

TENNIS TASMANIA INSPIRED WOMEN FORUM
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023

[Vice-Regal Salute is played]

Good afternoon. I warmly welcome you all to this Tennis Tasmania Inspired Women forum as part of the 2023 Hobart International Tennis Tournament.

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 continued connection to land, sea, and waters. I acknowledge the impacts of colonisation upon our First People and commit to a future that listens to and respects Aboriginal stories, culture and history.

May I acknowledge among us:

- The Honourable Elise Archer, Attorney General
- The Honourable Rebecca White, Leader of the Opposition
- Guest speakers, Libby Minogue and Daria Saville
- Tennis Tasmania President Martin Turmine and Vice-President Pip Leedham
- General Manager Darren Sturgess and staff

I shall be brief as we have much to look forward to this afternoon. Don and I are especially pleased to be involved with this forum because Government House has a well-established relationship with Tennis Tasmania, through our Open Days and you also helped us in the initial stages of hiring out our heritage tennis courts at weekends. We have two grass courts and one *en-tout-cas* court.

I should declare my personal love of tennis which dates back to when I played tennis as a junior, representing the State and later taking up Real Tennis.

A significant part of my Governor's role is community engagement and outreach. I am pleased to be holding this forum. It is a good fit with Government House's community activities. May I also add that the focus on "inspiring women" is one that I wholeheartedly endorse.

So, on that note I'll hand over to David.

Many thanks.

[HE moves to her seat]