

## NURSING SERVICE CROSS (NSC)

### **AUSTRALIAN ARMY**

#### **Sergeant Geoffrey Ian COX, Qld**

For an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of nursing duties as a member of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, Defence Co-operation Program – East Timor.

During an influx of battle casualties from the conflict between East Timorese Government Forces and anti-government protesters on 23 May 2006, Sergeant Cox worked tirelessly to save life. In a particularly harsh, fragile and foreign environment and in a role for which he was neither equipped nor tasked, Sergeant Cox provided life saving medical assistance to numerous casualties suffering from gunshot wounds, and galvanised inexperienced helpers into an effective support team. His professionalism, leadership and medical skills on that day demonstrated qualities of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps.

#### **Warrant Officer Class Two Alastair George MACKENZIE, WA**

For an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of nursing duties as a member of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, Defence Co-operation Program - East Timor.

Following an East Timorese troop carrying vehicle accident near Metinaro on 8 June 2006, Warrant Officer Mackenzie worked tirelessly to save life. In a particularly harsh, fragile and foreign environment and in a role for which he was neither equipped nor tasked, he stimulated and maintained staff morale, gained patients' confidence and provided life saving medical assistance to the many seriously injured casualties. He displayed professionalism, leadership and medical skills of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps.

#### **Captain Jane Anne MATEER, Vic**

For outstanding devotion and competency in nursing duties on *Operation CATALYST* at the United States Air Force Theatre Hospital, Balad, Iraq.

Captain Mateer was inspirational in her clinical competence and compassion while caring for critically injured casualties throughout her deployment in Iraq. Captain Mateer excelled in her efforts to save human life and in the care and attention she afforded to the deceased. Captain Mateer's actions and dedication to duty were well above the call of duty and of the highest order, in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.