

**CHURCHILL FELLOWS ASSOCIATION TASMANIA
PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS
FOR TASMANIA ON BEHALF OF THE
WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
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[Vice-Regal Salute is played]

Good afternoon and welcome to Government House, for the presentation of the 2022 Churchill Fellowships of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

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 continued connection to land, sea, and waters. 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.

And may I acknowledge among us:

- Adam Davey, Chief Executive Officer of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Canberra, and Louise Graham, Regional Secretary Tasmania
- Robert Parker, President of the Churchill Fellows Association of Tasmania, and Patricia Corby, Secretary
- Dr Rob Walters, Chair of the Tasmanian Fellowship Selection Committee.

This longstanding annual event was disrupted last year due to travel restrictions imposed by Covid, and so instead we enjoyed a reception marking the long-term commitment of Tasmanian Churchill Fellows in service to the community.

That was a memorable introduction for me to the Churchill Fellowships and the extraordinary diversity of international connections and achievements that they enable.

And shortly it will be my honour to make presentations of these distinguished awards: to four New Fellows, and five Past Fellows.

The awards are decided by the Tasmanian Regional Committee of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of that Committee — given the difficulties involved in making selections from the many and varied applications each year.

Before we hand over to Dr Rob Walters to say a few words about the Trust, I would like to mention to family members here today that Government House has been the venue for this ceremony for many years now.

And so we can say that this Ball Room is home to many hundreds of proud Churchill Fellow family members. And we believe that this is a very fitting way to acknowledge such high achievers in their fields.

Thank you.

David ... [invites Dr Walters to the stage right lectern]