AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS, TASMANIA BATTALION ALPHA COMPANY FINAL PARADE FOR 2025 REMARKS BY

HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA YOUNGTOWN, SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025

Good morning, everyone. Thank you for having me as the Reviewing Officer at your final parade for 2025.

May I begin by acknowledging the Palawa people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky, and waters.

It is a great pleasure to join you today to celebrate an outstanding year for Alpha Company of the Tasmanian Battalion, Australian Army Cadets. 2025 has been another busy year for you.

Early this year you held a recruit training camp, welcoming new cadets and developing foundational skills in leadership, discipline, and teamwork¹. This year's exercises were again a success, testing fieldcraft and resilience under demanding conditions. I have heard, in particular, that Operation Missing Link was enjoyable with a range of team building activities². I understand that several of you represented Tasmania with dedication, enthusiasm and team spirit at the Chief of Army Challenge³.

Your community engagement has been extensive this year. At AGFEST, you presented your skills, values, and opportunities offered through the Cadet program⁴. Recently, you supported the Kings Meadows Bunnings Halloween Family Fun Night and demonstrated your virtual drones⁵. Cadets have also been involved in raising funds for Legacy, which supports the families of our servicemen and women. On Anzac Day,

¹ Email Ryan Polutele / ADC 31 Oct 2025

² Facebook

³ Ibid

⁴ Email Ryan Polutele / ADC 31 Oct 2025

⁵ Facebook

many attended services across Tasmania, representing the Australian Army Cadets with respect and dignity.

Alpha Company, these are examples of your efforts this year that have strengthened your reputation for excellence and leadership within our Tasmanian community.

To the staff and volunteers, thank you for your guidance and dedication. And to the cadets, congratulations on an exceptional year.

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