

**QUEEN'S SCOUT AND QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARDS 2022**  
**REMARKS BY**  
**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC,**  
**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**BALL ROOM, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022**

**[VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED]**

Please be seated.

I extend a very warm welcome to you all to Government House for the presentation of the 2022 Queen's Scout and Queen's Guide Awards.

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.

May I acknowledge among us:

- Michael Hovington, Scouts Tasmania Chief Commissioner, and Susanne Hovington
- Linda Durran, Girl Guides Tasmania State Commissioner
- Nigel Clutterbuck, Scouts Tasmania President
- Georgina Gaffney, Girl Guides Australia Board Director for Tasmania
- Jason Page, Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts
- and fellow senior officials here today.

As Chief Scout in Tasmania, and patron of Girl Guides Tasmania, I am very proud to be officiating at this ceremony today.

The Queen's Scout and Queen's Guide Awards presentations were last held here, three years ago in May 2019. It is wonderful to resume this important and longstanding annual event now that, hopefully, the worst of the Covid pandemic is behind us.

These are important awards, and they recognise significant individual achievements.

These awards identify with this Vice-Regal Office which links directly to the Awards, and carry a personal message from Her Majesty, as we shall hear.

This Office, and the Scout and Guide movements, have been parts of the fabric of Tasmanian society over a long period of time – in your case for well over one hundred years.

This too is a reason why Tasmanian Governors continue to support your work and your efforts — as individuals and as youth-oriented organisations. I acknowledge your commitment to doing what you can, to be the best that you can be, and working positively for society.

Before we proceed with the presentations, I would like to share with you one thought. It comes not from me but from Olave Baden-Powell, who had married Lord Baden-Powell in 1912. This was just two years after Lord Baden-Powell had founded the Boy Scout movement and then, with his sister Agnes, the Girl Guide organisation.

In 1947 Lady Olave Baden-Powell, then the first World Chief Guide, visited Hobart. Her busy schedule included a Cub and Brownie rally at Government House in the afternoon, and a Scout and Guide rally in our Town Hall at night. Both events were attended by many hundreds of scouts and guides.

Lady Baden-Powell was accompanied by Lady Binney, the Tasmanian State president of Girl Guides. You can see a portrait of Lady Binney – wife of then Governor Sir Hugh Binney – in our Main Hallway. Look into the alcove on your right, opposite the portrait of The Queen.

When Lady Baden-Powell spoke at the Town Hall, the *Mercury* newspaper reported, and I quote: "Probably no applause has been louder or more spontaneous in Hobart than that accorded Lady Baden-Powell by 500 scouts and guides at the Town Hall last night."

Towards the end of her speech, Lady Baden-Powell said this: “I want to leave you with the idea that your main job is to help other people and make them happy.”<sup>1</sup>

Now, nearly 80 years later, I am sure we all agree that in our troubled world that simple message continues to be very important. Help others, and help to make them happy.

Congratulations again to each of you, as you are about to receive your awards.

Thank you. Official Secretary ...

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<sup>1</sup> Mercury, Wednesday 12 November 1947, page 5.