

**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA AND PETER UNDERWOOD CENTRE  
COMBINED BOOK LAUNCHES  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2023**

Good evening and welcome to this combined University of Tasmania and Peter Underwood Centre book launch.

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.

As we shall hear shortly, the three books to be launched are international in their scope: their contents, their multi-authorships, and their publishers.

As academic works they are of high standing, with multiple contributors – some 70-plus. They are also multidisciplinary and formally categorised by subject headings including:

- Behavioural science
- Decision making
- Economics – Psychological aspects
- Educational equalisation
- Web-based instruction – Social aspects
- Radio broadcasting, and
- Podcasts.<sup>1</sup>

The involvement of our University of Tasmania with these works is impressive. May I note that Palgrave Macmillan's *Education and Equity in Times of Crisis* is wholly a work of researchers associated with the Peter Underwood Centre at the University of Tasmania.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject headings, National library of Australia catalogue.

Coincidentally, today was the launch of our Government House community garden project in partnership with Eat Well Tasmania, Loaves and Fishes Tasmania and School Food Matters. At the launch, I referred to research in your book, *Education and Equity in Times of Crisis*, about the benefits of school food programs. Our community garden provides produce for the School Food Matters program, which provides hot healthy lunches to children in 30 schools around Tasmania. It was appropriate and terrific to be able to refer to research in your book about the benefits of such programs.

As Chair of the Peter Underwood Centre's Advisory Committee, I am delighted to be hosting this launch. So too, I have no doubt, is the Centre's Patron, Frances Underwood, who is here with us this evening.

David, I shall hand over to you to continue proceedings.

Thank you.

[HE to seat; David introduces Kitty te Riele]