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26 January 2025

Australia Day 2025 Honours List (Military Awards)

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***Appointed as an Officer of the Order of  
Australia in the Military Division (AO)***

*Royal Australian Navy*

**Rear Admiral Jonathan Paul EARLEY CSC RAN**  
For distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy in key command and senior leadership positions.

***Appointed as a Member of the Order of  
Australia in the Military Division (AM)***

*Royal Australian Navy*

**Commodore Richard Anthony CATON PSM RAN**  
For exceptional service in senior Defence management and international relationship roles.

**Rear Admiral David Peter MANN CSC RAN**  
For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in senior Command and staff roles.

*Australian Army*

**Major General B**  
For exceptional service to the Defence Intelligence Enterprise as Director General of Intelligence, Director General Geospatial Capability Integration, and the Head of Intelligence Capability.

**Brigadier Matthew Stuart CAMPBELL CSC**  
For exceptional performance of duty representing Australia as the Army Attaché Jakarta and as the Head of Australian Defence Staff Jakarta, enhancing the Australian Defence Force's relationship with Indonesia.

**Colonel Martin John LEVEY**  
For exceptional performance of duty to the Australian Defence Force in the fields of Aviation Safety, Human Factors and Organisational Psychology.

**Colonel Thomas Robson MCDERMOTT CSC**  
For exceptional service as the Headquarters Joint Operations Command lead planner for the development of an Australian Defence Force operational contingency plan in support of Australia Defence Force Operations.

*Royal Australian Air Force*

**Wing Commander Cameron Murray DOUGLAS**  
For exceptional service delivering advanced integrated air and missile defence capability for the Australian Defence Force and the United States Air Force.

**Group Captain Marija JOVANOVIĆ CSM**  
For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the provision of command and leadership within the Orion AP-3EW maritime patrol capability.

**Air Commodore Matthew Robert MCCORMACK**  
For exceptional service in advancing the F-35A Lightning II air combat capability for the Australian Defence Force.

**Air Commodore Michael Joseph REIDY**  
For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in cyber and communications appointments.

**Warrant Officer Vanessa Christine SCHNEIDER**  
For exceptional service as a Warrant Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force.



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**Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia  
in the Military Division (OAM)**

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*Royal Australian Navy*

**Commander Luke Kenneth ANDREWS RAN**

For meritorious performance of duty as a Navy Legal Officer.

**Commander Sandra Lee-Joy BENNETT RAN**

For meritorious service as a legal officer in the Royal Australian Navy in sensitive and strategic legal case management roles.

**Lieutenant Commander Scott William CLARKE RAN**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Human Resource Management.

**Chief Petty Officer Michael John CUNNINGTON**

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of Navy Seamanship, Boarding Operations and Gunnery.

**Captain Douglas John GRIFFITHS RAN**

For meritorious service to international engagement for the Australian Defence Force.

**Commander Simon John KELLY CSM RAN**

For meritorious service in the field of Navy Intelligence and Information Warfare.

**Petty Officer Genene Maria SANDERS**

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of hospitality and support services.

*Australian Army*

**Warrant Officer Class One P**

For meritorious performance of duty within Special Operations Command as the Command Chief Clerk and Army People Capability Branch as the Warrant Officer Personnel Policy.

**Warrant Officer Class One Jo-Anne Michelle DOWNES**

For meritorious service to leadership and training as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army Logistic Training Centre, 13th Brigade and the 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion.

**Warrant Officer Class One Mark Roy EVERINGHAM**

For meritorious service in Regimental Sergeant Major appointments with the 22nd Engineer Regiment, Joint Task Unit 629.2.1 and the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment.

**Warrant Officer Class One Peter Anthony WALL**

For meritorious service as the Command Chief Clerk of Forces Command and as a Standards Warrant Officer (Command Support Clerk) at Army School of Ordnance.

*Royal Australian Air Force*

**Warrant Officer Gary John ANDERSON**

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in joint leadership roles.

**Group Captain John Sidney PRICE (Retd)**

For meritorious service as an Inquiry Officer and facilitator of the administrative inquiry capability in the Royal Australian Air Force.

**Awarded the Distinguished Service Medal  
(DSM)**

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*Australian Army*

**Brigadier James Guthrie HUNTER CSC**

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Commander Australian Contingent for Operations OKRA and STEADFAST and Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE Plans Officer from December 2022 to December 2023.



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***Awarded the Commendation  
for Distinguished Service***

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*Australian Army*

**Colonel Geoffrey Neil COSTELLO**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations in Iraq as the Chief of Operations for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Mission – Iraq from May to November 2023.

**Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Murray MCGOWAN**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations in Iraq as the Deputy Director of Plans for Headquarters Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and as the Deputy Commander of the Australian Contingent from August 2022 to March 2023.

***Awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)***

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*Royal Australian Navy*

**Warrant Officer Phillip John DURNAN CSM**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Command Warrant Officer HMAS *Coonawarra*.

**Commander Nikola Celeste-Marie FORD RAN**

For outstanding achievement as the Maritime Logistics Officer in HMAS *Adelaide*.

**Warrant Officer Stuart Noel HAMMOND**

For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of catering services especially in training and policy development.

**Captain Matthew Dean HOFFMAN RAN**

For outstanding devotion to duty as Director Undersea and Information Warfare Workforce Development.

**Principal Chaplain Andrew John LEWIS RAN**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Director General Chaplaincy – Navy.

**Captain Antony Dionisio PISANI RAN**

For outstanding achievement in the field of Navy Capability.

**Commander Matthew Eric RYALL RAN**

For outstanding achievement as the Commander Australian Contingent for Operation MANITOU from January 2023 to January 2024.

**Leading Seaman Ernesto De Joya SANCHEZ Jr**

For outstanding achievement in imagery and public affairs over multiple regional presence deployments in HMAS *Arunta*, *Ballarat*, *Supply*, and *Toowoomba* from 2020 to 2023.

**Commodore Nigel Justin SMITH RAN**

For outstanding achievement as the Director General Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Enterprise Task Force and the Director General Manufacturing Development.

**Commander Calvin Lindsey TIMMS RAN**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer HMAS *Waller* on Operation VIGILANCE from June to September 2023.



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**Lieutenant Colonel D**

For outstanding achievement as the Commander of Support and Response Team – Europe Rotation 5 over the period July 2023 to January 2024.

**Colonel Jacqueline Louise COSTELLO**

For outstanding achievement in the health field as Staff Officer Grade One Psychology and the Senior Health Officer within Headquarters Forces Command.

**Lieutenant Colonel Susana FERNANDEZ**

For outstanding achievement as Commander Joint Task Unit 629.1.1 during Operation NSW FLOOD ASSIST 2021 -1 and Operation FLOOD ASSIST 2022-1 from March 2021 to March 2023.

**Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Michael GROGAN**

For outstanding achievement in enhancing Australian Defence Force preparedness planning and governance.

**Brigadier Damian John HILL AM**

For outstanding achievement as the Director General Joint Collective Training, Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

**Brigadier Nerolie Irene MCDONALD**

For outstanding devotion to duty as Director General Pacific and Timor-Leste.

*Royal Australian Air Force*

**Group Captain James William BLAGG**

For outstanding achievement in Australian Defence Force air capability sustainment contracting.

**Air Commodore Anthony Phillip JONES (Retd)**

For outstanding achievement in the Australian Defence Force as Director of the Indonesia Safety and Airworthiness Program.

**Group Captain Darrell Robert MAY**

For outstanding achievement in space operations in Joint Capabilities Group.

**Wing Commander Lachlan James MELVILLE**

For outstanding achievement in leading and managing Australian Defence Force acquisition of Integrated Air and Missile Defence capabilities.

**Wing Commander Jamie Robertson MINOR**

For outstanding achievement in Australian Defence Force Air Operations planning for Operations BEECH, CARNELIAN and SOUTHERN DISCOVERY from January 2022 to December 2023.

**Wing Commander Benjamin David SAWLEY**

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer Number 1 Flying Training School, Royal Australian Air Force.

**Flight Lieutenant Matthew Robert THURLING**

For outstanding achievement as the Aeronautical Life Support Mustering Capability Advisor in delivering a transformational change program to create an effective Tri-Service Life Support capability.

**Wing Commander Janine Frances TILLOTT**

For outstanding achievement implementing Gender in Military Operations reform for the Royal Australian Air Force.

**Group Captain David Trevor TORRINGTON**

For outstanding achievement in the development and execution of C-27J Spartan operations for the Australian Defence Force.

**Squadron Leader James Alexander WHEELER**

For outstanding achievement in enhancing F-35 survivability and F-35 Mission Data collaboration for the Royal Australian Air Force and F-35 Program nations.



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**Awarded the Bar to the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM and Bar)**

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*Royal Australian Navy*

**Warrant Officer Mark Daniel VERHOEVEN CSM**

For meritorious achievement in construction engineering and shipbuilding within the Royal Australian Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel Program.

**Awarded the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)**

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*Royal Australian Navy*

**Leading Seaman L**

For meritorious achievement in the provision of Geospatial-Intelligence support to operational design and review of Australian Defence Force joint operations.

**Lieutenant Commander Dean James DVORNICICH RAN**

For meritorious achievement as the Marine Engineer Officer HMAS *Supply*.

**Petty Officer Mark James LEACH**

For meritorious devotion to duty while deployed on operations in HMAS *Farncomb*.

**Leading Seaman Katherine Maree LYON**

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Fleet Engineering administration.

**Chief Petty Officer Michael Brendon NOWILL**

For meritorious devotion to duty as an Aviation Technician within the Fleet Air Arm.

**Chief Petty Officer Matthew Lee OSTROWSKI**

For meritorious achievement in support of the Collins Class Submarines.

*Australian Army*

**Corporal L**

For meritorious achievement in the development of Standard Operating Procedures and Training Laboratories in support of the Integrated Battlefield Telecommunications Network Release Three.

**Craftsman N**

For meritorious achievement in the application of remarkable judgment in non-warlike situations as a Heavy Marine Maintainer within the 2nd Commando Regiment.

**Major Drew Warwick BURKITT**

For meritorious achievement as the Detachment Commander Task Unit Chinook during Operation BUSHFIRE ASSIST 2019/20 from January to February 2020.

**Major Cameron Steven DUNNE**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the 5th Aviation Regiment CH-47F Chinook helicopter Qualified Flying Instructor.

**Warrant Officer Class One Susan Louise GALLACHER**

For meritorious devotion to duty in providing transition support to Army's people and their families transitioning from Defence as an Army Transition Warrant Officer.

**Warrant Officer Class One Daniel Johnathan HELLER**

For meritorious achievement as the Tier A, Aircrew Employment Category Manager of the Army Aviation Training Centre.

**Warrant Officer Class One Craig Allan HODGE**

For meritorious achievement as Training Warrant Officer and Acting Regimental Sergeant Major of the 12th/40th Battalion, the Royal Tasmania Regiment.

**Captain Natasha Pauline KIRKHAM**

For meritorious achievement in leadership and strategic engagement while serving as Troop Commander 127th Signal Troop, 1st Signal Regiment.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Andrei Andreyevich MAZOURENKO**

For meritorious achievement as the senior Direct Fire Support Weapons tactician at the School of Infantry, and as a Company Sergeant Major and Operations Warrant Officer at the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

**Warrant Officer Class One Lance Ivan PETERSON**

For meritorious achievement as a senior Warrant Officer and Employment Category Manager in the Groundcrew Mission Support trade in the Australian Army.

**Warrant Officer Class One Shane Robert SMITH**

For meritorious achievement to the Australian Defence Force in the development and delivery of a framework for armoured vehicle training.



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**Major Katelyn Clare THORNE**

For meritorious achievement in streamlining operational reporting, systems administration and governance for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation on Operation PALADIN from July 2022 to July 2023.

*Royal Australian Air Force*

**Warrant Officer Rita Diana COLES**

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Air Operations and Air Force Liaison Officer, Defence Cooperation Program, Papua New Guinea.

**Squadron Leader Luke Daniel GEORGESON**

For meritorious achievement in modernising the Royal Australian Air Force Tactical Air Control Party, making significant contributions to evolving Air Force command and control capabilities and enhancing air land integration with the Australian Army.

**Flight Sergeant Peter John GREENTREE**

For meritorious achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgment and dedication as an Aircraft Technician and Maintenance Executive at Number 36 Squadron.

**Squadron Leader Ryan John MILSOP**

For meritorious achievement as the Australian Liaison Officer at the United Arab Emirates Air Force Air Warfare Centre, located at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.

**Wing Commander Brad Anthony SHELDON**

For meritorious achievement in the development of the cyber-warfare workforce and the cyber-warfare capability of the Australian Defence Force.

**Corporal Simon Edward TAPPLY**

For meritorious achievement in the enhancement of adversary tactics analysis within the Royal Australian Air Force.