

**FUNDRAISING RECEPTION FOR THE
2023 SALVATION ARMY GLENORCHY RED SHIELD APPEAL
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Good evening, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to this reception for the 2023 Glenorchy Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Don and I are very pleased to be able to host you all and to support the very important work of the Glenorchy Salvation Army.

I begin by paying 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.

The funds raised by the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal help deliver vital community programs and social services.

We know that people across our State are struggling with rising costs and decreasing housing options, with increasing homelessness, poverty, isolation, and mental illnesses.

Our Salvation Army provides support such as emergency financial assistance, refuge for women and children facing crisis, youth centres, support programs, as well as addiction recovery and rehabilitation services and prison chaplaincy services. These are all vital services in our communities.

It is reported that our Salvation Army helps a person every 17 seconds. In the time you are here tonight, that means over 300 people will have found themselves in need and will have been helped in some way.

All your support services cost money. This year, the Red Shield doorknock appeal held in May is the major fundraising event for the year. All the money raised by the Glenorchy team remains in Glenorchy.

I know that there have been other fundraising events around Glenorchy. In mid-June, David and Anne Kernke generously opened all the doors of

Claremont House to the community for an opportunity to see inside the Victorian Italianate Mansion.

As Captain Milkins of the Glenorchy Salvation Army has said:

“We are more reliant than ever on having a successful Red Shield Appeal in Glenorchy. These events will go a long way to ensuring this year’s appeal is a great success and we can continue to provide the care and support to members of the Glenorchy community who may be struggling.”

Government House is very pleased to be hosting this important fundraising event. Last year for Homelessness Week, we assisted your Glenorchy team. Ainstie Wagner and her fabulous Kitchen team, by largely utilising our garden produce, cooked 1500kg of meals, which were labelled and frozen, and later distributed. We continued to provide meals to the Salvation Army during the year. Again, our Kitchen team is starting to get ready to cook meals for 2023 Homelessness Week.

You will have seen from the program that we have a wonderful evening ahead of us.

May I conclude by acknowledging all the work done for this Glenorchy Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal by the team. I thank you all for attending tonight to raise funds for this important appeal.

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