

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS
TASMANIAN ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON
SPEECH BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
RACV HOBART HOTEL, THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Good afternoon and thank you for inviting Don and I to attend this 2023 Annual Gold Medal Luncheon of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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.

Before I present the Gold Medal, may I outline the Award Criteria, especially for those who may not be familiar with them.

The Tasmanian Division Gold Medal Award is prestigious, and recognises and rewards a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors for their contributions to our community in a number of areas.

These include not only business, but also charitable and philanthropic works, and employment creation. It is awarded to a member who upholds good corporate governance and high ethical standards in their personal, business and public life.

The Award is made in recognition of outstanding efforts both as a company director and as a member of our Tasmanian community.

I am delighted to announce that the winner of the Tasmanian Division Gold Medal Award for 2023 is Ms Janine Healey.

[applause]

May I say a little about Janine's impressive achievements. Janine has more than 20 years of directorship and leadership roles across professional, not-for-profit and Government Business Enterprises. Janine holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting), is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Chartered Tax Adviser. She was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 1993. Janine has also served as the President of the Tasmanian Council of AICD for four years and divisional councillor for a further five years. In her professional role as a Chartered Accountant, she has worked as a Director with Ruddicks, Deloitte and KPMG.

Across the charitable and not-for-profit sectors, Janine has served our community as a non-Executive Director of Football Tasmania, as Chair of Unconformity, UTAS Council, on QVMAG Advisory Boards and a myriad of other community and sporting organisations.

Janine has been recognised on the Women's Honour Roll of Tasmania 2021. In the same year, she received the Launceston City Citizen of the Year Award. In 2018, she received the Meritorious Service Award of the Taxation Institute of Australia.

May I note that Janine has been treasurer of a variety of organisations including Laurel House – the Northern Sexual Assault Support Service and for Karinya Young Women's Service. I am Patron of Karinya, and I am aware of the benefits that the service provides young women through crisis accommodation, transitional housing and programs for young mothers. Janine's numerous leadership and governance roles over many years reflects what a deserving recipient she is.

So, congratulations Janine. We thank you for your extraordinary range of contributions to our Tasmanian Community. It gives me the greatest pleasure to present you with this 2023 Australian Institute of Company Directors Gold Medal Award.

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[Award presented]

Another round of applause for Janine.

Thank you.