



KING'S BIRTHDAY 2026 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE CAROLINE WELLS
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 2:30 PM, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to Government House for this 2026 King's Birthday Honours Investiture.

I will begin acknowledging the Palawa people as the First Peoples of lutruwita/Tasmania and the Traditional Custodians of this land. For countless generations, they have cared for and nurtured this remarkable island, its landscapes, waterways and communities.

I pay my respects to Elders past and present and recognise the enduring contribution of Aboriginal Tasmanians to the cultural, social and spiritual life of our State.

Honours and awards are a visible way for us to acknowledge and show our appreciation for people in our community who are exceptional. Since the introduction of the Australian Honours system in 1975, any person has been able to nominate someone for an award who has demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional commitment.

As I have been meeting people since I began my term, it has been obvious that there are so many individuals who would be worthy recipients who are working tirelessly in the quiet pursuit of the extraordinary in the service of our community.

Changes made last year to streamline the process have made it easier than ever to nominate someone online, so I encourage everyone to think about doing that.

This afternoon it is my great honour to invest with insignia 14 exemplary Tasmanians. One is a Member of the Order of Australia, three will receive the Ambulance Service Medal, and 10 the Medal of the Order of Australia.

I extend my warmest congratulations and the thanks of the Tasmanian community to you all for the work you have done and the impact you have had and are continuing to have.

You are all truly remarkable.

Official Secretary ...