

**CANCER COUNCIL TASMANIA
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2023**

[Vice-Regal Salute is played]

Good evening. I warmly welcome you all to this reception to thank our Cancer Council Tasmania sponsors, donors and supporters.

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 waters.

May I make some brief remarks before we hear from your CEO Penny Egan. She will be followed by a musical performance by the award-winning a cappella vocal ensemble, and brilliantly named, *ThylaSing*.

As Patron of Cancer Council Tasmania, I am most grateful to the many individuals and organisations investing your time, funding and support for this vitally important charity.

To Penny, colleague Board members and all Cancer Council staff here this evening, and elsewhere across Tasmania, I acknowledge and thank you wholeheartedly for your dedication to this precious organisation. You also do so much to support Tasmanians and their families who live with cancer.

Just last week, in the Ball Room, we hosted a patronage event to mark National Palliative Care Week. Jill Saville, who is living with cancer, spoke movingly yet with humour about her journey and her commitment to live a good life. She acknowledged the exceptional work done by all who provide support for those living with cancer.

Five years ago, my predecessor Kate Warner and her husband hosted a Cancer Council Tasmania fundraising concert in this Ball Room. ThylaSing performed, with soprano Allison Farrow. So it is an honour for Don and I to be hosting you again this evening – and I am sure, at another fundraising event in the future. I thank you all again for your support of Tasmanians and their families who experience and live with cancer.

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