in the face of resource limitations and unique challenges in operating a first-of-type platform. An extraordinary officer displaying outstanding dedication, foresight and technical leadership, as well as remarkable skills and judgement contending with a complex capability system.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Stephen William Clark

For outstanding achievement in technical leadership of the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol capability.

Warrant Officer Clark made outstanding contributions to the culture and effectiveness of the Number 11 Squadron technical workforce through implementing a workforce-planning framework to sustain increased operational tasking of the P-8A Poseidon capability. An exemplary Warrant Officer Engineer demonstrating inspirational leadership, superior technical acumen and steadfast commitment in pursuit of operational excellence.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader Emily Margaret Hartley

For outstanding achievement in C-17A sustainment support for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader Hartley's conspicuous application of skill and leadership across the joint C-17A program has delivered remarkable improvements in C-17A heavy air lift sustainment. Her outstanding efforts and astute leadership in logistics preparedness, heavy maintenance and modification planning has decreased C-17A sustainment costs, improved aircraft safety, enhanced logistics preparedness while vastly increasing aircraft availability for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Terrence John Lewis

For outstanding achievement as the Provost Marshal-Australian Defence Force and Commander Joint Military Police Unit.

Group Captain Lewis is an outstanding officer who led the modernisation and reform of the Joint Military Police capability. Displaying exceptional dedication, leadership and astute engagement skills, he significantly enhanced Defence's reputation and relationship with law enforcement stakeholders across Australia. His initiative and professionalism improved the Military Police capability and enhanced support to vulnerable witnesses during investigations.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Peter James Mole

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of Number 114 Mobile Control and Reporting Unit.

Wing Commander Mole has made an enduring contribution in the development of the next generation of Air Force leaders, outstanding Unit culture, and the transition of the Mobile Control and Reporting Centre into a credible, agile tactical air command and control capability for the Joint Force and the defence of Australia. He has continuously displayed outstanding skill, inspiring leadership, genuine compassion and empowerment of his people through a once-in-a-generation capability transition and unit transformation.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Sergeant Joshua Siegfried Schoeneck

For outstanding achievement in enhancing cyber-security policy, procedures and training to assure E-7A Wedgetail cyberworthiness.

Flight Sergeant Schoeneck's outstanding technical understanding, innovation and dedication to duty has significantly streamlined and enhanced cyber-security management, and appreciably reduced the cyber risk of the E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Mission and Operational Support Systems. Following the successful operational deployment of the E-7A Wedgetail and support systems to Germany, the improvements developed and implemented by Flight Sergeant Schoeneck has been adopted by Defence to enhance the cyber-security management for future Australian Defence Force capabilities.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Leading Seaman Luke Anthony Bonanno

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Weapons System Controller on HMAS *Waller*.

Leading Seaman Bonanno consistently demonstrated dedication to the crew of HMAS *Waller* and her operational tasks through the management of critical defects and upskilling of personnel. Leading by example, he displayed exceptional resilience under pressure and maintained high technical standards. He consistently contributed to ensuring that peak operational readiness was maintained.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Michelle Ann Bush

For meritorious achievement as a Physical Training Instructor at the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School.

Chief Petty Officer Bush significantly contributed to Navy's initial entry recruit training. Her comprehensive analysis of injury and fitness data informed Recruiting policy, while her restructure of milestone activities enhanced training safety and effectiveness. Her leadership, professionalism and commitment to the development of recruits and instructors has directly supported the generation of a resilient and operationally prepared workforce.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Christopher James Ellis RAN

For meritorious achievement as the Commanding Officer of HMA Submarines *Collins*, *Waller*, and *Dechaineux*.

Commander Ellis demonstrated outstanding skills, leadership and dedication in contributing to submarine force generation and the associated enhancement of Navy's capability. Displaying inclusive leadership and tactical excellence, he led his team through difficult maintenance periods and training operations while contributing to new training avenues for Australia's submarine community. His outstanding leadership in command of multiple submarines and his passion for community engagement has helped to enhance the culture, attitudes and competencies of current and future generations of Australian submariners.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander David Ross Sinclair RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty in the capability assurance and upgrade of the Australian Defence Force's fleet of MH-60R Seahawk helicopters.

Lieutenant Commander Sinclair expertly led the introduction of multiple MH-60R capability upgrades, demonstrating exceptional leadership and project management acumen. Sinclair has autonomously coalesced and strengthened many diverse stakeholder relationships across Defence and with the United States Navy. His ability to manage complexity and ambiguity, whilst delivering under pressure has made a significant and enduring impact to the MH-60R capability, for the Australian Defence Force and the United States Navy.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Vanessa Jane Toohey

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Supply Chain Specialist supporting the Air Warfare Destroyer Enterprise.

Through her professionalism and dedication, Chief Petty Officer Toohey ensured critical logistics integration across the Hobart Class fleet, enabling urgent sustainment, optimising material readiness, and directly enhancing availability. Her superior professional mastery has contributed to successful deployments, complex maintenance evolutions, and first-of-class upgrades. Her efforts were integral to the ships contributing to Australia's regional presence and strategic maritime projection.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major Nicholas Erlwell Aplin

For meritorious achievement in operational planning and force modernisation within Logistics Operations.

Major Aplin's exemplary staff work and unwavering commitment to optimising operational plans, force modernisation and logistical preparedness has profoundly enhanced the 2nd (Australian) Division and Joint Task Force 629's readiness to fulfil its three distinct missions of homeland defence, emergency support and domestic incident response. Through his remarkable leadership, innovation and dedication, Major Aplin has enabled Defence to draw on its latent capacity and better assure its obligations under a broadened national security strategy.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Anthony Owen Begnell

For meritorious achievement in the planning and execution of training to convert to the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System.

Warrant Officer Class Two Begnell displayed meritorious achievement in a period that has seen 111th Battery withdraw legacy systems, receive the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System and convert the air and missile defence workforce through Introduction into Service Training. He guided 111th Battery through changes to employment categories and strategic changes. He made a positive impact on recruitment and retention of soldiers within the Battery at a critical time for the air and missile defence capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Sergeant Joshua Steven Bowman

For meritorious achievement in enhancing combat health training across the Australian Army.

Sergeant Bowman's leadership, creativity and unwavering dedication duty has made a significant contribution to Army health capability through the advancement of combat medical training. His passion for combat medicine and relentless pursuit of excellence has driven improvements in training and uplifted clinical skills. His development of a purpose-built training simulation centre, replicating battlefield medicine conditions and incorporating high fidelity training, has resulted in lasting improvements in survivability for health professionals and combatants.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major Brenton Matthew Chapman

For meritorious achievement as the Officer Commanding 35th Water Transport Squadron and contribution to Project Land 8710 Littoral Manoeuvre Program.

Major Chapman's strong leadership, professionalism, and unwavering dedication enabled increased support to Operation RESOLUTE and Project Land 8710. His commitment to upskilling Marine Specialists improved retention and accelerated training, significantly enhancing Army's water transport capability. His achievements are of the highest order and uphold the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Francis Coales

For meritorious achievement as Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Western Australian University Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Coales demonstrated meritorious professionalism and unwavering dedication in his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Western Australian University Regiment during a period of significant and unprecedented change in its structure and training. His mentorship of officer cadets, senior soldiers and junior officers, along with his broader engagement with the community of Western Australia, have ensured significantly improved capability for Army within the region.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy James Dawe

For meritorious achievement as Investigations Manager, Unrecovered War Casualties-Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Dawe has demonstrated meritorious achievement leading investigations into unrecovered war casualties. He has enhanced Army's reputation through the successful delivery of many positive missing soldier identification outcomes. His work has resulted in significant and enduring enhancements to Army capability and a positive narrative which serve to highlight his skills and personal attributes.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Christopher Patrick Fallon

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Works Supervisor at 19th Chief Engineer Works.

Warrant Officer Class Two Fallon's meritorious devotion to duty and his exemplary project management, stakeholder engagement and commitment to local capacity building have been integral in advancing Australia's strategic objectives in Fiji. His leadership, mentoring, and achievements contributed to mission success and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the 1st (Australian) Division, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Sonya Kaye Francis

For meritorious devotion to duty in the fields of logistics management and provision of welfare support at the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class One Francis has substantially enhanced the capability of the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment through the provision of exemplary logistics support to operationally deployed forces, and transformation of supply chain systems in the face of significant challenges. Through compassionate leadership and provision of welfare support, Warrant Officer Francis has also significantly enhanced the lived experience of female soldiers in the Northern Territory. A remarkable Warrant Officer displaying meritorious professionalism and perseverance.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Corey Wayne Freckleton

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Manager Operations Offensive Support of the Supporting Arms Coordination Centre for Headquarters Australian Amphibious Force.

Warrant Officer Class Two Freckleton's determined pursuit of technical expertise within digital procedures, capacity for work and initiative have been critical to operational preparedness and enabled multiple complex combined joint live fire exercises, domestically and internationally. His commitment to technical mastery and development of Standard Operating Procedures has served to progress the Targeting Enterprise and the employment of joint fires and effects.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major Christopher Raymond Grimes

For meritorious devotion to duty as a United Nations Military Observer deployed on Operation PALADIN from January 2024 to January 2025.

Major Grimes performed to a superior level as the Chief of Operations for Observer Group Lebanon, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization during regional war. His personal example, inspirational leadership, and conspicuous devotion to duties under sustained adversity were paramount to the delivery of the United Nation's mandate in southern Lebanon and the safety and security of the multinational observer team.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Scott James Kelly

For meritorious achievement as the Formation Artificer and Acting Formation Logistics Officer of the Land Combat College.

As the inaugural Formation Artificer of the Land Combat College, Warrant Officer Class One Kelly worked tirelessly to remediate capability shortfalls, expertly mentored and upskilled his team and absorbed governance responsibilities across seven Training Establishments, four without an Artificer Sergeant Major. His meritorious oversight and management of maintenance systems alleviated contracted maintenance pressures, delivered enduring maintenance capability uplift across Victoria, and enabled uninterrupted training for more than 15,000 soldiers and officers.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Daniel John Leatham

For meritorious achievement as the Regimental Artificer Sergeant Major of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class One Leatham has made a significant contribution towards the National Defence Strategy through the modernisation of the Australian Army's armoured capability. His remarkable service maintained the availability of the armoured vehicle fleets while concurrently managing the upgrade and introduction into service of the M1A2 Main Battle Tank. His meritorious achievements have directly advanced Army's future armoured capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Matthew John Solis

For meritorious achievement as the Reconnaissance and Surveillance Section Commander and Platoon Sergeant within the 31st/42nd Battalion, the Royal Queensland Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class Two Solis is recognised for meritorious achievement in developing an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance capability within the 2nd (Australian) Division from 2021 to 2024. Through his exceptional vision, initiative and sustained dedication, he has delivered an enduring capability that enhances the Division's warfighting function and strengthens the Australian Army's ability to achieve tactical, operational and strategic effects.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Pete J Tarling

For meritorious achievement as the Brigade Major of 10th (Fires) Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Tarling's operational leadership as Brigade Major of Army's 10th Fires Brigade has significantly enhanced the Brigade's reputation and capability. He successfully managed current and future operations and planning, delivering major training milestones and achieving the early realisation of a viable Long Range Fires capability well ahead of schedule. His efforts fulfilled a key requirement of the 2024 National Defence Strategy and reflect the highest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Scott David Thomas

For meritorious devotion to duty in providing workforce behaviour analytics to Army's units, formations and commands.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas' meritorious devotion to duty, over the period 2023 to 2025 has directly contributed and positively influenced the management of Army's workforce. His dedication to understanding, sharing and educating commanders, wider Army and Defence on Army's workforce behaviours has led to data informed policy, risk and workforce decisions, ensuring the best outcomes for all Army personnel. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas' devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Captain Aaron Kenneth Wurfel

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two National Entry, Combined Joint Theatre Support Component, Joint Operations Command.

Captain Wurfel demonstrated meritorious leadership and devotion to duty in the development of the National Entry Cell and in enabling the entry of allies and partner nations to rehearse during Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025. His foresight, initiative and attention to detail has been critical to the successful entry of partner nation forces into Australia and their conduct in the exercise. The framework, tools and processes he has designed will provide the foundation of an enduring national entry capability into the future.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Sergeant Lawson David Alick

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Military Recruiter enabling the transformation of the recruiting operating framework within Defence Force Recruiting.

Sergeant Lawson Alick made an outstanding contribution to the overall enhancement of Defence Force Recruiting capability through the design and implementation of recruiting systems, including the development and implementation of an alternative education assessment tool. An exceptional Non-Commissioned Officer, he improved the efficiency of the recruitment pipeline to support the increased volume of candidates progressing to enlistment and reducing the time taken to progress. His work has directly contributed to expanding and accelerating recruitment pathways.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader Charles Griffiths Goodacre

For meritorious achievement in the development of maritime strike integrated tactical procedures in support of National Defence Strategy objectives.

Squadron Leader Goodacre made a remarkable contribution in the development, implementation and continuous refinement of Integrated Tactical Procedures for Maritime Strike in support of delivering initial Long Range Anti-Ship Missile operational capability. Displaying exceptional organisational skill, astute judgement and exceptional dedication to duty. His effective management built, refined and delivered operational capability that directly supports Australia's National Defence Strategy whilst bolstering the Royal Australian Air Force's lethality and reputation of excellence.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Mark Douglas Jobson

For meritorious achievement as Staff Officer Grade One Defence Security Operations Centre.

Wing Commander Jobson demonstrated excellent leadership and expert judgement to build consensus and win scarce resources to achieve uplifts in the Defence Security Operations Centre capability. His personal dedication and moral courage to escalate the realised risk of capability and champion change saw consequential improvements to the training, organisation and operation of the capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Mark William Powell

For outstanding achievement and dedication in workforce modelling, simulation and planning to deliver the optimal people element of capability for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Group Captain Powell has made an exceptional contribution and enduring impact to the development and application of Air Force workforce modelling and simulation techniques. Displaying superior knowledge, devotion, commitment, and outstanding leadership, he was pivotal in developing leading-edge Air Force workforce modelling and analysis capability. His endeavours directly enabled an improvement in evidence-based strategic workforce decisions; underpinning the successful growth in the Air Force workforce in the most challenging economic circumstances.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Alexander James Quitzau

For meritorious achievement in the application of exceptional skills, and judgement in air mobility planning for the Australian Defence Force.

Flight Lieutenant Quitzau applied exceptional operational acumen and commitment in complex mission planning and coordination of air mobility capability to deliver sustained strategic effects during a period of unprecedented operational tempo. In addition, his vision and initiative provided evolutionary development of the air mobility command and control capability. His meritorious achievements were instrumental in effective execution, and provided enduring enhancements to air mobility tasking in support of Australian Defence Force operations and national interests.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Timothy Ronald Shaw

For meritorious devotion to duty in the training and development of Papua New Guinea's sovereign aviation capability.

Wing Commander Shaw's meritorious devotion to duty, demonstrated leadership, and superior instructional skills have played a critical role in the training and development of Papua New Guinea's sovereign aviation capability. Through adept management and masterly instructional skills, Wing Commander Shaw was able to excel in two demanding roles as flying instructor and aviation staff officer. This extraordinary contribution to a sovereign aviation capability has greatly assisted Papua New Guinea military aviation capability, and has significantly built upon an important regional relationship.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Stuart Calvin Siebels

For meritorious achievement as commander of an intelligence department within the United Nations Enforcement Coordination Cell, whilst deployed on Operation ARGOS from May to November 2024.

Flight Lieutenant Siebels made a remarkable contribution to Australia's commitment to uphold international peace and security. In the face of a challenging and dynamic strategic and operational environment, he demonstrated strong strategic acumen and leadership well beyond his rank to build multinational support in ensuring effective monitoring and enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolutions sanctions.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Darren Craig Williams

For meritorious achievement in enhancing aircrew protection and survivability through Aeronautical Life Support Equipment leadership within the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Williams made a prodigious contribution to Australian Defence Force Aeronautical Life Support capability across several postings as a senior enlisted leader and technical specialist. At every juncture and challenge he demonstrated exemplary leadership, technical mastery and inspirational mentorship to tangibly advance the protective capabilities and personal safety of Australia's exceptional military aviators.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Leigh Wrighton-Jones

For meritorious achievement in capability acquisition, sustainment and test of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Wing Commander Wrighton-Jones made an outstanding contribution to the realisation of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter capability over a prolonged period of time in a dynamic and complex environment. An exceptional officer displaying outstanding professional judgement, excellent leadership and exemplary use of resources to deliver optimal capability outcomes.