

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

Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Mark Rodney BUDDEN, WA

For meritorious service as the Chief of the Boat, HMAS *Waller*, from 2001 to 2004 and from 2006 to 2008 and in the Australian Fleet Sea Training Group between 2004 and 2006.

Warrant Officer (then Chief Petty Officer) Budden was posted to HMAS *Waller* as the Chief of the Boat from 2001 to 2004 and from 2006 to 2008 and to the Australian Fleet Sea Training Group between 2004 and 2006. He made a substantial contribution in preparing his own and other Royal Australian Navy submarines for seagoing operations. At all times, he performed his duties to a superior standard to achieve outstanding results. His accomplishments spanned 3 postings and some 7 demanding years of operations.

Commander Geoffrey Ronald CANNON RANR, ACT

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Weapons Electrical Engineering and the support and development of Combat Data Systems and Weapons Systems.

Throughout his distinguished career in the Royal Australian Navy spanning over 43 years, Commander Cannon has delivered the required Combat System capability to the operational aspect of Australia's Defence. Specifically in his roles within the Combat Data System Centre and, subsequently, in the Naval Systems Warfare Agency, he led the direct support and development of Combat Data Systems and Weapons Systems for Perth Class Guided Missile Destroyers and Adelaide Class Frigates, including systems in service during more recent conflicts in the Middle East.

Lieutenant Commander Peter Anthony de MASKENS RAN, NSW

For meritorious service in the field of maritime communications and information systems.

Lieutenant Commander de Maskens has served at the forefront of change in Fleet communications. On countless occasions, he has prepared and supervised the introduction of new communication equipment, thereby providing an outstanding contribution to Fleet capability and the development of a network-enabled force. His sustained and exceptional service has provided a crucial and lasting contribution to the field of maritime communications and information systems.

Warrant Officer Mark Raymond DONLAN, NSW

For meritorious service throughout his career in the Royal Australian Navy, particularly as the inaugural Officer-in-Charge of the Local Career Management Centre at Fleet Base East.

Warrant Officer Donlan has drawn on his considerable experience and outstanding leadership to improve the efficiency of the Fleet through his role as a Sea Training Group member, and has introduced unprecedented improvements in the individual career management of sailors as the inaugural Officer-in-Charge of the Sailors' Local Career Management Centre at Fleet Base East.

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Australian Army

Corporal Scott Graeme CRUTCHETT, Vic

For meritorious service on Operations CATALYST and ASTUTE between 2004 and 2008.

Corporal Crutchett's exceptional dedication and outstanding trade knowledge contributed enormously to the success of the Timor Leste Battle Group Three, Over Watch Battle Group One and Security Detachment Baghdad. During each of these operations Corporal Crutchett deployed into positions above his worn rank and was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the strategic networks that supported each operation. Without his leadership, experience and knowledge, significant communications difficulties would have been experienced, possibly impeding the operations' success.

Warrant Officer Class One David Anthony HATTON, Qld

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Combat Training Centre (Live) and the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

Warrant Officer Hatton has provided meritorious service to both the Combat Training Centre (Live) and the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment in barracks and while deployed on operations. He has consistently mentored soldiers and junior leaders during significant training activities and through a number of demanding operational deployments. He has been, in every sense, the senior soldier of these units and has made a significant contribution to the development of the Australian Army's future leaders and fighting capability.

Warrant Officer Class One Robert PONTIFEX CSM, Qld

For meritorious service in the fields of Materiel Maintenance and Army Career Management.

Warrant Officer Pontifex has made an exceptional contribution to materiel maintenance through his commitment to both the personnel and materiel elements of capability. He has facilitated force generation through superior solutions to career management problems, and displayed tireless dedication to technical excellence and commitment to the service, its personnel and their families. He is an outstanding soldier who has contributed significantly to the maintenance of the Australian Army's increasingly complex equipment infrastructure.

Captain Brenton Luke WHITE, Qld

For meritorious service as the Squadron Sergeant Major of the 21st Construction Squadron, Staff Officer Grade Three Land Command Engineers, and Operations Officer at the Army Explosive Hazards Centre.

Captain White has provided meritorious service as the Squadron Sergeant Major of the 21st Construction Squadron, as Staff Officer Grade Three Land Command Engineers, and as the Operations Officer at the Army Explosive Hazards Centre. He is an exceptionally professional, passionate and driven soldier who has played a key role in the success of national interest construction tasks, ensuring the protection of Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on operations.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Timothy John HURFORD, WA

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the development of the Air Force Reserves as Commanding Officer Number 25 Squadron and as Officer-in-Charge of the Training Development and Executive Officer Number 1 Airfield Defence Squadron.

Wing Commander Hurford has consistently displayed selfless dedication, professional excellence, superior analytical skills and visionary focus in the development of the Air Force Reserve capability. An exceptional officer who personifies the highest professional standards, Wing Commander Hurford has made an extraordinary contribution that will influence the Air Force Reserve's capability for years to come.

Flight Lieutenant Gregory Roy KERR, SA

For meritorious service as a Flight Engineer at Number 92 Wing.

Flight Lieutenant (then Warrant Officer) Kerr consistently displayed professional excellence, initiative and dedication to duty far beyond the traditional responsibilities of Flight Engineers. His contributions and initiatives directly enhanced operations, safety management and Flight Engineer training and recruitment. During a long career at Number 92 Wing he embodied the ethos of the 'quiet achiever', proving to be an inspirational example of dedication to duty for his superiors, peers and subordinates.