

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Mitchell Andrew CARMOCK RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Engineering Officer HMAS SYDNEY.

Lieutenant Commander Carmock has excelled as the Engineering Officer of HMAS SYDNEY during the prolonged and demanding Frigate Upgrade Project. He has inspired, motivated and trained the Engineering Department of HMAS SYDNEY from a very low level of capability into a highly motivated, efficient and cohesive team that met the considerable challenges of getting HMAS SYDNEY to sea after 18 months in refit. Through Lieutenant Commander Carmock's outstanding performance and tireless dedication, HMAS SYDNEY and the Royal Australian Navy have been best placed to meet the continuing challenges of the Upgrade Project and return HMAS SYDNEY to full operational capability.

Commodore Simon Terrence CULLEN AM RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Director Combined Planning Group, United States Central Command.

As the Director Combined Planning Group, Commodore Cullen was responsible for the embedded coalition planning processes in support of operations within the Central Command Area of Responsibility. At a time of extremely high operational tempo, he performed his duties with distinction. Managing multiple high priority tasks, he drew together representatives of 26 nations to produce consistently superior outcomes. He is a dynamic leader whose energy, intellect and commitment to excellence are assets to the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Richard David ELSOM RAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the inaugural Officer-in-Charge of the Directorate of Sailors' Career Management, Fleet Base West - Local Career Management Centre.

Lieutenant Elsom is an exceptional member of the Royal Australian Navy who has consistently displayed inspirational leadership and outstanding dedication to duty in an extremely complex and challenging human resource environment. He has made a significant contribution to the effectiveness of Local Career Management within the Royal Australian Navy through the establishment of a vast collegiate network of Human Resource professionals focused on consistently achieving the right balance between the needs of serving personnel and the requirements of the service.

Chief Petty Officer Dane Peter RASMUSSEN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Ship's Technical Officer of HMAS BETANO.

As the Ship's Technical Officer of HMAS BETANO, Chief Petty Officer Rasmussen displayed exceptional dedication to duty, superior technical competence and foresight, and strong leadership to deliver consistently outstanding technical services to the ship. Chief Petty Officer Rasmussen's unrelenting drive and superior technical skills were fundamental contributors to HMAS BETANO's completion of all assigned operational tasks, including high priority border protection missions, during his tenure aboard.

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Australian Army

Colonel Michael James KINGSFORD, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 4th Field Regiment, and as the Brigade Commander Rear, 3rd Brigade.

Colonel Kingsford was fundamental to increasing the welfare, skills and operational effectiveness of his unit. His commitment to providing superior leadership, exemplary guidance, and support to all Brigade personnel was outstanding. His commitment, leadership and outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the 4th Field Regiment and Brigade Commander Rear, 3rd Brigade are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel David Michael LUHRS, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Director of Personnel Capability – Army.

Colonel Luhrs has exhibited outstanding achievement in the substantial remuneration improvements achieved for all ranks of the Australian Army in 2006 and 2007. He made significant additional contributions in the areas of trade policy, trade structures and workforce planning. His detailed knowledge, energy, advocacy and attention to detail shaped positive retention outcomes for the Australian Army.

Brigadier Barry Neil McMANUS, Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Chief Staff Officer Personnel and Logistics (J1/4) Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Brigadier McManus has consistently provided superior advice for the planning and conduct of operations. He managed countless personnel and logistics issues, maintained effective stakeholder relationships, and worked tirelessly to improve logistic efficiency. His leadership and intellect sustained his staff and contributed to the development of the Headquarters. His achievements have been in accordance with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and are thoroughly worthy of recognition.

Lieutenant Colonel Suzanne MELOTTE, Vic

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer/Chief Instructor of the Melbourne University Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Melotte is an exceptional officer who has displayed excellent leadership as the Commanding Officer of the Melbourne University Regiment. She has delivered over 40 new officers to Army Reserve. Her command has been characterised by decisive action to increase graduation rates and continuous improvements to training and governance. Her legacy is an improved initial Army Reserve training module which produces cadets better prepared for further training.

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Lieutenant Colonel Ian Philip SPIERS, Qld

For outstanding achievement in providing medical support as Commanding Officer 2nd Health Support Battalion.

Lieutenant Colonel Spiers is a dedicated officer whose vision, enthusiasm and energy enabled him to provide substantial medical support to operations in East Timor, Indonesia and the Solomon Islands. He has also worked tirelessly to reinvigorate readiness requirements within the 2nd Health Support Battalion, better posture medical support through the development of generic standard operating procedures, and maintain Area Health standards in south east Queensland.

Lieutenant Colonel Kathryn Leslei TOOHEY, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Deputy Director Communications, Capability Development Group in the development of Military Satellite Communications.

An exceptional officer whose extraordinary effort, superior professionalism and outstanding dedication to duty have been instrumental in defining the Australian Defence Force's future needs for satellite communications. Lieutenant Colonel Toohey's efforts have been fundamental in Defence gaining government approval to partner in a United States' satellite communications program that should meet Defence's needs for the next 20 years.

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Jay Andrew CLARKE, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Deputy Director Remuneration Reform Project 2007 within Air Force Headquarters Personnel Branch.

Wing Commander Clarke led and managed the Air Force input to the Graded Officer Pay Structure for consideration by the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal over the period January to August 2007. The complexity and volume of the work required to achieve the successful outcome for all Royal Australian Air Force officer specialisations was a significant challenge. Wing Commander Clarke was instrumental in ensuring the Tribunal considered the proposed Royal Australian Air Force placements favourably within a new framework of agreed principles.

Group Captain Gavin Neil DAVIES, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Officer Commanding at Number 82 Wing, Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley.

Group Captain Davies' exceptional leadership, commitment and dedication to duty during an extremely challenging period of F-111 aircraft preparedness, training and exercise deployments have significantly enhanced the combat capability of the Australian Defence Force, Royal Australian Air Force and Air Combat Group.

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Flight Sergeant Craig Anthony O'MALLEY, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer at Number 1 Combat Communications Squadron.

Flight Sergeant O'Malley is a distinguished airman who consistently demonstrates inspirational leadership, exceptional technical expertise, drive, devotion and superior organisational skills. He has played a critical role in almost every major activity undertaken by Number 1 Combat Communications Squadron since 2005. He has made a profound contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force's deployable communications capability and has brought credit to himself, Number 1 Combat Communications Squadron and the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Tracey Lee SIMPSON, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Base Commander/Commanding Officer at Combat Support Unit Richmond, Royal Australian Air Force Base Richmond.

Wing Commander Simpson's exceptional leadership and organisational abilities during a period of unprecedented change and major operations have significantly improved the level and standard of combat support services available at Royal Australian Air Force Base Richmond. As Base Commander, Wing Commander Simpson has displayed outstanding professionalism and dedication to duty, and her achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.