



## THE HON JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE MEMBERS HONOURED IN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Today 92 members of the Australian Defence organisation were recognised with Australia Day honours.

Minister for Defence, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP, congratulated all the award recipients for their accomplishments and exceptional dedication to duty in the service of our nation.

“At this time of increased operational tempo it is not surprising that so many Servicemen and women have received recognition,” the Minister said.

“It gives me particular pleasure to congratulate Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston on being promoted to Companion of the Order Of Australia.

“Air Chief Marshal Houston is held in high esteem as a man of integrity who deeply cares about the men and women of the ADF. He has shown clear vision and exceptional leadership during what has been a challenging and demanding time for our military.

“I’m sure all Australians will join me in congratulating the award recipients, and thanking all members of the Australian Defence Force for their work on our behalf.”

Pictures and descriptions of the military awards can be found at [www.defence.gov.au/medals](http://www.defence.gov.au/medals)

The complete list of honours recipients is printed in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette and published on the Attorney-General's Department website. Go to [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au) and look for Government Gazettes under the ‘Legal Services’ heading.

**Note:**

A list of the ADF Australia Day Honours recipients is attached. Some recipients cannot be identified for security reasons.

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## **ADF RECIPIENTS – AUSTRALIA DAY 2008 HONOURS**

### **Companion in the Military Division of the Order of Australia**

**Air Chief Marshal Angus HOUSTON AO AFC, ACT**

For eminent service to the Australian Defence Force as Chief of the Defence Force.

### **Officer in the Military Division of the Order of Australia**

**Rear Admiral Rowan Carlisle MOFFITT AM RAN, ACT**

For distinguished service as Maritime Commander Australia and Deputy Chief of Joint Operations.

**Major General Michael Simon HINDMARSH AM CSC, NSW**

For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force in senior command and staff appointments.

**Major General Mark Andrew KELLY AM, NSW**

For distinguished service to the Australian Army in the fields of training, personnel and operations, in particular as the Commander of the 1st Division and as the Land Commander Australia.

### **Distinguished Service Cross**

**Brigadier Michael Peter CRANE AM, ACT**

For distinguished service in command and leadership in the Middle East Area of Operations as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 for Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER.

**Lieutenant Colonel Michael MAHY, NSW**

For distinguished command and leadership in action as Commanding Officer of Al Muthanna Task Group Three and Operational Overwatch Battle Group West.

**Lieutenant Colonel Anthony John RAWLINS, ACT**

For distinguished command and leadership of Overwatch Battle Group West – Two in Al Muthanna and Dhi Qar Provinces, Iraq, during Operation CATALYST.

**Colonel Mark Andrew SMETHURST AM, ACT**

For distinguished command and leadership as Commander of the Special Operations Task Group during Operation SLIPPER Rotation 3.

### **Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia**

**Colonel David Peter COGHLAN, USA**

For exceptional performance of duties as the Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force 633 in Afghanistan and Chief Plans Officer at Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

**Colonel Mark Graham FRENDIN, Qld**

For exceptional service as Commanding Officer of The Pilbara Regiment and in senior staff appointments at Land Headquarters and Headquarters Joint Task Force 633.

**Lieutenant Colonel Michael Barry RYAN, ACT**

For exceptional performance of duties as Commanding Officer of the 1st Reconstruction Task Force deployed to Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan as part of Operation SLIPPER.

**Colonel Simone Louise WILKIE, ACT**

For exceptional performance of duty in command appointments within Training Command - Army.

**Air Vice-Marshal John Paul HARVEY, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force and Royal Australian Air Force as the Program Manager, New Air Combat Capability.

**Air Commodore David Ernest TINDAL, Vic**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force and Royal Australian Air Force as Director General, Technical Airworthiness.

**Conspicuous Service Cross**

**Captain Stuart Campbell MAYER RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at Maritime Headquarters.

**Commander Bruce James SHEARMAN RAN, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as the Manager Logistics Data and Allowances.

**Lieutenant Ben Martin WELLER RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as a Boarding Party Officer aboard HMAS SUCCESS in support of Operations RELEX II and RESOLUTE.

**Colonel Brett Lawrence BILLETT, Vic**

For outstanding achievement as the inaugural Director of Occupational Health and Safety - Army.

**Major Kevin John CUTHBERTSON, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in the field of explosive ordnance safety.

**Lieutenant Colonel Dean Gregory FRANKLIN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the School of Infantry and Senior Army Representative – Singleton.

**Major David Charles HAFNER, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Officer Commanding B Squadron, 5th Aviation Regiment and Combat Team Vigilance.

**Major George Witold KOSCIUSZKO, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Operations Officer of the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre, particularly in the provision of logistic support to operations.

**Major Wayne Leslie REED, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as Acting Officer Commanding, Joint Movements Control Office Townsville and Officer Commanding, Joint Movements Control Office Darwin.

**Major David Michael SIENKIEWICZ, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as the Executive Officer of the 6th Engineer Support Regiment and as the Operations Officer on Operation SUMATRA ASSIST.

**Warrant Officer Kevin James WOODS OAM, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Regimental Sergeant Major – Army.

**Wing Commander Jason Werner AGIUS, Vic**

For outstanding achievement as the Officer-in-Charge of Aircraft Structural Integrity within the Directorate General Technical Air Worthiness.

**Sergeant Gladstone Gerard BROHIER, Qld**

For outstanding achievement as Maintenance Sergeant at Number 36 Squadron.

**Wing Commander Ian Grant MURPHY, Vic**

For outstanding achievement as Base Commander at Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale.

**Wing Commander Kenneth John ROBINSON, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as Director Personnel Reserves - Air Force.

## **Medal for Gallantry**

**Major Daniel Sebastian CASH, Qld**

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances during operations against Taliban and Anti Coalition Militia while deployed on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan, from June to October 2006.

**Corporal Jeremy Thomas HOLDER, NSW**

For an act of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a Medical Assistant within the Special Operations Task Group – Task Force 637, while deployed on Operation SLIPPER Rotation 3 Afghanistan, from May to September 2006.

## **Distinguished Service Medal**

**Corporal Benjamin James DALY, NSW**

For distinguished leadership in action as an infantry section commander during Operation CATALYST in Iraq.

**Corporal Bradley Ronald WATTS, WA**

For distinguished leadership in action as a Medical Assistant with the Special Operations Task Group – Task Force 637, while deployed on Operation SLIPPER Rotation 3 Afghanistan, from May to September 2006.

**Corporal Wesley Dean WOOD, Qld**

For distinguished leadership in action as an infantry section commander during Operation CATALYST in Iraq.

**Public Service Medal**

**Mr George Ernest VEITCH, ACT**

For outstanding public service in the field of financial management and budgeting.

**Medal of the Order of Australia in the Military Division**

**Commander Stephen John BOWATER RAN, ACT**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Operations.

**Lieutenant Commander Gordon William BURNS RAN, NSW**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly as the Fleet Exercise Program Coordinator.

**Commander Ian Arthur PICKERING RAN, NSW**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Organisation in a variety of operational and support roles.

**Chief Petty Officer Penny Valerie STONE, WA**

For meritorious service as the Fleet Petty Officer Dental in support of Maritime operational capability, and for outstanding achievement in the development of Australian Defence Force Dental Auxiliary operational training and new career structures.

**Chief Petty Officer Peter James STRZELECKI, NT**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy as a Marine Technician, particularly as the Senior Technical Officer aboard HMAS WOLLONGONG and Armidale Class Patrol Boat Crew ATTACK FIVE.

**Warrant Officer Class One Robert Charles DAVISON, Qld**

For meritorious service to the Australian Army in the field of Supply Chain Management.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Roderick Edwin MASON, ACT**

For meritorious service as the Australian Defence Force Academy Band Sergeant Major and as a member of the Australian Army Band Corps.

**Warrant Officer Class One Graham Athol TURNER, NSW**

For meritorious service as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 162nd Reconnaissance Squadron and as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 171st Aviation Squadron.

**Wing Commander James Dennis HOOD, Vic**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of major capital acquisition associated with the P-3C Maritime Aircraft Upgrade and Airborne Early Warning and Control.

**Wing Commander Anthony Michael O'LEARY, Qld**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of operational sustainment.

**Squadron Leader Jeffrey Charles STEPHENSON, NSW**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of base and operational health support within the Air Force Specialist Reserve.

## **Conspicuous Service Medal**

**Commander Stephen Peter COLE RAN, NSW**

For devotion to duty as the Royal Australian Navy Environmental Manager.

**Lieutenant Commander Jayne Vanessa CRAIG RAN, Vic**

For devotion to duty as Deputy Director Navy Employment Conditions and Navy Pay Case Manager in support of Navy personnel.

**Leading Seaman Sean Anthony CRYER, ACT**

For devotion to duty as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Navy.

**Warrant Officer Simon John KELLY, NSW**

For devotion to duty as Officer-in-Charge of the Transient Personnel Management Cell and Establishment Warrant Officer of HMAS PENGUIN.

**Petty Officer Shane Anthony NESBITT, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as Second-in-Command of a Boarding Party aboard HMAS SUCCESS in support of Operations RELEX II and RESOLUTE.

**Lieutenant Commander Philip Francis RIDGWAY RAN, WA**

For meritorious achievement as the commissioning Engineering Officer of HMAS SIRIUS.

**Lieutenant Peter Mathew RUSSELL RAN, WA**

For devotion to duty as the Navigation Officer aboard HMAS ARUNTA.

**Commander Neville Andrew TEAGUE RAN, ACT**

For devotion to duty as the Director Military Administration – Navy within Headquarters, Navy Systems Command.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Jeremy Paul ARCHER, Qld**

For meritorious achievement as the Company Sergeant Major of 1 Company, 1st Intelligence Battalion.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Clayton Charles BAKER, NSW**

For devotion to duty as the Warrant Officer Physical Training Instructor at the School of Infantry.

**Major Scott Robert BROCKHURST, Qld**

For devotion to duty as the Staff Officer Grade Two Aviation Capability at Headquarters 16th Brigade (Aviation).

**Warrant Officer Class One Laurence James CASE, Vic**

For meritorious achievement to the Australian Army Band Corps.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Shane GREEN, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as the Unit Recruiting Liaison Officer and Squadron Sergeant Major in the 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Andrew James HAMILTON, NSW**

For devotion to duty as the Special Air Service Regiment Selection Warrant Officer at the Special Forces Training Centre.

**Lieutenant Colonel Scott Philip HARRIS, Qld**

For meritorious achievement in the acquisition of helicopter systems for the Australian Army.

**Warrant Officer Class One Graeme Rodney JONES, NSW**

For devotion to duty as Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant at the Incident Response Regiment.

**Warrant Officer Class One Kathleen Leah McINTYRE, Vic**

For meritorious achievement as Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant of the 15th Transport Squadron.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Richard Thomas TASSELL, Qld**

For meritorious achievement as Wharf Master at the 10th Force Support Battalion.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Amir Markus TITO, Qld**

For meritorious achievement as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

**Lieutenant Colonel Robert Jason WORSWICK, NSW**

For devotion to duty as Staff Officer Grade One Concepts at Headquarters Training Command - Army.

**Warrant Officer Lynton David BAKER, SA**

For devotion to duty as Squadron Administrative Warrant Officer at Number 92 Wing.

**Squadron Leader Justin Allan COCKROFT, NSW**

For devotion to duty as Commanding Officer at Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School.

**Corporal Shandelle Ann CROSBY, Qld**

For devotion to duty as the Dental Supervisor at Number 1 Air Transportable Health Squadron.

**Flight Sergeant Shane Alexander DEW, SA**

For devotion to duty as Base Armament Manager at Combat Support Unit, Royal Australian Air Force Base Edinburgh.

**Warrant Officer Sean Tavis JUDGE, SA**

For devotion to duty as the Staremaster Chief Analyst at Number 1 Radar Surveillance Unit.

## **Commendation for Distinguished Service**

**Lieutenant Paul Daniel PELCZAR RAN, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties as the Deputy Intelligence Officer on the staff of Commander Task Force 158 during Coalition operations in the Northern Persian Gulf in direct support of Operation CATALYST.

**Captain Gregory John SAMMUT CSC RAN, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties as Commander Task Group 158.1 during Coalition operations in the Northern Persian Gulf in direct support of Operation CATALYST.

**Captain Peter Michael SCOTT CSC RAN, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties as the Chief of Staff Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 during Operations CATALYST and SLIPPER.

**Leading Seaman Anthony Errol WESSLING, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties as an Assistant Battle Watch Captain and communications watchkeeper on the staff of Commander Task Force 158 during Coalition operations in the Northern Persian Gulf in direct support of Operation CATALYST.

**Colonel Ashley Warren GUNDER, Qld**

For distinguished performance of duties as the Australian National Representative in Iraq and Principal Staff Officer within the United Kingdom's Multi National Division South East.

**Captain Nicholas Peter ROSE, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties as the Intelligence Officer of the Special Operations Task Group – Task Force 637, while deployed on Operation SLIPPER Rotation 3 Afghanistan, from May to September 2006.

**Colonel Richard Hugh STANHOPE AM, ACT**

For distinguished performance of duties as the inaugural Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2006.