

12th/40th BATTALION, THE ROYAL TASMANIA REGIMENT FUNCTION
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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE TENNIS PAVILION, SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

Good afternoon, everyone.

As Representative Colonel of the Royal Tasmania Regiment, I am pleased to welcome members of the 12th/40th Battalion.

I understand that you have had another busy year and I hope that this event, at the end of your final training weekend of the year, provides a pleasant opportunity to relax.

The Regimental Sergeant Major has, true to form, arranged a series of activities centred around our tennis courts and bowling green just a few hundred metres away (gesture).

Before that, however, a few important presentations must be made.

The RSM will provide more details shortly, but I will be presenting a Federation Star to Warrant Officer Class Two Paul Tyson. Warrant Officer Tyson enlisted into the Australian Army as a cook on the 18th July, 1984. Looking around, I would guess many of you were not even born then!

During his 40 years of service, Warrant Officer Tyson has deployed to East Timor and to Afghanistan and posted to over 13 different units. In 18 months, Warrant Officer Tyson will reach Compulsory Retirement Age. I understand that he and his partner, Charmaine, will retire here in Hobart.

I will also have the privilege of promoting Sergeant Dominic Hendriksen to Warrant Officer Class Two. The transition from being a non-commissioned to a Warrant Officer is significant. Warrant Officers take on senior management roles and act as senior advisors to commanders at the Company level.

I am glad that Dominic's family are here as I am well aware of the support that families provide to military members, and the sacrifices that they make to do so.

Please enjoy the day and the hospitality of Government House.

Official Secretary ...