Australia Day 2019

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant General John James FREWEN AM

ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operations OKRA and HIGHROAD from January 2017 to January 2018.

Colonel M

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of a deployed Task Group during Operation OKRA, May 2017 to December 2017.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain J

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as Commander Task Element 630.1.1 on Operation OKRA from March 2016 to September 2016.

BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSC and Bar)

Australian Army

Major S

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding within a deployed task group on Operation OKRA in Iraq from May 2017 to December 2017.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

Corporal A

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations while deployed as a Special Operations Medic during Operation OKRA, from May 2017 to December 2017.

Lieutenant Colonel Giles Julian CORNELIA CSM

ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as Commanding Officer Training Task Unit of Task Group Taji V while deployed on Operation OKRA from June 2017 to December 2017.

Colonel Steven John D'ARCY

NSW

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Commander of Task Group Taji V in Iraq from June 2017 to December 2017.

Brigadier Michael David PRICTOR AM

QLD

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the CJ3 Chief of Operations, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD over the period September 2016 to October 2017.

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader D

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Strike Element Executive Officer on Operation OKRA from April 2017 to August 2017.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Patrick Charles McGuire RAN

NSW

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Aviation Operations Officer for Train Advise Assist Command - South, while force assigned to Operation HIGHROAD, Afghanistan from August 2017 to February 2018.
Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One A
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Regimental Sergeant Major of a deployed Task Group on Operation OKRA from May to December 2017.

Colonel Michael Timothy BYE
ACT
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief Future Plans, CJ5 Branch, Headquarters Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD over the period December 2016 to November 2017.

Major Edouard Charles COUSINS
QLD
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding Training Company Kilo One of the Training Task Unit, Task Group Taji V, while deployed on Operation OKRA from May 2017 to December 2017.

Brigadier William Robert DATE
QLD
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Senior Military Advisor and Chief of Military Advisor Unit in the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan from July 2013 to July 2014.

Colonel David Charles HAFNER CSC, USA
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Director of Plans in Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command - Operation INHERENT RESOLVE while deployed on Operation OKRA from April 2017 to January 2018.

Major David Steven HILL
NSW
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief of Staff of the Special Operations Advisory Group in support of the Afghan General Command of Police Special Units on Operation HIGHROAD, from December 2016 to June 2017.

Brigadier Rupert John HOSKIN AM
ACT
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Director Plans in Headquarters Combined Joint Task Force - Operation INHERENT RESOLVE from January 2017 to January 2018.

Sergeant M
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Second in Command of the Force Protection Team from June 2017 to November 2017 for the Special Operations Advisory Group, while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD.

Lieutenant Colonel N
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief of Staff and Operations Officer of a deployed Task Group on Operation OKRA in Iraq from May 2017 to December 2017.

Captain N
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as an Officer Commanding for Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation V during Operation OKRA, July to December 2016.

Major David Patrick READY
ACT
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as Officer Commanding Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Company, Task Group Taji - V, in Iraq on Operation OKRA from May 2017 to Dec 2017.

Major Darrin William TYSON
ACT
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Headquarters Task Group Afghanistan Operations Officer and Officer Commanding Force Protection Element-7 in Kabul, while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD from January 2017 to September 2017.

Warrant Officer Class Two Matthew Colby VERMEY
QLD
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Operations Warrant Officer and Logistics Officer of the Training Task Unit, Task Group Taji-V, JTF 633 whilst deployed on Operation OKRA 2017, from May 2017 to December 2017.

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader H
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations whilst deployed as the Strike Task Unit Dynamic Targeting Legal Advisor on Operation OKRA from March 2017 to October 2017.

Group Captain Antony Edward MARTIN
NSW
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations whilst deployed as Commander Air Task Group 630 on Operation OKRA from December 2015 until July 2016.

Squadron Leader P
For meritorious performance of duties in warlike operations as the Senior Intelligence Duty Officer, Combined Air Operations Centre, in support of Operation OKRA from June 2017 to January 2018.

Wing Commander P
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations whilst deployed as Commander Task Unit 630.2 on Operation OKRA from August 2017 to January 2018.

Squadron Leader S
For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Strike Executive Officer for Task Element 630.1.1 on Operation OKRA from August 2017 to December 2017.
BAR TO THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS
(CSC and Bar)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Gerard McLENNAN CSC
QLD
For outstanding achievement as the Commander Joint
Task Group 629 on Operation AUGURY (Philippines) from
October 2017 to February 2018.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Peter Darrell BARTLETT RAN
NSW
For outstanding achievement in the field of Navy Task
Group pre-operational training and preparation.

Lieutenant Commander Victoria Anne CATON RAN
NSW
For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of Defence
nursing and personnel support.

Captain Nicholas Byers HART RAN
NSW
For outstanding devotion to duty, dedication and
achievement as the Naval Attaché to Indonesia.

Commander Rachel Elise JONES RAN
ACT
For outstanding achievement in the application of
exceptional skills as the Command Legal Officer within
Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 on Operation
ACCORDION from March 2017 to September 2017.

Captain Anthony Michael KLENTHIS RAN
ACT
For outstanding achievement in strategic workforce
planning for the Royal Australian Navy.

Commodore Antony Simon PARTRIDGE RAN
ACT
For outstanding devotion to duty as the Director General -
Defence Force Recruiting.

Captain James George RENWICK SC RANR
NSW
For outstanding devotion to duty as a legal officer in the
Royal Australian Naval Reserve.

Commander Luke Richard RYAN RAN
NSW
For outstanding achievement in the performance of duty
as the Commanding Officer of the Royal Australian Navy
Recruit School.

Captain Mark David SIROIS RAN
ACT
For outstanding achievement in the application of
exceptional skills, judgement and dedication as the
Commanding Officer of HMAS Newcastle while deployed
on Operation MANITOU from July 2017 to November
2017.

Captain Cameron W R STEIL RAN
NSW
For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer
HMAS Arunta, while deployed on Operation MANITOU
from November 2016 to July 2017.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Scott James BARRAS
ACT
For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of Defence
capability development domain.

Lieutenant Colonel Margaret Ghislaine BEAVAN
NSW
For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade
One, Army Gap Year Program, in planning, establishing
and delivering Army's Gap Year programs on an annual
basis.

Colonel Daniel Nicholas BENNETT
ACT
For outstanding achievement as the Senior Military Liaison
Officer for Bor and Juba while deployed as the
Commander of the Australian Contingent on Operation
ASLAN from November 2016 to August 2017.

Lieutenant Colonel Wade Graham COOPER
WA
For outstanding achievement and devotion to duty as the
Brigade Major, Headquarters 1st Brigade.

Colonel Anthony Gawain DUUS
NSW
For outstanding achievement in the performance of duties
as Director Armoured Fighting Vehicles, Army
Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Louise Ann MARTIN
NSW
For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of
the 2nd General Health Battalion.

Colonel Blaydon Wesley Marston MORRIS
ACT
For outstanding achievement in leadership, skills and
application as the Commanding Officer of the 1st Signal
Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Colin Robert MORRISON
NSW
For outstanding achievement as the Combined Joint Chief
of Operations of the Multinational Force and Observers,
Sinai, Egypt and as the Commander Australian
Contingent, Operation MAZURKA from February 2017 to
February 2018.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul David NELSON
ACT
For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade
One Technical Management within Headquarters Forces
Command.
Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (Continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Ian PASHLEY
QLD
For outstanding achievement in leadership, skills and application as the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Christopher SMITH
QLD
For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of 25th/49th Battalion, the Royal Queensland Regiment and Commanding Officer of Battle Group CANNAN.

Colonel Fern Mary-Ellen THOMPSON
ACT
For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 6th Aviation Regiment.

Colonel Joanne Kathleen WHITTAKER
ACT
For outstanding achievement as the Director of the Land Command, Control and Communications Directorate, Systems and Integration Branch, Army Headquarters.

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer William Edward GIBSON
QLD
For outstanding achievement in cultural development and maintenance management as the Warrant Officer Engineering at Number 33 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Vhonda Gay HEWSON
NSW
For outstanding devotion to duty in training development and delivery as the Commanding Officer of the Royal Australian Air Force School of Administration and Logistics Training.

Flight Sergeant K
For outstanding achievement in the development and delivery of specialised air to surface communications integration capabilities for the Royal Australian Air Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Daniel CROWTHER RAN
NSW
For meritorious achievement in the in the field of Naval unmanned aircraft.

Lieutenant Commander Neil Jonathon DAVENPORT RAN
NT
For meritorious achievement and devotion to duty in the field of minor war vessel capability development with the Royal Australian Navy.

Petty Officer N
For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy Expeditionary Reconnaissance and Clearance Diving training.

Lieutenant Jennifer Louise NEUHAUS RAN
NSW
For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty as the Course Implementation Officer at the School of Navigation Warfare.

Lieutenant Commander Darryl Wilton SCOTT RAN
QLD
For meritorious achievement as the Senior Instructor Maritime Intelligence Wing at the Defence Force School of Intelligence.

Chief Petty Officer Andrew SPENCER
WA
For meritorious achievement in weapon safety and materiel management in the Royal Australian Navy.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Hamish Jon ASHMAN
USA
For meritorious achievement in defensive cyber capability development as the Deputy Director - Land, Joint Cyber Directorate within Information Warfare Branch, Joint Capabilities Group.

Major Nigel Bruce BELLETTE
NT
For meritorious devotion to duty as the Operations Officer of the 1st Combat Service Support Battalion.

Major James Duncan BURCHMORE
ACT
For meritorious achievement in the development and implementation of mental health and suicide prevention initiatives for the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal Hayley Louise CORNISH
QLD
For meritorious devotion to duty as an Orderly Room Clerk and Acting Chief Clerk within 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Corporal Jayden Mark DAY
QLD
For meritorious achievement as a Corporal in the headquarters of 1st Field Squadron, 1st Combat Engineer Regiment.

Chaplain Ralph Gary ESTHERBY
NSW
For meritorious devotion to duty as a Chaplain and in supporting the welfare of seriously wounded, injured and ill soldiers and their families across numerous Australian Army units from 2014 to 2018.

Warrant Officer Class One David Anthony HAYES
NSW
For meritorious devotion to duty as the Assistant Army Attaché, Australian Defence Staff - Jakarta.
Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Jake Richard KEARSLEY
SA
For meritorious achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Adelaide Universities Regiment.

Captain Megan Hayley McDermott
NT
For meritorious achievement as the Deputy Public Affairs Officer within Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 on Operation ACCORDION from February 2017 to September 2017.

Major Matthew Richard McFARLAND
ACT
For meritorious achievement as the Deputy Director Exercise Plans - J7 Branch, Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Mellin O'DONNELL
TAS
For meritorious achievement as the Operations Officer within Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 on Operation ACCORDION from February 2017 to November 2017.

Major Pierre Robert PEL
ACT
For meritorious achievement as the Joint Task Group 629 Liaison Officer to the Armed Forces of the Philippines during Operation AUGURY - PHILIPPINES.

Lieutenant Colonel John Lloyd VENZ
QLD
For meritorious devotion to duty as the Contingent Commander of the 2017 Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme deployment in Toomelah, New South Wales.

Major Ross A WEHBY
NSW
For meritorious achievement in Joint Close Air Support as Officer Commanding Joint Terminal Attack Control Troop and Chief Instructor, Standardisation Officer at Number 4 Squadron.

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Louise Ellen BURSTOW
NSW
For meritorious achievement and devotion to duty in a non-warlike operation while deployed as Task Group Commanding Officer Expeditionary Airbase Operations Unit, Middle East Region on Operation ACCORDION from April 2017 to October 2017.

Squadron Leader Grant David EVERETT
NSW
For meritorious achievement in organisational change and workforce reform as the Transformation Project Manager in the Tactical Fighter Systems Program Office of Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group.

Corporal Kelvin GREEN
QLD
For meritorious achievement in aircraft surface finishing maintenance support for the C-17A Globemaster III heavy transport aircraft for the Royal Australian Air Force.

By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO
Acting Official Secretary to the Governor-General