Author’s note

Throughout this book I provide brief statistical data and commentary on awards conferred, to whom, and for what kinds of achievements and services. In compiling this analysis I have drawn on the Australian Government’s invaluable searchable online database, available on the ‘It’s an Honour’ website, particularly as it stood in 2011, when the majority of the statistical detail was produced.¹ It should be acknowledged that the figures given are not necessarily comprehensive and may not include all Australians who have been honoured over the period considered. For example, some Australian-born individuals may have received titles through British honours lists, and may therefore not appear in the data analysed. For the details of individual awards, I have relied on this database, as well as the announcements of awards in official gazettes and local newspapers. Quotations are given as they appear in the original sources. While this book employs Australian spelling throughout, I have retained the spelling of ‘honors’ rather than ‘honours’ when it appears thus in source material. As well, although the Australian Labor Party initially used the spelling ‘Labour’, I have adopted the modern spelling of ‘Labor’ throughout the book for consistency.

¹ See Australian Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, ‘Australian Honours Search Facility’, It’s an Honour, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, accessed 29 May 2021, honours.pmc.gov.au/honours/search.