

## **MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

### ***Royal Australian Navy***

#### **Rear Admiral Peter Michael QUINN CSC RAN, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy and Defence in senior management.

Rear Admiral Quinn's exceptional service, across a series of demanding command and senior leadership appointments, has made a significant contribution to the improvement in Navy capability through periods of change in the culture, structure and workforce demand. His tenacity and passion led to the development of a Capability Life Cycle methodology affecting capability delivery, integration and management to achieve a more proficient, agile and potent force. His commitment and drive have best placed Navy and the Department to meet the challenges of the future.

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Major B,**

For exceptional service to the Australian Army in the field of specialist military engineering between 2003 and 2017.

Major B pioneered the application of innovative specialist military engineering skills that have directly enabled the operational success of multiple generations of personnel within Special Operations Command and the Australian Army. He is an international authority on the design and development of Special Training Facilities and has consistently rendered exceptional service as a specialist military engineer within Special Operations Command.

#### **Colonel Jeffrey Robert BROCK, Qld**

For exceptional service to the Australian Army in the fields of Aviation Medicine and Health.

Colonel Brock's performance as an expert in the field of Aviation Medicine, aircraft accident investigations and contributions to aviation safety has been exemplary. His professionalism and dedication consistently ensured the highest ethical standards are maintained, significantly enhancing the operational air worthiness of Army Aviation. His tireless application of knowledge coupled with moral courage, initiative and personal standards has made a substantial contribution to the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Colonel Gabrielle Maree FOLLETT, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force as Commanding Officer 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion and as a Staff Officer in the Office of the Chief of the Defence Force and Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Follett made an exceptional contribution to the improvement of logistics in the Australian Army and more broadly to the Australian Defence Force. An exceptional officer, she has displayed outstanding dedication, a remarkable ability to build consensus with diverse stakeholders and inspirational leadership in three successive demanding roles.

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### **Colonel Damian John HILL, ACT**

For exceptional service as Commander Combat Training Centre, Commanding Officer of 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery and as acting Commander 3rd Brigade.

Colonel Hill's inspiring leadership, capacity to manage multiple and competing demands, professional mastery of Joint Fires and Effects and executing the modernisation of integrated joint digitised training under the Combat Training Centre 2025, has led to exceptional service as Commander Combat Training Centre, Commanding Officer 4th Regiment and acting Commander 3rd Brigade. His clear articulation of an inspiring vision, relentless drive, and focussed determination has delivered outcomes that truly underpinned his auspicious achievements.

### **Brigadier Christopher John MILLS, NSW**

For exceptional service as Chief of Future Operations Headquarters Regional Command South in Afghanistan, Director Exercise Planning at Headquarters Joint Operations Command, Director General Modernisation Army and for contributions to the development of Australian Defence Force capabilities.

Brigadier Mills provided exceptional service consistently across a number of roles and through his contributions to advancement of Australian Defence Force capability. His service represents the highest ideals of the Australian Defence Force and reflects great credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

### **Colonel Nicole Louise SADLER CSC, ACT**

For exceptional performance of duty in the field of mental health leadership, strategy and reform for the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Sadler's dedication and outstanding leadership has made an exceptional contribution to the improved understanding of current and emerging mental health needs of Australian Defence Force members. Her lasting legacy has progressed the evolution of military mental health policy and programme evaluation. This has enabled Defence to optimise the mental fitness and wellbeing of its members, thus enhancing operational capability and improving quality of life during and after their military careers.

### **Warrant Officer Donald Garry SPINKS OAM, ACT**

For exceptional service to soldiering within the Australian Defence Force in senior Regimental Sergeant Major appointments, culminating in the appointment of Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army.

Warrant Officer Spinks provided distinguished service to the nation across Army's most demanding senior soldier appointments. His exemplary leadership, sustained energy and commitment to soldiering have enhanced the professionalism and resilience of Army. Warrant Officer Spinks has been an outstanding ambassador for Army who, through his impeccable personal standard and professionalism, embodies what it is to be an Australian soldier.

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### **Brigadier Neil Thomas SWEENEY, NSW**

For exceptional service as the Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force 633 National Command Headquarters for all Australian Forces in the Middle East, while deployed on Operation ACCORDION from July 2016 to April 2017.

As Deputy Commander Joint Task Force 633, Brigadier Sweeney's leadership and commitment to troop welfare, headquarters reform, infrastructure development and host nation relations was exceptional. He displayed outstanding foresight, professionalism and dedication to duty. His actions directly contributed to the successful conduct of Australian combat operations in the Middle East during a difficult and challenging period in the campaign

### **Brigadier Leigh Suzanne WILTON, ACT**

For exceptional service as Deputy and Chief of Staff of Army Headquarters, and Director General Personnel - Army and for contributions to Army's personnel capability.

Brigadier Wilton consistently demonstrated exceptional personal dedication to her roles which led to improvements in Army's workforce and personnel capability. Her oversight of the management of high profile, serious, sensitive and complex issues and incidents on behalf of the Chief of Army was exceptional, as a Colonel in a Brigadier position, significantly enhancing Army's reputation and enabling the provision of timely, high quality and accurate advice to Government.

### ***Royal Australian Air Force***

### **Squadron Leader Paul James SIMMONS CSM, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in air combat capability development.

Squadron Leader Simmons' professional mastery, exceptional leadership, attention to detail, and devotion to duty have been pivotal to the generation and maintenance of the Royal Australian Air Force's air combat capability in several roles since 2004. His sustained exceptional service has established the foundation for building a 5th Generation Air Force that has also directly increased the integrated war-fighting capability of the Australian Defence Force and its Coalition partners.