

**PRESENTATION OF THE CAPTAIN WALTON DRAKE CUP  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
ROYAL HOBART GOLF CLUB, SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2022**

Thank you very much for your invitation to present the prestigious Captain Walton Drake Cup to the winning team. This reception is a wonderful social occasion that recognises the rich and long history of the relationship between the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Hobart Golf Club.

I am pleased to be here again at Royal Hobart after many years. I had a very short golf career when I attained my handicap at this course, but soon realized that my hockey skills could not be quickly overcome, with my putting more resembling a hockey shot at goal!

I was interested to read that the Club has relocated twice, first from Sandy Bay and then from Rosny in 1956. The degree of difficulty of the 18 holes at Sandy Bay was reflected in the par 80 for members and par 89 for associates. As a result, the first ever golf professional in Tasmania was employed by the Club, James Hunter, from Scotland, Don was pleased to know.<sup>1</sup>

The history of your Walton Drake Cup goes back to then District Naval Officer in Tasmania, Captain Walton Drake, who instigated the competition between the Navy and the Royal Hobart Golf Club in the early 1900s.

Since then, I am told, Navy has never beaten our local Royal Hobart team in the competition.

This year's Competition was very close. I am pleased to announce that Royal Hobart Golf Club have retained their unbeaten status. I now have great pleasure in presenting the Cup to the winning team Captain.

*[Captain comes forward, HE gestures to the Cup, photo op]*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rhgc.com.au/cms/about-us/history/> accessed 20 Feb 2022