A TOP COP, a millionaire matriarch and the man with his finger on the economy’s pulse have been recognised alongside ordinary Aussies doing extraordinary things in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Reserve Bank Governor Glenn Stevens and retired president Warren Mundine have been honoured for their role as an Olympic icon, the man with his finger on the economy’s pulse and promoting the status of women.

Australians were also celebrated for their service to law enforcement: former ALP obituary, former ALP President John Bertrand, who also skippered Australia II to victory in the 1983 America’s Cup, as well as race walker Jared Tallent, who will be retrospectively awarded a gold medal from the 2012 Olympics after Russian Sergey Kirdyapkin was revealed to be a drug cheat.

Territorians among our nation’s best

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THIRTEEN Territorians today received some of the highest awards in the country, as the Queen’s Birthday Honours List was announced.

John “Foxy” Robinson was one of 56 Australians to become an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia for his service to the community through philanthropic contributions and fundraising.

Donna Odegaard was recognised for her service to indigenous cultural heritage, and Sharon Mulholland for her service to the NT community.

Cherry Daniels, Valerie Hamilton, John Dennis, Carmelo Randazzo, Jeffrey Pinkerton and Robert Wilson were all given medals of the Order of Australia in the general division, while Warrant Officer Class One Andrew Platt earned a medal in the military division.

One Australian Police Medal was awarded to Alice Springs Senior Sergeant Suri-Kai Tennasoaar. Chief Petty Officer Mark Verhoeven (Royal Australian Navy) and Warrant Officer Class Two Shane Doeven (Australian Army) earned Conspicuous Service Medals.

Nationally, 777 Australians were nominated for Orders of Australia, with 565 receiving the honours. 263 people received honours for community related work, 53 for medical work, and 35 for sport related work. From nominations received, 81.2 per cent of women were awarded, while 69.2 per cent of men received awards.

Throughout Australia, 13 people became Companions of the Order of Australia, 56 became Officers, 126 became Members, and 370 received medals.

Kudos for Australia’s

Donna Marie Odegaard has been awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for services to indigenous leader, while retired federal Liberal backbencher Dith Moylan has been recognised for her service to parliament and promoting the status of women. Plenty of sports stars were honoured, including Swimming Australia president John Bertrand, who also skippered Australia II to victory in the 1983 America’s Cup, as well as race walker Jared Tallent, who will be retrospectively awarded a gold medal from the 2012 Olympics after Russian Sergey Kirdyapkin was revealed to be a drug cheat.

Keeping Aussies entertained for decades earned 30s pop queen Kate Ceberano and OF55 frontman Frankie J Holden spots on the honours list. Among the quiet achievers were Betty Burgess for her services to the Country Women’s Association, Barbara Cochrane for being a Meals on Wheels driver for 24 years, and Pamela Dunlop for her work with the Victorian Working Sheepdog Association.

Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove said the 771 Australians honoured were role models who gave without any thought of recognition or gain.

“We are a stronger, safer and more caring nation because of them,” he said.

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