

PRINT RADIO TASMANIA INC
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
DRAWING ROOM, MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022

Good evening and welcome to this reception to acknowledge members, volunteers, listeners and associates of Print Radio Tasmania.

I pay my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their enduring culture and connection to land sea and culture. I recognise a history of truth, which acknowledges the impacts of colonisation upon our First People. I commit to a future that listens to and respects Aboriginal stories, culture and history.

As Patron, I have enjoyed a number of interactions with Print Radio Tasmania. Earlier this year your Management Committee President, Elizabeth Macdonald, and Committee Member, Steve Bailey, paid a visit. We discussed both our Government House Open Day, and the potential for this reception.

We certainly look forward to Print Radio Tasmania again being part of our Open Day. I am delighted that this year we shall have a full walk-in, no charge Open Day. We are linked to the wonderful Open House Hobart program, an annual architecture program, which takes place the weekend after ours and is now in its tenth year.

We hope the weather smiles on us. If it does, we can expect upward of five thousand visitors. Many visitors will attend the Print Radio stall. This should generate plenty of interest in what you do, how you do it, and the fact that community support – through personal volunteering and corporate sponsorship – is a cornerstone of your operations at Print Radio Tasmania.

Our Open Day will have lots of other stalls and activities, including the Art Society of Tasmania, Reconciliation Tasmania, Aurora Disability Services, Eat Well Tasmania, the CWA, Hobart City Mission, Tennis Tasmania, amongst others. There will be live music throughout the day, and vendors of hot and cold refreshment stalls.

This reception acknowledges and thanks the important work of all who support Print Radio Tasmania – volunteers, corporate and financial supporters, management and committee members. Funding is never guaranteed, but your listing of supporting organisations is impressive. Also, you have more than 90 volunteers supporting your well run and highly appreciated community broadcasts.

We also celebrate the fact that this year is your fortieth anniversary: a marvellous achievement!

In June 1982, 7RPH – Radio for the Print Handicapped – began daily programming from an office in New Town, the first RPH radio station in Australia to do so.¹ That was a significant and historic milestone.

Congratulations, therefore, to all who have worked hard to ensure that Print Radio Tasmania continues as a valued, flourishing and admired part of our society.

Thank you.

David ... [invite Elizabeth Macdonald to respond ... after which music by Roman Meyer and partner Leanne]

¹ [Who we are — Print Radio Tasmania](#), accessed 7 October 2022.