

**AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS
PRESENTATION OF A SEVENTH CLASP TO THE
AUSTRALIAN CADET FORCES SERVICE MEDAL
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
DRAWING ROOM, MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Good afternoon everyone and a very warm welcome to this presentation ceremony of the seventh Clasp to the Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal to Commander Michael Mann.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea, and waters.

Members who serve with the Cadet Forces of the Navy, Army or Air Force are eligible for recognition by way of a service medal. They are eligible after they have served for fifteen years. Each successive five years, up to 35 years, is marked by the award of a clasp to their service medal.

For 40 years of service, significantly, members may be awarded the Federation Star. The Federation Star replaces all of the rosettes on the member's ribbon bar. However, it is recognised on decorations with another clasp.

Accordingly, the Federation Star is a rare insignia to see, as the recipient must not only have served for at least 40 years, but also still be serving, so that the Star is visible on their ribbon bar in uniform.

Further periods of service of five years result in the award of a further clasp, which is recognised by the presentation of an additional Federation Star.

Today, it is my great pleasure and honour to present to Michael the seventh clasp to his Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal. This third Federation Star represents a total of 50 years of service.

I am pleased that his family and friends are here. We are all aware of the support provided by family and friends for our Cadet Force members. We thank you for that support.

My warmest congratulations to Commander Michael Mann. Your seventh clasp means that you now have three Federation Stars displayed on your ribbon bar. May I acknowledge your work serving our Nation through the Defence Force's Youth leadership development program for more than 50 years. We all appreciate your work. May you wear your Federation Stars with pride.

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