

**AFTERNOON TEA TO MARK THE  
80TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CWA HOBART GIFT SHOP  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
DRAWING ROOM, FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2022**

Good afternoon and welcome to Government House for this afternoon tea to celebrate 80 years of operation of the CWA Hobart Gift Shop.

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 and recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea, and waters.

The CWA Hobart Gift Shop was established in 1942, just six years after the CWA in Tasmania was founded. Initially, rented rooms were used. However, in 1951 a building, originally used as a butcher's shop and hotel, was purchased and the Shop moved to its current location at 165 Elizabeth Street.

Since that time the CWA shop has provided an outlet for handicrafts, baking and preserves, as a way of fundraising for the organisation and also for charities, which are selected each year.

We had an opportunity to see the quality and breadth of the wares offered in your shop just last weekend when you had a stall at our Open Day. Almost 5,000 people came through the gates, on what turned out to be a perfect day. All the organisations that attended received a lot of public attention and most were able to make significant sales on the Open Day.

I have been informed that there are some 60 subscribers who sell their handicrafts through the Hobart Gift Shop. Sales cover the running costs and provide an opportunity for a small income for subscribers. The shop would not exist without the team of 40 volunteers who give their time freely to ensure that the shop is appropriately managed. I commend that group, which includes the Shop Committee who make decisions about members, Shop rules and other matters of interest to the CWA.

I am constantly amazed at just how much is done in our community by so many volunteers. The CWA Gift Shop is no exception. Shortly I'll join State President Madeline Thompson in cutting your birthday cake. This is a white chocolate mud cake and was prepared by our Government House kitchen staff. I can assure you that our kitchen team had a degree of trepidation when they learned their cake was for a CWA function!

As Patron of CWA Tasmania, I thank all of you for your service. I congratulate everyone on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Hobart Gift Shop.

Thank you.