

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Appointed an honorary Member (AM) in the General Division

His Excellency Ambassador Ertuğrul APAKAN

Special Monitoring Mission of OSCE to Ukraine, 26 Turhenevska Street,
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For significant service to Australia in facilitating access to the crash site of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 in eastern Ukraine.

Ambassador Ertuğrul Apakan, as Chief Monitor of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine attached to the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), provided significant service to the people of Australia in facilitating access to the crash site of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, which led to the identification and repatriation of 38 Australians who died in the tragedy.

Ambassador Apakan demonstrated the highest levels of commitment and compassion in ensuring that the bodies of those Australians (and others) killed were recovered with speed and dignity. His personal engagement in the OSCE's negotiations with separatist forces was vital to the international recovery mission gaining access to the MH17 crash site on separatist-held territory.

His leadership and advice to Australian government officials on gaining access to the crash site and the overall security environment in eastern Ukraine were critical to delivering a successful recovery mission.

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL (PSM)

Australian Public Service

Mr Justin Hugh BROWN, 23 Favenc Circle, Griffith ACT 2603

For outstanding public service in leading the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Canberra-based crisis response to the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17.

The tragic downing of Flight MH17 on 17 July 2014 represented the largest single loss of Australian life overseas since the 2002 Bali Bombings. In the aftermath of the tragedy, providing dignity, respect and justice for the 38 Australian victims quickly became the government's immediate and highest priority. As head of the Consular and Crisis Management Division, Mr Justin Brown was responsible for bringing the Australian victims home and providing all possible assistance to their grieving families. Justin set the tone of, and drove, DFAT's consular response and ensured that the bereaved families were able to honour and farewell their loved ones. In extremely challenging circumstances, he directed and led every aspect of this process. This included communication with the families and the repatriation of the remains, involving dealing with a range of legal and administrative complexities that come with an Australian death overseas in tragic circumstances. As Chair of the Inter-Departmental Emergency Taskforce, he coordinated the breadth of the whole-of-government response. Mr Brown's leadership in drawing together the responses of multiple agencies, ensuring information sharing and cooperative planning on every aspect of the crisis, drove the achievement of multiple milestones across policy and operational agencies.

Public Service Medal (PSM) (continued)

Australian Public Service (continued)

Ms Jean Margaret DUNN, Warsaw Bag, Locked Bag 40, Kingston ACT 2604
For outstanding public service leading Australia's response in Ukraine to the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17.

The loss of 38 Australians onboard MH17 represented the largest single loss of Australian life overseas since the 2002 Bali Bombings. As the non-resident Australian Ambassador to Ukraine, Ms Jean Dunn was charged with delivering the government's response on the ground from the onset of the disaster. She successfully navigated a change in Ukrainian government shortly after the crash, shepherded a key treaty through Ukraine's complex political system to allow Australian military and police officials to operate in Ukraine, and facilitated three Ministerial visits in three weeks. Ms Dunn deftly identified and responded to the changing nature of the crisis from a solely consular matter to one with broader geopolitical concerns, identifying opportunities to ensure the Australian government's commitment to bring the remains of the Australian victims home could be met. Her insightful reporting, including on the Ukraine government's capacity to support and protect the international search and investigation teams, was integral to the government's decisions on the scope and nature of its response. Ms Dunn's long-term commitment and professionalism in her role as non-resident Ambassador to Ukraine was specifically recognised in the whole of government report on MH17.

Dr Angela Jane MACDONALD, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
For outstanding public service in leading the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 Emergency Response team in Ukraine.

The downing of MH17 on 17 July 2014 with 38 Australians onboard represented the largest single loss of Australian life overseas since the 2002 Bali Bombings. As a senior member of DFAT's Emergency Response Team, Dr Angela Macdonald was deployed to Kyiv within 24 hours of the crash. Leading a small team of deployed officers, Dr Macdonald's tireless efforts in Kyiv in support of the Prime Minister's Special Envoy and Ambassador Dunn were instrumental in enabling the Department to deliver a first-class response to the MH17 tragedy. As Australia was without resident accreditation in Ukraine, Dr Macdonald was one of the first Australian officials to arrive in Kyiv following the crash. Working out of a temporary mission and with only makeshift communication systems and support, the environment was challenging. Dr Macdonald, however, delivered on every demand made of her and her team. This included securing agreement for the entry into Ukraine of Australian officials to support the search for the remains of the victims and the initial investigations into the cause of the crash. She reported on the rapidly deteriorating security situation at the crash site, facilitated ministerial visits and oversaw the logistical coordination for the 500 Australian government officials who arrived in Ukraine over those first few weeks. This was instrumental in ensuring a truly whole of government effort, the driving force behind the success of the initial stages of Operation Bring Them Home in providing dignity, respect and justice for the 38 Australian victims.

Public Service Medal (PSM) (continued)

Australian Public Service (continued)

Ms Suzanne STEIN, Chifley ACT 2606

For outstanding public service in leading consular assistance to the families of the Australian victims of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17.

The tragic downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 on 17 July 2014 represented the largest single loss of Australian life overseas since the 2002 Bali Bombings. In the aftermath of the tragedy, providing dignity, respect and justice for the Australian victims was the government's immediate and highest priority. Ms Suzanne Stein was integral in delivering on the Australian government's commitment to bring the remains of the Australian victims home and to provide all possible support to their families. In the first hours following the tragedy, Ms Stein and her team were the first government officials with whom the devastated and grieving families had contact. In a time of extreme uncertainty and extraordinary shock for the families, Ms Stein coordinated and led the department's high-level support for the next-of-kin. She arranged counselling services, supported funeral preparations and assisted families with the legal and administrative complexities of an Australian death overseas. Ms Stein managed the full repatriations process, requiring daily communication with each family to update them on the sensitive, slow recovery and identification of victims. Ms Stein also led her consular team in personally accompanying families to the National Memorial Service and to the Netherlands to bring their loved ones home.

Dr Simon Joseph WALSH, Fisher ACT 2611

For outstanding public service in forensic science, particularly Disaster Victim Identification for Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 and other events.

In his role as Australia's leading Disaster Victim Identification expert, Dr Simon Walsh has brought comfort to countless grieving families, allowing them to begin the process of laying their loved ones to rest. He has often had to face some of the most confronting scenes imaginable with deployments to areas gripped by disaster, death and devastation. Dr Walsh's most recent deployment was in 2014 when Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was downed over Eastern Ukraine. Leading a team of Australian specialists to Ukraine and the Netherlands, Dr Walsh began the hard process of working with international colleagues to identify the victims' remains as part of AFP's Operation Arew. Dr Walsh's day to day responsibilities as the Chief Forensic Scientist have seen him lead reforms and initiatives that significantly expanded the AFP's capabilities. He has also played a pivotal role in capacity building programs in the region, ensuring contemporary knowledge and skills were meaningfully passed on to our partner agencies in Asia and the Pacific. Dr Walsh is an esteemed academic and his books and articles are frequently referenced by students of forensic science. As an educator, Dr Walsh's determination to pass on his specialist knowledge will ensure the future generations will greatly benefit in the area of forensic science.

AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL (APM)

Australian Federal Police

Senior Sergeant Rodney Gavin ANDERSON

Senior Sergeant Anderson's career began when he graduated from the AFP College in 1990. In ACT Policing he worked in a number of areas, including Traffic Operations, Tuggeranong Patrol, South District Traffic, Search and Rescue, Rural Patrol and Water Police. In September 2002 he transferred to Jervis Bay and undertook the duties of Acting Sergeant. In 2004 he was deployed to Operation CAWDOR to support the disaster victim identification team as part of the AFP's response to the Thailand tsunami.

By January 2005 he had returned to Canberra as Team Leader/Sergeant in the AFP's Confidant Network, before rotating through a number of teams within the organisation. On promotion to Senior Sergeant in 2008, his next duties were at the Watch House and the Prosecution and Judicial Support team. Between 2009 and 2012, he held Senior Sergeant/Officer in charge and Acting Coordinator level positions at Tuggeranong Patrol and South District.

Sergeant Anderson then served as Senior Sergeant/Officer in charge and Acting Superintendent, Traffic Operations and Policing Operations from 2012 to 2014. He was the first AFP officer to be deployed to Ukraine following the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 in July 2014 as the Disaster Victim Identification Forward Commander, as part of AFP Operation 'AREW'.

Following his deployment, Station Sergeant Anderson resumed his regular duties in Traffic Operation and Policing Operations and Planning and is currently Officer in Charge, Gungahlin Police Station.

Commander Wayne Werner BUCHHORN

Commander Buchhorn graduated from recruit training with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) in 1988 and was then based in the AFP's Melbourne Office, working in the areas of Investigations, Intelligence, Surveillance and with the then National Crime Authority for several years. After being admitted to practise as a Barrister and solicitor he took up a Team Leader role with the AFP, followed by the role of Coordinator of Intelligence in the Adelaide Office.

From 2002 he undertook service in AFP offices in Singapore and Jakarta before returning to Australia to take up the role of Manager, Counter Terrorism International from 2007 to 2009. In 2009 he became the Commander of the Participating Police Force for the Regional Assistance Mission, Solomon Islands. During this command he oversaw a peaceful election in the country and achieved positive outcomes for the AFP's capacity building within the Pacific region.

He was the Senior Police Advisor to the NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan in 2011, a role he undertook concurrently with the position of Executive Police Advisor to the Deputy Minister for Security within the Afghanistan Ministry of Interior Affairs. In 2013 he took up the position of Airport Police Commander at Sydney Airport. During 2014 Commander Buchhorn was seconded to Operation 'Arew', where he assumed a significant role in the multinational joint investigation into the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH 17 in Ukraine.

Australian Police Medal (APM) (continued)

Australian Federal Police (continued)

Detective Superintendent Paul John MORRIS

Superintendent Morris graduated from the AFP College in 1983. He commenced his career in the AFP's Sydney Office and soon began working in the National Crime Investigations Branch, Investigation Department. The following year he transferred to ACT Policing in Canberra, working in the Traffic Branch, the Criminal Investigations Branch at City Station and the Drug Squad.

In 1990 he transferred to Belconnen Police Station's North Crime Section and spent considerable time acting in the role of Sergeant.

In 1992, Superintendent Morris served with the first contingent of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia – a peacekeeping mission tasked with preparing for and overseeing the first democratic elections in the war-torn country. He was part of the first contingent of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, and in 1996 he was selected for the 50th Australian contingent to serve as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus. He was also part of the first United Nations contingent to Timor Leste in 1999, supervising the country's independence ballot.

On his return to Australia he served in a number of roles including Internal Security and Audit Investigations and Protective Security in Close Personal Protection. He then took up the role of Liaison Officer (First Secretary, Police Liaison) at the Australian High Commission in London, and later took up the position of Coordinator in Counter Terrorism in Sydney.

Superintendent Morris was appointed as the AFP's Senior Liaison Officer in The Hague from January 2011 and in this role he made a significant contribution to the Australian participation in the multinational joint investigation into the downing the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 in Ukraine.

In September 2014 Superintendent Paul Morris began a two year term as the AFP's Senior Liaison Officer in its London office.

HUMANITARIAN OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL WITH CLASP 'UKRAINE'

109 recipients have been awarded the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal for their service during the immediate aftermath of the downing of the Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 in Ukraine in 2014.