**Video transcript: Recognising outstanding achievement in the COVID-19 response through the Australian Honours system – Governor-General of Australia**

The awards in our Honours system are the highest form of recognition of the efforts and achievements of Australians.

The system recognises and celebrates those who go above and beyond, who, through their determination, commitment and selflessness have a profound impact on our community.

The ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has challenged us in ways that we could not have imagined, has been made possible by many, many people like this.

In the midst of the challenges we have witnessed countless examples of Australians who have served tirelessly and done extraordinary things.

As a nation we should give thanks to these people.

Most would never dream of asking for it – they’ve done their job and got on with it.

That is, I’ve found, the Australian way.

Yet they do deserve thanks, recognition and to be celebrated.

I encourage all Australians to look around those in their community, think of who has gone above and beyond and consider nominating them for recognition.

The Order of Australia relies on nominations from the community – so if you know someone involved in the pandemic response, whatever their role, and think that their contribution has made a significant impact, nominate them.

Go to my website, gg.gov.au to find out how.