



**KING'S BIRTHDAY 2026 HONOURS AND
MIDWINTER'S DAY 2026 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE CAROLINE WELLS
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 10:00 AM, FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

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

I will begin by 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.

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 just that.

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

This morning it is my great honour to invest with insignia 15 exemplary Tasmanians. One is an Officer of the Order of Australia, eight are Members of the Order, two will receive the Australian Police Medal, three the Medal of the Order of Australia and one, an Australian Antarctic Medal.

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 made. You are all truly remarkable.

Official Secretary ...