



WARRANT OFFICER CLASS TWO DARREN JOHN THOMAS
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Warrant Officer Class Two (WO2) Darren John Thomas was born in Mt Gambier, South Australia, on 03 January 1971 and, after 16 years' experience as a fitter and turner in the metal industry in Portland Victoria, he joined the Australian Army as a fitter armourer on the 15 August 2000, and after completion of his recruit training at Kapooka, WO2 Thomas was assigned to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

His postings include, ALTC, RTC-SQ in Brisbane, 4th Field Regiment Townsville, 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment, B SQN 3rd / 4th Cavalry Regiment, back to 4th REGT RAA, 4th Combat Services Support Battalion, Defence Force School of Signals, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, Victoria Barracks Melbourne, and is currently posted to School of Artillery at Puckapunyal as the ASM

Deployments include NQ Cyclone Relief for Cyclones Larry and Yasi, the rapid deployment to Timor Leste on Op ASTUTE (2006) and the deployment to Afghanistan on Op SLIPPER (2007-08) with the Third Reconstruction Task Force (RTF3) and again (2011-12) Artillery Training and Advisory Team (ATAT 3) in Kabul.

In 2019 after some personal post-deployment reflection and family decisions, WO2 Thomas volunteered to become a Padre in Australian Army Cadet (AAC) and was commissioned as an ACC Chaplain.

WO2 Thomas has enjoyed the challenges of leadership, in both barracks and deployed environments, nothing more then seeing his subordinates step up to the next level in their careers. WO2 Thomas is married to his wife Tracey and they have two sons, Riley and Fraser. WO2 Thomas is excited about the future in his dual roles in the ADF and in his Ministry in the AAC and Military Christian Fellowship (MFC).