

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA
PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING LEGEND OF THE SHOW AWARD 2022
SPEECH BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2022

Good afternoon, everyone. It gives me great pleasure to be here with you to present the 2022 Living Legend of the Show Award, and to present a Life Membership on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of 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.

May I also acknowledge among us:

- Hon Elise Archer MP, Attorney-General;
- Mr Peter Spotswood;
- Ms Helen Geard;
- Bishop Condie and/or Archbishop Porteous;
- Hon Justice David Thomas;
- Other Distinguished Guests; and
- All present here today.

It was a very clear example of the esteem in which our Royal Hobart Show is held that our Governor-General, General the Honourable David Hurley, travelled from Canberra to be with us earlier today and to officially open our 2022 Royal Hobart Show.

Last year, our Show celebrated the outstanding achievement of reaching 200 years of agricultural showing in Hobart. That longevity and popularity must be attributed to the many volunteers, who give so freely of their time and energies, to ensure the Show remains relevant, resilient and respected within our agricultural and wider Hobart community.

There are many volunteers who come together to make the Show what it is today. The Society bestows the honour of Life Membership on worthy individuals in appreciation for their service. We shall now present 2022 Life Membership to Mr Graham Monks for his distinguished service to both Stud Sheep and Poultry competitions. Congratulations, Graham.

[Break for presentation and photo]

The Award for the Royal Hobart Show Living Legend is the preeminent honour the Society can bestow on a living individual who has contributed to the success of the Society and the Royal Hobart Show. Each year, we announce the Living Legend of the Show.

This year's recipient is someone who has made the Royal Hobart Show a part of his life for 60 years. He has had a long involvement in stewarding, organising, running and representing one of our oldest sections.

He began in 1962, as a steward with the commercial lambs. This was the last year that wethers were included at the Show. He went on to become the head steward of that section.

In 2004 he was appointed as an Honorary Life Member, at the time the highest award possible. This recognised his considerable service. A year later, he was appointed to the Society Council as the Stud Sheep Chair. Last year, to mark his 59th year of service, he was presented with an Outstanding Achievement award.

In this, his 60th year, the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania is proud to honour him and his contributions by appointing Mr Ken Gatehouse as the 2022 Royal Hobart Show Living Legend.

Our warmest congratulations to Ken. You have served our Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania and our Tasmanian community outstandingly. We are very proud of you.

Thank you. *[Presentation and photo, then return to seat]*