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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following awards:

## AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

**Mr Graham David COOK**  
NSW

**Mr Garry STUDD**  
Bowral NSW 2576

**Mr Martin Travers TUCKER**  
Tuncurry NSW 2428

**The late Mr John Alfred OAKES**  
Late of Oamaru New Zealand

Please Note: Further details relating to these recipients can be found at [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au).

**By His Excellency's Command**

**Mark Fraser LVO OAM**  
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

## **AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL (AAM)**

### **Mr Graham David COOK, NSW**

For service to the Australian Antarctic Program as a station leader, particularly through his lasting impact on the evolution of this leadership role, and to the bringing together of the Antarctic community.

Mr Cook has served as station leader at the three research stations in Antarctica over five winters, spanning various periods commencing in 2004-2005 with the latest winter being 2012-2013 at Mawson. During this time he has provided outstanding leadership, not only to the expeditioners on station but more broadly to the Australian Antarctic Program.

### **Mr Garry STUDD, Bowral NSW 2576**

For service to the Australian Antarctic Program in his capacity as a senior pilot, particularly his contribution to aviation services to Antarctica since 2006.

Mr Studd has made a significant and unique contribution to the Australian Antarctic Program in his capacity as a senior pilot for Skytraders Pty Ltd over the past 14 consecutive seasons. His outstanding piloting skills in difficult weather conditions, having due regard to safety and not taking undue risk, has allowed expeditions to continue where, in other instances, this would not have occurred. Mr Studd has been at the forefront of Australian Antarctic Division aviation operations since 2004, and has provided a coaching and mentoring role to junior pilots. This was highlighted in the recent 10 year anniversary of aviation travel to Antarctica.

### **Mr Martin Travers TUCKER, Tuncurry NSW 2428**

For service to the Australian Antarctic Program in his capacity as a Southern Ocean Fisheries observer, particularly within the Heard and McDonald Island fishery.

Mr Tucker has spent some 21 years as a Southern Oceans Fisheries observer undertaking 31 voyages to the Southern Ocean. He has spent the majority of his time observing the Heard Island and McDonald Island Fishery within the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) region. He has gone above and beyond the expectations of his duties on all the voyages he has undertaken.

### **The late Mr John Alfred OAKES Late of Oamaru New Zealand**

For service to the Australian Antarctic Program in his capacity as a helicopter pilot, particularly his role in rescuing three injured expeditioners following a helicopter crash in 2013.

Mr Oakes wintered in Antarctica during the period 2009-2010 to 2010-2011. He subsequently completed a further two summer seasons in 2011-2012 and 2013-2014. During his service in 2013-2014 he played a pivotal role in responding to a helicopter crash inland from Davis Station. He provided first aid support and shelter for three victims of the accident for over 14 hours along with the Field Training Officer.