

2026 Australia Day Honours

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OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (AO) GENERAL DIVISION

Professor Mark Armstrong AO

For distinguished service to media and communications law, to the development of public policy and regulation, and as an academic.

Dr Michele Bruniges AO

For distinguished service to public administration, to education policy and teaching practice, and to addressing educational disadvantage.

Dr Penelope Seidler AO

For distinguished service to the visual arts as an administrator, patron and benefactor, to heritage preservation, to conservation, and to architecture.

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Group Captain Leish Broadhead AM

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the introduction of the F-35A Lightning II and the sustainment of air traffic management capabilities.

Mr David Chandler AM

For significant service to the building and construction industry.

Colonel Mark Coyle AM

For exceptional service as the Commander Australian Contingent on Operation ASLAN in 2020 and Operation OKRA in 2024.

Commodore Stephen Dalton AM RAN

For exceptional service in submarine and undersea warfare capability development.

Ms Carol Edds AM

For significant service to the construction industry, and to heritage conservation.

Ms Gail Hambly AM

For significant service to the media and communications sector, to the arts, and to the legal profession.

Squadron Leader Andrew Harris AM

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the enhancement and employment of air combat capabilities including platforms, people and procedures.

Wing Commander Nadia Harrison AM CSM

For exceptional service in development and realisation of expeditionary cyberspace provisioning capabilities for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Ms Kim Hobbs AM

For significant service to community health, and to gynaecological oncology.

Brigadier Nathan Juchniewicz DSC and Bar AM CSC

For exceptional service in senior command appointments in Forces Command and Special Operations Command.

Mr Michael Katz AM

For significant service to the arts, to business governance, and to the community.

Dr Nicholas Manolios AM

For significant service to medicine in the field of immunology and rheumatic diseases.

Dr Bruce McGregor AM

For significant service to conservation and environment, in a range of roles.

Ms Elizabeth Montano AM

For significant service to public administration, particularly in law enforcement, regulation and governance.

Commissioner Dr Dominic Morgan AM ASM

For significant service to the community through emergency response governance and leadership.

Mr George Newhouse AM

For significant service to the law, to the legal profession, and to the community.

Emeritus Professor Prem Ramburuth AM

For significant service to tertiary education, particularly through international partnerships.

Commodore Nathan Robb AM RAN

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Maritime Logistics.

Professor John Rolfe AM

For significant service to regional economic development as an economist and author.

Professor Andrew Sindone AM

For significant service to cardiology, and to cardiovascular disease research.



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Rear Admiral Brett Sonter AM RAN

For exceptional performance of duty in senior Australian Defence Force management and international relationship roles.

Dr Robert Stirling AM

For significant service to respiratory oncology as a clinician and educator, and to research.

Dr Joseph Tam AM

For significant service to paediatric medicine, and to rural health.

MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (OAM)**Lieutenant Colonel Robert Cramp OAM (Retd)**

For service to the sport of shooting, and to the community.

Mr Sandy Dawson OAM

For service to golf, and to the community.

Mr Graham Dickinson OAM

For service to the community of Gisborne.

Mr Roger Downs OAM

For service to the community of the Illawarra Region.

Mr Jeremy Dunkel OAM

For service to the Jewish community of Sydney.

Mr John Hollis OAM

For service to the community of Bathurst.

Mr Edgar Jackson OAM

For service to aged welfare, and to the community of Cessnock.

Dr Andrew Kwong OAM

For service to general practice medicine.

Dr Roger Lee OAM

For service to history preservation.

Mr Ian Mackay OAM

For service to the community of the Illawarra.

Mr Adrian Read OAM

For service to gymnastics, and to the community.

Mr Brian Roberts OAM

For service to youth, and to the community.



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Wing Commander Estevan Samanes

For meritorious service in sustainment, maintenance and upgrade operations in support of the F/A-18F Super Hornet for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Dr Mark Waters OAM

For service to medical administration.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)**Captain Aaron Cox CSC RAN**

For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of capability management of the Hobart Class Destroyer.

Commander Stefanie Curic CSC RAN

For outstanding devotion to duty in the management of Navy Engineering training.

Lieutenant Commander Caitlin Fuller CSC RAN

For outstanding achievement in intelligence training, governance, and capability development for the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Sven Harris CSC

For outstanding achievement and the application of skills as Operations Officer, Headquarters 1st (Australian) Division.

Brigadier Caitlin Langford CSC

For outstanding achievement in the development of preventative measures that strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Tegan Musumeci CSC

For outstanding achievement in the delivery of theatre logistics to the integrated force and our allies and partners as Commanding Officer of Joint Logistics Unit – North.

Lieutenant Colonel Lauren Wright CSC

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Project Director for LAND 1508 Greyfin Program and across the Land Systems Division.

BAR TO THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS**Colonel Gerard Kearns CSC and Bar**

For outstanding achievement as the Commander Australian Contingent on Operation PALADIN during the period September 2023 to October 2024.

Air Commodore Kaarin Kooij CSC and Bar

For outstanding devotion to duty as Director General Joint Transition Authority delivering continuous



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improvement and operationalisation of the transition operating model that supports Australian Defence Force personnel and their families.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Lieutenant Commander Gemma Casserly CSM RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty as Indo-Pacific and Major Fleet Unit planner at Headquarters Joint Operations Command for all Australian Defence Force Regional Presence Deployments 2022 to 2023.

Commander Josh Clifford CSM RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty in the delivery of operational intelligence as the Director of Maritime Intelligence.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Dent CSM

For meritorious achievement in support of the Australian Army's international engagement with Japan, as Australian Army Liaison Officer to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Julian Fleming CSM

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of the 9th Force Support Battalion.

Captain Ben Hurst CSM RAN

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy Engineering.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Kukas CSM

For meritorious achievement as Staff Officer Personnel Plans, within Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Wing Commander Grant Leader CSM

For meritorious achievement as the Liaison Officer within the United States Air Warfare Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel Shandelle Welbourn CSM

For meritorious achievement in the realisation of rapid capability development through the Army Minors Program for the Australian Army.

BAR TO THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Major Justin Cross CSM and Bar

For meritorious achievement in delivery of engineering and project management support on Operation ACCORDION from July 2024 to February 2025.

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL (PSM)

Ms Mia Kumar PSM

For outstanding public service to NSW public education.



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Dr Mary Mc Caskill PSM

For outstanding public service to NSW Health through leadership in patient care and safety.

Mr Scott Stewart PSM

For outstanding public service to local government and infrastructure in Queensland.

EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL

Mr Kerry Marshall ESM

AUSTRALIAN CORRECTIONS MEDAL

Ms Natalie Veenstra ACM



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