

KING'S BIRTHDAY 2023 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 10:00 AM, FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023

[Vice-Regal Salute is played]

Please be seated.

I extend a very warm welcome to you all to this ceremony to invest with insignia those who have been awarded 2023 King's Birthday Honours.

Today's cohort of Award recipients are the first to be recognised in Tasmania in the name of King Charles The Third.

1975 saw the commencement of our distinctive Australian Honours System with the creation of the Order of Australia to recognise those who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

It is significant that any person may nominate a member of the community for an award in the Order of Australia. Nominating someone is a chance to recognise our peers for their hard work, service and dedication. It is an opportunity to celebrate those inspiring individuals.

In announcing The King's Birthday 2023 Honours List, the Governor-General said: "Learning about the wide-ranging service of recipients, which spans almost every field of endeavour imaginable, is uplifting ... Collectively they speak to who we are now and who we can be in the future ... Notably, for the first time, the majority of recipients in the General Division are women. Similarly, there is gender parity or better at the three highest levels in the Order."¹

We have ample evidence of the broad scope of the activities of recipients in this morning's Investiture of twenty individuals. Their areas of endeavour cover: health and medicine, conservation and environment, primary industry

¹ [The King's Birthday 2023 Honours List | PM&C \(pmc.gov.au\)](#), accessed 6 September 2023.

[beekeeping], state parliament and local government, education, arts, military service, community service, sport, Antarctica.

And this variety of activities is an excellent indicator of individual dedication to our community through sharing personal expertise in one or more fields of endeavour, and generally over very many years.

Therefore, on behalf of all Tasmanians, I thank you for your inspiring service and for making a difference to our community and to the lives of others.

Official Secretary ...