

**EAT WELL TASMANIA  
FUNDRAISING EVENING TO MARK THE BIRTHDAY AND  
PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022**

**[Vice-Regal Salute is played]**

Please be seated.

Good evening and welcome to this special Platinum Jubilee fundraising event for Eat Well Tasmania.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community. I recognise a history of truth, which acknowledges the impacts of colonisation upon our First People. I stand for a future that respects and acknowledges Aboriginal stories, culture, language and history.

Ten years ago in 2012, Her Majesty celebrated her Diamond Jubilee to mark sixty years as British Monarch. Her Majesty suggested that one way to celebrate her Jubilee is to hold fundraising events for good causes.

That is what we have done over the last decade here at Government House. We are delighted to continue this tradition with Eat Well Tasmania, as a patronage.

May I also mention that tomorrow, we host another fundraiser for Hobart City Mission.

These are both important community organisations in Tasmania.

I would like therefore, as Governor, to extend my thanks to each guest who has purchased a ticket to be here with us this evening.

And, as you will have seen from the booklet, we are all in for a special musical delight. Ingrid Leibbrandt and Allison Farrow are exceptional musical performers, individually and together. Their performance will be all the more memorable by being held in this Ball Room with its fabulous acoustic.

We shall then enjoy high quality fare, with much produced in our Government House Gardens and all prepared in our Kitchens.

It is also with considerable pride that we can say that among Eat Well Tasmania's energetic and dedicated Board members is Ainstie Wagner, our Government House Executive Chef. Ainstie is a great supporter of local producers and seasonal produce is always on the menu here for functions and, importantly, for donations to organisations such as Hobart City Mission, the Salvation Army and the Migrant Resource Centre.

Government House has been working with Eat Well Tasmania for over ten years, supporting Tasmanians to gain greater access to healthy, local, seasonal fruit and vegetables. Eating seasonal, nutrient-rich, fresh food and eating local is a key message for Eat Well Tasmania – and Government House. Unfortunately, statistics indicate that less than 8 per cent of us eat well enough in fruit and vegetables.

As Patron, I am proud to support Eat Well Tasmania in its mission to create and share the tools and systems needed for healthier eating. Eat Well Tasmania understands the importance of research, strategic storytelling, and advocacy in helping to align the right people to make bold decisions to drive healthy change.

A critical element in the behavioural changes that we need to achieve a healthier Tasmania, is to shift the current culture of food consumption. Working with industry and government, Eat Well Tasmania is striving to ensure more local, seasonal food is available to more Tasmanians, which in turn will support our food producers.

Tasmania needs a strong policy environment that values seasonal eating and equitable access to this food, for all. This mission feeds, no pun intended, into the advocacy and community campaigns that Eat Well Tasmania delivers across the State.

We have a diversity of seasonal food available in Tasmania all year round. And tonight, our best winter produce is on show, thanks to the delicious menu planned, crafted and prepared by Ainstie Wagner and her team. Thank you so much Ainstie and team.

Thank you also to our Executive Butler, Leigh Millington, and his team for presenting the fare to us, and to all Government House staff involved to make sure this event is enjoyable for us all.

May I conclude and let us remember that this event also marks seventy years on the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. She continues to lead with exceptional devotion, dedication and dignity.

As this fundraising event is a way of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee, it is appropriate that we please stand briefly and join in a round of applause for our Queen of Australia.

[applause]

Thank you.

[David invites Carl Saunder, State Manager, Eat Well Tasmania, to respond]