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Guy Barnett, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

Recognition of serving Tasmanians

The Tasmanian Government today paid tribute to the Tasmanian men and women who were deployed during 2014 and served Australia in the armed forces.

Today I joined with the Tasmanian Veterans Advisory Council (TVAC) to host the annual Government Reception at Launceston's Albert Hall.

The reception is the Tasmanian Government's way of thanking those who have been deployed for the difficult work undertaken in protecting Australia's interests and those of the wider international community.

About 30 recently deployed personnel attended the function and were presented with Certificates of Recognition.

The full impact on service personnel, veterans and their families cannot be overestimated.

Tasmania has historically punched well above its weight when it comes to supporting the nation's armed forces and defending Australia.

Tasmania has more than 11,000 ex-service personnel, so while we thank our current serving members today we also recognise those who have proudly served and sacrificed for their nation in the past.

It is an interesting and challenging time not only in Australia but also around the world as the events to commemorate those that participated in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in the 100 years since World War One have commenced.

Tasmania's Centenary of ANZAC commemorations were launched on 18 October 2014 with the 12th/40th Battalion, the Royal Tasmanian Regiment, exercised its right to Freedom of Entry to the City of Hobart.

The Tasmanian Government encourages Tasmanians to reflect upon and learn more about our rich military history and its ongoing impact on our nation today.

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