

**GOVERNOR'S ANGLESEA BARRACKS BOWLS CHALLENGE  
AWARD OF THE INAUGURAL GOVERNOR'S CUP  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE BOWLING GREEN  
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Good afternoon, everyone. I warmly welcome you all here to play some bowls and enjoy our Government House hospitality for this inaugural Governor's Cup competition.

You may be aware that we make the greens open to public use throughout the bowls season, part of our plan to open the House and grounds to more people from our diverse Tasmanian community and to encourage participation in sports.

There has been a long history of bowls at Anglesea Barracks. Occupants of Anglesea Barracks ranged from a boys' school, girls' industrial school, girls' reformatory, aged women's home, through tenants who rented the grounds for pasturage, to gymnasium, weather bureau, and the Royal Hobart Bowling Club. Only the Royal Hobart Bowling Club retains its original lease.<sup>1</sup>

When researching the bowls rivalry between the Anglesea Barracks Sergeants' and Officers' Messes, I came across a reference in 2016 that indicated this is not the first time a Governor has hosted such a competition here.

My predecessor Kate Warner welcomed what was, for the Royal Hobart Bowls Club, "the headline act [of] the annual Barracks Hill Cup, a competition between the RHBC and the Anglesea Military Barracks...."<sup>2</sup>

Today, of course, the rivalry will be even more intense, as is befitting of a competition between Messes.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dha.gov.au/docs/publications/tasmania.pdf> accessed 22 Sep 23

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bowls.com.au/royal-hobart-125th-anniversary/> accessed 22 Sep 23

It is my pleasure to announce that the winner of the inaugural Governor's Cup is the Officers' Mess. Well done to the winning team members and my commiserations to the losers!

I look forward to hosting you again next year when we reprise the Governor's Cup for what we hope will become an annual event.

Would winning team captain, Lieutenant Colonel Neil Grierson, please come forward.

[HE presents the cup]

[applause]

[Lieutenant Colonel Grierson responds on behalf of both Messes]