

LIONS TASMANIA DISTRICT 201T1
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
DRAWING ROOM, MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023

Welcome to Government House and to this morning tea for members of your Lions Tasmania District 201T1.

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.

It is a pleasure to be able to host you all again at Government House. Our last time together was when we celebrated 75 years of Lions in Australia. We also welcomed District Governor Paul Cairnduff and you awarded me a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

We know that Tasmania is special within the Lions community. It is the only place where the District encompasses our entire State.

Lions Clubs in Tasmania provide support for a vast range of projects across our State. You work with youth, the elderly and the infirm in our community. You have supported responses to floods, fires and to projects as diverse as cancer research, eye health programs and hearing dogs.

One of my interests is to encourage greater participation of our youth in charitable organisations across our State.

So, I commend important initiatives adopted, for example, by St John Ambulance Tasmania and Salvation Army Tasmania to improve recruitment and retention in their youth programs.

Similarly, may I note the success of the Lions Club with your network of Leo Clubs. Leos are the youngest members of the Lions organisation and are

devoted young people. They help their communities and, in turn, improve their own lives.

Your Leo Clubs may be based in a school or in a local community under the sponsorship of a Lions Club, working as the Leo Club Advisor. I congratulate you on this initiative. I expect that some of these Leo Club members may progress to become Lions Club members in the future.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the service you provide to our community. Thank you also for the many benefits that your hard work provides to our State.

We shall now hear from District Governor Paul Cairnduff before enjoying some refreshments together.

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