

**RECEPTION TO MARK THE LAUNCH OF THE
TASMANIAN CHAPTER OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Good evening. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for this reception to mark the launch of the Tasmanian Chapter of the Project Management Institute.

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.

May I also acknowledge:

- Galen Townson, Global Board Member PMI
- SoHyun Kang, Asia Pacific Interim Managing Director PMI
- Ben Breen, Global Director of Construction and Vice-President PMI Asia Pacific, and
- PMI Tasmania members and supporters

PMI is the world's leading project management organisation with a membership of some 40,000, with over 300 local chapters globally.

I was surprised to learn that, until the formation of this Tasmanian chapter, we and the Northern Territory, were the only jurisdictions in Australia without a local chapter.

I am pleased to see that situation has been remedied. The project to raise a Tasmanian Chapter involved a group who manage large, long-term and complex projects, but I expect you met some hurdles along the way to establish our Tasmanian Chapter.

Of course, project management is a collaborative discipline and your PMI Asia Pacific regional office in Singapore has been helping with the recognition process. May I acknowledge the Singapore support to the Tasmanian Chapter organising committee.

May I also congratulate the organising committee, led by interim President Rebecca Green, for their efforts to establish our Tasmanian PMI Chapter.

The launch of the Tasmanian Chapter means that there will now be locally based providers of services for Tasmanian project managers.

I understand that you will be holding your inaugural State PMI Conference tomorrow.

May I wish you every success for your inaugural conference and for your deliberations.

May I thank you for sharing this celebration and the launch of your Tasmanian Chapter with me. We shall hear shortly from your Global Board member, Galen Townson.

After that, please take the opportunity to look through our magnificent State Rooms. Please enjoy the reception.

David...

[David introduces Galen Townson]