COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Mrs Lessing Faith BANDLER AM, NSW

For distinguished service to the community through the advancement of human rights and social justice, and by raising public awareness and understanding of the cultural heritage of South Seas Islanders, and to women's issues.

During her lifetime Mrs Bandler has been an active campaigner for justice and human rights, particularly Indigenous Australians and South Sea Islanders. She is highly regarded for her leadership of the 1967 Referendum Campaign, in which over 90 percent of Australians voted for the removal of discriminatory provisions from the Constitution of Australia regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. She continues to write, speak and campaign.

Mrs Bandler was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia in The Queen's Birthday 1984 Honours List for her service to Aboriginal welfare.

Enlisted Australian Women's Land Army, 1942-1945.

Co-Founder, Aboriginal-Australia Fellowship (the only all-state organisation at the time); also served as Vice-President and Secretary.

Founding Member and Secretary, Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander.

Founding Member, Women's Electoral Lobby, 1972-1984.

Founder/National Secretary, National Commission for South Sea Islanders (representing 16,000 descendents of South Sea Islanders), 1974-1978.

Special Guest, International Women's Writers and Publishers Conference, 1984.

Supporter, Indigenous Medical Students Program, Newcastle University.

Founding Member, Australian Republican Movement, since 1975; Life Member, 2002.

Publications include:

Wacvie, 1977.

Marani in Australia, with Len Fox, 1980.

The Time was Ripe, with Len Fox, 1983; a history of the Aboriginal-Australian Fellowship. Welou. My Brother, 1984.

Turning the Tide, 1989; a personal history of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

Other awards/recognition include:

Centenary Medal, 2001.

Meritorious Award, Sydney Peace Foundation 2000; presented by Nelson Mandela.

'Australian Living National Treasure', National Trust, 1997.

Human Rights Medal, 1997.

Honorary Doctorate - Macquarie University, 1995.

Pandora Press Award, 1989.

COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The Honourable Kim Christian BEAZLEY, South Perth WA 6151

For service to the Parliament of Australia through contributions to the development of government policies in relation to defence and international relations, as an advocate for Indigenous people, and to the community.

Leader of the Australian Labor Party, 1996-2001 and 2005-2006; Deputy Leader, 1995-1996. Deputy Prime Minister, 1995-1996.

Shadow Minister for Defence, 2004; Minister, 1984-1990; Minister assisting, 1983-1984.

Minister for Finance, 1991 and 1993-1996.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training, 1991-1993.

Minister for Transport and Communications, 1990-1991.

Vice-President, Executive Council, 1988-1991.

Special Minister of State, 1983-1984.

Minister for Aviation, 1983-1984.

Member for Swan, 1980-1996.

Member for Brand, 1996-2007.

Professorial Fellow, Political Science and International Relations, School of Social and Cultural Studies, University of Western Australia, since 2007.

Board Member, United States Study Centre, University of Sydney, since 2007.

Published, The Politics of Intrusion: The Super Powers and the Indian Ocean (Beazley and Clark).

Awards/recognition include:

Centenary Medal, 2001.

Rhodes Scholar, 1973.

COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Mrs Marilyn Ann DARLING, 'Parkside', 481 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004 For service to the development, advancement and growth of visual arts in Australia and internationally, particularly through the National Portrait Gallery, and to the community through a range of philanthropic endeavours.

Chair, National Portrait Gallery, since 2000; Deputy Chair, 1997-2000.

Member, Governing Council of Old Parliament House, since 2000.

Deputy Chair, Gordon Darling Foundation, since 1998; Trustee, 1991-1998.

Member, Tate International Council, since 1997.

Member, National Portrait Gallery Advisory Committee, National Library of Australia, 1993-1994.

Convenor Patron, 'Uncommon Australians: Towards an Australian Portrait Gallery', 1991-1993.

Board Member, Gordon Darling Australasian Print Fund, National Gallery of Australia, since 1989.

Member, Organising Committee for launching the Melbourne Festival (formerly Spoleto), 1988-1991.

Member, Music Foundation Appeal Committee, Trinity College, University of Melbourne, 1987-1993.

Member, Melbourne Development Committee for Sovereign Hill, Ballarat, 1987-1991.

Member, Executive Committee, Dame Joan Hammond Award, 1986-1991.

Trustee, Victorian State Opera Foundation, 1984-1989.

Board Member, Victorian Children's Aid Society (VCAS), 1984-1987; President, VCAS Auxilliary, 1979-1984.

Member, Board of Management, Lost Dogs Home (Melbourne), 1985-1987.

Supporter, Art Gallery of NSW.

Awards/recognition include:

Centenary Medal, 2001.

Melbourne Art Fair Foundation Award, 2007.