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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Service in the Australian Defence Force is, by its nature, a commitment to something greater than self.

The people who put on our country's uniform strive to serve with honour, distinction and professionalism. They have inherited the legacy of our Anzac forebears and are entrusted with carrying it forward for future generations. That legacy – of courage, mateship, perseverance and sacrifice – speaks to who we are and the nation we aspire to be.

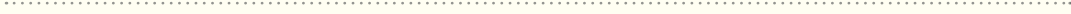
While our servicemen and women don't serve for recognition or reward, it is nonetheless important that, as a nation, we celebrate exceptional service and recognise the impact it has on the community and sometimes the individual.

Gallantry, Distinguished Service and Conspicuous Service decorations are an important part of the Australian honours system.

Recipients of these awards have gone above and beyond what was expected of them and their recognition through our awards system is the nation's way of celebrating that contribution.

On behalf of all Australians, I congratulate and thank all recipients of honours and awards for their outstanding contribution to our nation.

They are a source of inspiration and have helped make Australia the great country that it is.



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INTRODUCTION

In December 1986 the Minister for Defence, the Honourable Kim Beazley announced the winners in the open stage of the Defence Force Awards Design Competition. As a result 11 new awards were designed to be added to the Australian honours system, including the Conspicuous Service Decorations and the Nursing Service Cross.

The Conspicuous Service Decorations were instituted on 18 October 1989 for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding or meritorious achievement or devotion to duty in non-warlike situations. They are awarded primarily to members of the Australian Defence Force.

There are two levels of awards:

- Conspicuous Service Cross – awarded only for outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations.
- Conspicuous Service Medal – awarded for meritorious achievement or devotion to duty, in non-warlike situations.

Another award which was instituted on 18 October 1989 was the Nursing Service Cross. It was introduced for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties or for an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of such duties.

The Governor-General makes the award of Conspicuous Service Decorations and the Nursing Service Cross on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence. These awards are normally set for announcement on Australia Day (January 26) and The King's Birthday (the second Monday in June) each year. The Governor-General may also make immediate awards on the recommendation of the minister and these are announced separately as they occur.

Upon publication of their award, recipients are entitled to have the appropriate post nominals placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

INFORMATION ABOUT AWARDS

About the Australian honours system

The Australian honours system recognises the outstanding service and contributions of Australians.

Recipients come from across the country and from all walks of life. While some are well-known, the majority are unsung heroes. While typically they haven't sought thanks or recognition, they deserve both. The Australian honours system gives the nation a chance to celebrate and acknowledge those who work tirelessly to improve local communities and to make Australia a better place.

Collectively, they showcase the best attributes of Australians – as His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) has said:

“Collectively, they speak to who we are as a nation. There are countless examples of selflessness, commitment and dedication. There is diversity and there are examples of exceptional achievement in almost every field imaginable.”

The broad groups of awards are meritorious, bravery and gallantry, long service and good conduct, operational service, and commemoration.

The Australian honours system is administered by the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat which forms part of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

Responsibility for honours policy matters rests with the Honours and Symbols Branch of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

History of the Australian honours system

The Australian honours system formally began on 14 February 1975 with the introduction of the Order of Australia, the Australian Bravery Decorations, and the National Medal.

The Order of Australia is a multi-level “society of honour”, recognising the merit of the service and achievements of its individual members. The Australian Bravery Decorations recognise individual or group acts of bravery. The National Medal is a long service and good conduct medal, awarded to members of recognised government and voluntary organisations which aid people and property in times of crisis.



Although the system formally began in 1975, uniquely Australian medals existed before then. Service during World War II by Australians was recognised through the Australia Service Medal 1939-45; and a Vietnam Medal was also established, in 1968.

Both medals were created within the British Imperial honours system then in use, but could only be awarded for service by members of Australian armed forces. Even after 1975, the Australian and British systems temporarily operated in parallel. Imperial honours were awarded less often as time went on, until 1992, when it was agreed with Queen Elizabeth II that Australian governments would no longer recommend such awards.

The Sovereign still establishes Australian awards through Letters Patent, exercising the Royal prerogative. However, in most cases the Governor-General approves recommendations for appointments or awards.

Since 1975, additional Australian awards have been established to enable the recognition of various types of service and achievements to continue while the British counterpart awards were phased out. The Australian honours system has developed to a point at which it is truly unique, and tailored to Australia's needs.

About Letters Patent, Regulations, Determination, and Wearing

The Letters Patent approved by The Sovereign institutes the medal and ordains that the medal is governed by the Regulations Governing the Award. These Regulations, approved by The Sovereign, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, set out the terms and conditions of an award, and states that the design, and manner of wearing, of the medal is determined by the Governor-General.

The Determination informs the design of the medal, its associated insignia, and that the order of wearing is in accordance with [The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards](#) and the manner of wearing is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*. This guide assists recipients on appropriate wearing, outlining the manner in which insignia are worn and wearing in regard to different types of dress. The design of the medal and associated insignia must be in accordance with the relevant technical specifications.

The placement of the medal is approved by The Sovereign, and [The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards](#) is the notification by the Governor-General of the positioning of all awards in the Australian honours system.

These instruments collectively inform the rules and conditions associated with the Conspicuous Service Decorations and Nursing Service Cross.

Frequently Asked Questions

How to nominate

The Governor-General issues Conspicuous Service Decorations and the Nursing Service Cross on the recommendation of the responsible Minister.

Awards may be made posthumously and presented to the next-of-kin.

For further information see

www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards/conspicuous-service-decorations

Order of wear

Each medal is worn and approved by The Sovereign in accordance with [*The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards*](#).

Care of medals

To ensure medals remain in good condition it is important to care for them. Always try to handle medals and components with cotton gloves or avoid direct contact with hands and fingers, as they can transfer acid onto medal surfaces.

Only clean/polish your medal, miniature medal and lapel badge with the polishing cloth supplied, or a leather chamois cloth. We do not recommend the use of any liquids, chemicals, abrasives or commercial cleaning agents on any metal components.

It is recommended that after use all medal components are cleaned, buffed and placed back into the original presentation box and stored in a dry area. Additional silica gel sachets may also be placed in the box for insignia stored in humid or coastal areas.

Ordering replica and replacement insignia or additional items

Replica Insignia

Replica medals are available from medal dealers. They can be a good option for displaying medals, or wearing at events.

Replacement Insignia

When medals have been damaged, lost or stolen the recipient may request a replacement.



Additional Items

Other items such as lapel badges, miniatures, ribbons bars or rosettes may be purchased. Recipients may purchase up to six lapel badges in one year.

For recommendations of current medal dealers, or to purchase additional items, please call the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat on (02) 6283 3604.



INSIGNIA DESIGN



The Conspicuous Service Decorations consist of the Conspicuous Service Cross which is a nickel-silver modified Maltese Cross ensigned with the Crown of St Edward with the arms of the cross interspersed with fluted rays. The obverse displays the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. The Conspicuous Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal ensigned with the Crown of St Edward. The obverse displays the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. Each of these awards have ribbons of bush green and sandy gold colours which are natural to Australia, the interpretation being of the green and gold colours of Australia.

The Nursing Service Cross is a four-stepped sterling silver cross ensigned with the Crown of St Edward attached to a sterling silver suspender bar. The obverse displays a transparent red enamel cross insert overlaid on a flecked pattern radiating from the centre of the cross. The ribbon has a deep red bar down the centre, the colour of the sedge flower – a link between a natural Australian colour and the red cross.

The white is for purity and the gold edging reflects the sand colour.



THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

Shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations.



THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Shall be awarded for meritorious achievement or devotion to duty, in non-warlike situations.



NURSING SERVICE CROSS

Shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties or for an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of such duties.





LETTERS PATENT,
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OF THE
CONSPICUOUS SERVICE
DECORATIONS





CONSPICUOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS LETTERS PATENT



ELIZABETH R

AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted certain Australian decorations for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding or meritorious achievement or devotion to duty in non-warlike situations:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute two decorations to be designated and styled, respectively, the Conspicuous Service Cross and the Conspicuous Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the decorations so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great Seal
of Australia at Our Court at
St. James's on 18 October 1989

By Her Majesty's Command,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Bob Hawke'.

BOB HAWKE
Prime Minister



CONSPICUOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS REGULATIONS

SCHEDULE

Short title

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Conspicuous Service Decorations Regulations.

Interpretation

- 2 In these Regulations –
“decoration” means:
 - (a) the Conspicuous Service Cross;
 - (b) the Conspicuous Service Medal; or
 - (c) a bar to the Cross or the Medal.“Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*.
“Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.

Conditions for award of decorations

- 3 (1) The Conspicuous Service Cross shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations.
(2) The Conspicuous Service Medal shall be awarded for meritorious achievement or devotion to duty, in non-warlike situations.
- 4 Each decoration may be awarded posthumously.
- 5 The persons to whom a decoration may be awarded are –
 - (a) a member of the Defence Force; and
 - (b) other persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- 6 Any subsequent award of the Conspicuous Service Cross or the Conspicuous Service Medal to the same person shall be made in the form of a bar to the Cross or the Medal as the case may be.



Making of awards

- 7 The award of a decoration shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.

Designations

- 8 (1) A person to whom the Conspicuous Service Cross has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “CSC” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (2) A person to whom the Conspicuous Service Medal has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “CSM” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (3) Where a person has been awarded a bar to a decoration the person is entitled to have placed after the letters prescribed by this Regulation in respect of that decoration the words “and Bar” or the words “and Bars”, as the case may be.

Design of decorations

- 9 The design of each decoration shall be as prescribed.

Wearing of decorations

- 10 The manner of wearing of decorations shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

Registrar of Awards

- 11 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and who shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom decorations have been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of decorations as the Governor-General directs.

Cancellation and reinstatement

- 12 (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of a decoration and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of a decoration is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the decoration to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.



CONSPICUOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS DETERMINATION

I, General the Honourable David Hurley, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting in pursuance of regulations 9 and 10 of the *Conspicuous Service Decorations Regulations*, revoke the *Conspicuous Service Decorations Determination* made on the first day of September 2008, and hereby determine as follows (see note):

THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

Main Piece

- 1 The Conspicuous Service Cross is a modified Maltese Cross of nickel-silver ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in nickel-silver with the arms of the cross interspersed with fluted rays. Each axis of the cross measures 38 millimetres. The cross is surmounted by a plain nickel-silver suspender bar. The obverse of the cross bears a central device of the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. This device is 18 millimetres in diameter. The reverse bears as the central device a horizontal panel 26 millimetres wide and 8 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. The arms of the cross are interspersed with fluted rays.
- 2 The Conspicuous Service Cross is suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres wide and has alternating diagonal stripes of bush green and sandy gold 6 millimetres wide.
- 3 The medal thickness is 3 millimetres. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 55 millimetres. The total height of the Main Piece is 96 millimetres.

Miniature Piece

- 4 The Miniature Piece of the Conspicuous Service Cross is a half-size replica of the Main Piece suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The medal thickness is 2 millimetres. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 27.5 millimetres. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 48 millimetres.

Ribbon Bar

- 5 The Ribbon Bar of the Conspicuous Service Cross consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high, with no emblem.

Lapel Badge

- 6 The Lapel Badge of the Conspicuous Service Cross is a replica of the cross 10 millimetres in diameter.

Further Awards

- 7 Second and subsequent awards of the Conspicuous Service Cross are recognised by the presentation of a nickel-silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The Bar has a central replica of the cross 6 millimetres in diameter flanked by laurel leaves. The Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award. A half-size replica of the Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An Emblem of the cross, 5 millimetres in diameter, is attached to the Ribbon Bar.

Wearing

- 8 The Conspicuous Service Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar is to be worn at all times with service dress. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing the Conspicuous Service Cross is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.



THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Main Piece

- 9 The Conspicuous Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal 38 millimetres in diameter, ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in nickel-silver. The medal is surmounted by a plain nickel-silver suspender bar. The obverse of the medal bears a central device of the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. The reverse bears a horizontal panel 30 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. This central panel is superimposed over a design of fluted rays.
- 10 The Conspicuous Service Medal is suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres wide and has alternating diagonal stripes of bush green and sandy gold 3 millimetres wide.
- 11 The medal thickness is 3 millimetres. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 56 millimetres. The total height of the Main Piece is 94 millimetres.

Miniature Piece

- 12 The Miniature Piece of the Conspicuous Service Medal is a half-size replica of the Main Piece suspended from a miniature ribbon, 16 millimetres wide. The medal thickness is 2 millimetres. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 28 millimetres. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 47 millimetres.

Ribbon Bar

- 13 The Ribbon Bar of the Conspicuous Service Medal consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high. An Emblem of the medal, 5 millimetres in diameter, is attached at the centre of the ribbon.

Lapel Badge

- 14 The Lapel Badge of the Conspicuous Service Medal is a representation of the medal 10 millimetres in diameter.

Further Awards

- 15 Second and subsequent awards of the Conspicuous Service Medal are recognised by the presentation of a nickel-silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The Bar has a central replica of the medal 6 millimetres in diameter. The Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award. A half-size replica of the Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An additional Emblem of the medal, 5 millimetres in diameter, is attached to the Ribbon Bar.

Wearing

- 16 The Conspicuous Service Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar is to be worn at all times with service dress. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing the Conspicuous Service Medal is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 17 The Conspicuous Service Decorations are worn in accordance with *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards*.

NOTE

- 18 The Letters Patent approved by The Sovereign institutes the Decorations and ordains that the Decorations are governed by the *Conspicuous Service Decorations Regulations*. These Regulations, approved by The Sovereign, set out the terms and conditions of the Decorations, and states that the design, and manner of wearing, of the Decorations are determined by the Governor-General.
- 19 This document is known as the Determination and it informs the design of the Conspicuous Service Decorations, its associated insignia, and that the order of wearing is in accordance with *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards* and the manner of wearing is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*. The design of the Conspicuous Service Decorations and associated insignia must be in accordance with the relevant technical specifications.



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- 20 The placement of the Conspicuous Service Decorations are approved by The Sovereign, and *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards* is the notification by the Governor-General of the positioning of all awards in the Australian honours system.
- 21 These instruments collectively inform the rules and conditions associated with the Conspicuous Service Decorations.

Dated this 17th day of November 2023

A handwritten signature in gold ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a horizontal line and a large, sweeping flourish.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL



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CROSS





NURSING SERVICE CROSS LETTERS PATENT



ELIZABETH R

AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian decoration for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding performance of nursing duties:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a decoration to be designated and styled the Nursing Service Cross:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Nursing Service Cross shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

L.S.

Given under the Great Seal
of Australia at Our Court at
St. James's on 18 October 1989

By Her Majesty's Command,

BOB HAWKE
Prime Minister



NURSING SERVICE CROSS REGULATIONS

SCHEDULE

Short title

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Nursing Service Cross Regulations.

Interpretation

- 2 In these Regulations –
“decoration” means:
 - (a) the Nursing Service Cross; or
 - (b) a bar to the Cross.“Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*.
“Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.

Conditions for award of Decorations

- 3 The Nursing Service Cross shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties or for an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of such duties.
- 4 Each decoration may be awarded posthumously.
- 5 The persons to whom a decoration may be awarded are –
 - (a) a member of the Defence Force; and
 - (b) other persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- 6 Any subsequent award of the Nursing Service Cross to the same person shall be made in the form of a bar to the Cross.

Making of awards

- 7 Awards of the decoration shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.



Designations

- 8 (1) A person to whom the Nursing Service Cross has been awarded is entitled to have the letters "NSC" placed after the person's name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (2) Where a person has been awarded a bar to the Nursing Service Cross, the person is entitled to have placed after the letters prescribed by this Regulation in respect of the Cross the words "and Bar" or the words "and Bars", as the case may be.

Design of decoration

- 9 The design of each decoration shall be as prescribed.

Wearing of decorations

- 10 The manner of wearing of decorations shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

Registrar of Awards

- 11 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and who shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom decoration has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of decorations as the Governor-General directs.

Cancellation and reinstatement

- 12 (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of a decoration and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of a decoration is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the decoration to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

NURSING SERVICE CROSS DETERMINATION

I, General the Honourable David Hurley, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting in pursuance of regulations 9 and 10 of the *Nursing Service Cross Regulations*, revoke the *Nursing Service Cross Determination* made on the first day of September 2008, and hereby determine as follows (see note):

THE NURSING SERVICE CROSS

Main Piece

- 1 The Nursing Service Cross is a four-stepped sterling silver straight armed cross with each axis measuring 43 millimetres, ensigned with the Crown of St Edward in sterling silver. The cross is surmounted by a plain sterling suspender bar. The obverse of the cross bears a transparent red enamel cross insert 35 millimetres across on each axis overlaid on a flecked pattern radiating from the centre of the medal. The reverse bears a horizontal panel 34 millimetres across and 7 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. This is superimposed on a design of fluted rays of varying lengths.
- 2 The Nursing Service Cross is suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres wide and has a central red vertical band 12 millimetres wide, flanked by two white vertical bands 8 millimetres wide, and a further two vertical gold bands 2 millimetres wide.
- 3 The medal thickness is 3 millimetres. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 61 millimetres. The total height of the Main Piece is 99 millimetres.

Miniature Piece

- 4 The Miniature Piece of the Nursing Service Cross is a half-size replica of the Main Piece suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The medal thickness is 2 millimetres. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 30.5 millimetres. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 49.5 millimetres.



Ribbon Bar

- 5 The Ribbon Bar of the Nursing Service Cross consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high, with no emblem.

Lapel Badge

- 6 The Lapel Badge of the Nursing Service Cross is a replica of the cross 10 millimetres in diameter.

Further Awards

- 7 Second and subsequent awards of the Nursing Service Cross are recognised by the presentation of a sterling silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high with a superimposed central replica of the red enamel cross insert of the full-size cross 6 millimetres in diameter. The Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original award. A half-size replica of the Bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the Miniature Piece. An Emblem of the cross, 8 millimetres in diameter, is attached to the Ribbon Bar.

Wearing

- 8 The Nursing Service Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar is to be worn at all times with service dress. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing the Nursing Service Cross is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 9 The Nursing Service Cross is worn in accordance with *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards*.

NOTE

- 10 The Letters Patent approved by The Sovereign institutes the medal and ordains that the medal is governed by the *Nursing Service Cross Regulations*. These Regulations, approved by The Sovereign, set out the terms and conditions of an award, and states that the design, and manner of wearing, of the medal is determined by the Governor-General.
- 11 This document is known as the Determination and it informs the design of the medal, its associated insignia, and that the order of wearing is in accordance with *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards* and the manner of wearing is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*. The design of the medal and associated insignia must be in accordance with the relevant technical specifications.
- 12 The placement of the medal is approved by The Sovereign, and *The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards* is the notification by the Governor-General of the positioning of all awards in the Australian honours system.
- 13 These instruments collectively inform the rules and conditions associated with the Nursing Service Cross.

Dated this 17th day of November 2023

A handwritten signature in gold ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'G' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL



Contact INFORMATION

Administering Australia's honours

There are three organisations with primary responsibility for administering Australia's system of honours. They are the:

- Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat, Government House, Canberra;
- Honours and Symbols Section, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and
- Directorate of Honours and Awards, Department of Defence.

Government House

The Australian honours system was introduced in 1975. At that time the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat was established as part of the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General at Government House in Canberra.

The contact details are:

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Website: www.gg.gov.au

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

The Honours and Symbols Section, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provides policy advice on the operation of the Australian honours system.

Phone: 02 6271 5601
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Website: www.pmc.gov.au/honours-and-symbols/australian-honours-system

Department of Defence

The Directorate of Honours and Awards of the Department of Defence provides policy advice on defence honours and awards. The Department is also responsible for administering defence awards.

Phone: 1800 333 362
Email: honoursandawards@defence.gov.au
Website: www.defence.gov.au/medals

