

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

### *Australian Army*

#### **Major Michael Brodie BASSINGTHWAIGHTE, Qld**

For distinguished leadership in action as the Officer Commanding, Security Task Group and Combat Team Spear of the 3rd Reconstruction Task Force on Operation SLIPPER.

Major Bassingthwaighte displayed exceptional leadership, insight and organisational skills as the Officer Commanding, Security Task Group and Combat Team Spear, 3rd Reconstruction Task Force. From the moment his Combat Team was formed and deployed into southern Afghanistan, his performance was outstanding. Major Bassingthwaighte consistently displayed outstanding leadership, courage and initiative over the course of several operations with the Task Force. His performance and achievements are in finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.