

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Commander Stephen John BOWATER RAN, ACT

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Operations.

Commander Bowater is one of the Royal Australian Navy's pre-eminent exponents of Anti-Submarine Warfare. He single-handedly assured the validity of Australia's Anti-Submarine Warfare tactics by completely revising doctrine and training. Displaying outstanding leadership, commitment, dedication and passion for Anti-Submarine Warfare, he has personally trained and inspired a generation of Anti-Submarine Warfare officers and sailors. He has directly contributed to the Royal Australian Navy's combat efficiency and its international reputation for excellence.

Lieutenant Commander Gordon William BURNS RAN, NSW

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly as the Fleet Exercise Program Coordinator.

Lieutenant Commander Burns has excelled as the Fleet Exercise Program Coordinator for the past nine years. Possessing a tireless capacity for work, coupled with peerless motivation and an uncanny ability to generate the best solutions when developing and executing the Fleet Exercise Program, Lieutenant Commander Burns has played a leading role in achieving lasting improvements to Fleet exercise management. His efforts have been of enduring benefit and he is indeed an outstanding officer whose loyalty, dedication and enthusiasm are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander Ian Arthur PICKERING RAN, NSW

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Organisation in a variety of operational and support roles.

Commander Pickering has provided meritorious service for over 40 years, notably as the Officer in Charge of the Fleet Intermediate Maintenance Authority, Commander Fleet Maintenance and as the Defence Estate Manager for the former Naval Support Command, Corporate Services and Infrastructure and Defence Support Group in the Sydney Central region. Commander Pickering has demonstrated unwavering professionalism, selfless devotion to duty and exceptional leadership. His efforts have had a positive impact on the mission readiness of the Australian Defence Force and he has earned wide respect amongst those he has served with.

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Chief Petty Officer Penny Valerie STONE, WA

For meritorious service as the Fleet Petty Officer Dental in support of Maritime operational capability, and for outstanding achievement in the development of Australian Defence Force Dental Auxiliary operational training and new career structures.

Chief Petty Officer Stone displayed outstanding professionalism, initiative and inspirational leadership in her role as Fleet Petty Officer Dental, which coincided with a period of reduced manning and high operational tempo. During this period she achieved almost 100 percent dental deployability for RAN units undertaking operations. Chief Petty Officer Stone also made an exceptional contribution to the development of a remuneration submission for Dental Auxiliaries which successfully passed a review by the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal in 2005. Other hallmarks of her achievements include the introduction of joint operational training modules for Dental Auxiliaries and the formation, and subsequent successful deployments, of the Navy Dental Action Team.

Chief Petty Officer Peter James STRZELECKI, NT

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy as a Marine Technician, particularly as the Senior Technical Officer aboard HMAS WOLLONGONG and Armidale Class Patrol Boat Crew ATTACK FIVE.

Chief Petty Officer Strzelecki is an exceptional Senior Sailor who displays consistent professional excellence, initiative and outstanding dedication to duty. His dedication to technical excellence and unrelenting approach to resolving technical issues has significantly contributed to the improvement of engineering practices, maintenance procedures, training of junior Marine Technicians throughout the Minor War Vessel community, and the resolution of engineering deficiencies associated with the introduction of the Armidale Class Patrol Boat into service in the Royal Australian Navy.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Warrant Officer Class One Robert Charles DAVISON, Qld

For meritorious service to the Australian Army in the field of Supply Chain Management.

Warrant Officer Davison has provided meritorious service as the Warrant Officer Control of the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Battalion Group East Timor, Office Manager within the 7th Combat Service Support Battalion, Supply Chain Manager for Joint Task Force 629, and as the Supply Chain Manager of Headquarters 1st Division. He has demonstrated unwavering professionalism, devotion to duty, and a proven ability to achieve superior results in all appointments.

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Warrant Officer Class Two Roderick Edwin MASON, ACT

For meritorious service as the Australian Defence Force Academy Band Sergeant Major and as a member of the Australian Army Band Corps.

Warrant Officer Mason is an inspirational, self-motivated soldier who has achieved outstanding results as both the Australian Defence Force Academy Bandmaster and a member of the Australian Army Band Corps. His projects have contributed to improving pride and retention in the Australian Army Band Corps, the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian Defence Force, while his community-minded initiatives have presented a positive image of the Australian Defence Force to the general public.

Warrant Officer Class One Graham Athol TURNER, NSW

For meritorious service as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 162nd Reconnaissance Squadron and as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 171st Aviation Squadron.

Warrant Officer Turner's performance as the Artificer Sergeant Major has been critical to the successful maintenance of the operational capability of both the 162nd Reconnaissance Squadron and the 171st Aviation Squadron. His leadership, dedication and standard of work during both appointments have been exceptional and he is highly regarded by all ranks. Warrant Officer Turner's performance has been in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Wing Commander James Dennis HOOD, Vic

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of major capital acquisition associated with the P-3C Maritime Aircraft Upgrade and Airborne Early Warning and Control.

Wing Commander Hood has consistently displayed outstanding professional excellence, dedication, loyalty, integrity and inspirational leadership that have brought immense credit to the Maritime Aircraft Upgrade and Wedgetail Projects, and also to the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Anthony Michael O'LEARY, Qld

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of operational sustainment.

Wing Commander O'Leary has made an exceptional, lasting contribution to operational sustainment over a prolonged period, demonstrably enhancing the Royal Australian Air Force's ability to generate and sustain ground defence operations. Wing Commander O'Leary has consistently displayed inspirational leadership, exceptional management, outstanding perseverance, initiative, resourcefulness and unswerving dedication to duty in a range of difficult and challenging roles since 1996.

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Squadron Leader Jeffrey Charles STEPHENSON, NSW

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of base and operational health support within the Air Force Specialist Reserve.

Squadron Leader Stephenson is an exceptional Medical Officer whose outstanding leadership has ensured the maintenance of high quality health care at Number 3 Combat Support Hospital during times of turbulent manning. His extraordinary leadership, dedication and professionalism during Operations resulted in the provision of lifesaving health care in extreme situations. Squadron Leader Stephenson's dedicated service to Air Force health has been exceptional and brought great credit to himself and the Australian Defence Force.