

OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Royal Australian Navy

Rear Admiral Michael Joseph NOONAN AM RAN, ACT

For distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy in significant command positions.

Rear Admiral Noonan distinguished himself in significant senior operational command roles in the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Defence Force Joint Operations Command and Maritime Border Command. He persistently displayed calm resolve and inspirational leadership successfully managing complex operational circumstances whilst guiding fundamental enterprise reforms. His selfless devotion to duty and inspirational leadership has promoted operational professionalism through significant improvements in training outcomes and personnel management.

Australian Army

Major General Fergus Andrew McLACHLAN AM, NSW

For distinguished service in the appointments of Head Modernisation and Strategic Plans - Army, Commander Forces Command and significant contributions to the Australian Army and modernisation as part of the joint Australian Defence Force for Australia's interests.

Major General McLachlan provided distinguished service to the nation across a number of roles; achieving tangible outcomes that have resulted in a more ready, more capable, and better connected Army. Major General McLachlan's exceptional character and judgement combined with his drive and commitment has resulted in lasting benefits for the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major General Paul David McLACHLAN AM CSC, Qld

For distinguished service in the appointments of Head Land Systems Division, Commander of the 1st Division and significant contributions to Army strategic command and control capabilities within the Australian Defence Force.

Major General McLachlan provided distinguished service to the nation across a number of roles through his strong leadership and commitment. This has resulted in strengthening relationships with key Australian industry partners and valued Defence Forces, leading to tangible outcomes in the advancement of Army's capability and the Australian Defence Force's joint command centre capability to meet short notice operations. Major General McLachlan's exceptional leadership and commitment has resulted in lasting benefits for the Australian Defence Force.