



# Office of the Governor of Tasmania



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1 July 2022—30 June 2023

Government House  
Tasmania

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27 October 2023

The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP  
Premier of Tasmania  
Level 11, Executive Building  
15 Murray Street  
Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Premier,

In accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016*, I submit for tabling in the Parliament the Annual Report of the Office of the Governor of Tasmania.

The Report covers the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and outlines the achievements and business of the Office of the Governor in providing effective and accountable support to the Governor of Tasmania.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Owen'.

**David Owen**  
**Official Secretary**

## MISSION

The Office of the Governor supports the Governor in the execution of her official and constitutional duties; administers the Governor’s program of ceremonial and community activities; and administers the Government House Estate.

## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Office of the Governor are to:

- provide a high standard of policy advice and administrative support to the Governor, including the organisation of her constitutional and ceremonial duties, and her program of community engagements;
- enable the efficient and effective interaction of the Office of the Governor with the Parliament, the Executive Government and the State Service;
- manage and operate Government House, its associated buildings and the Estate at a high level of maintenance and presentation.

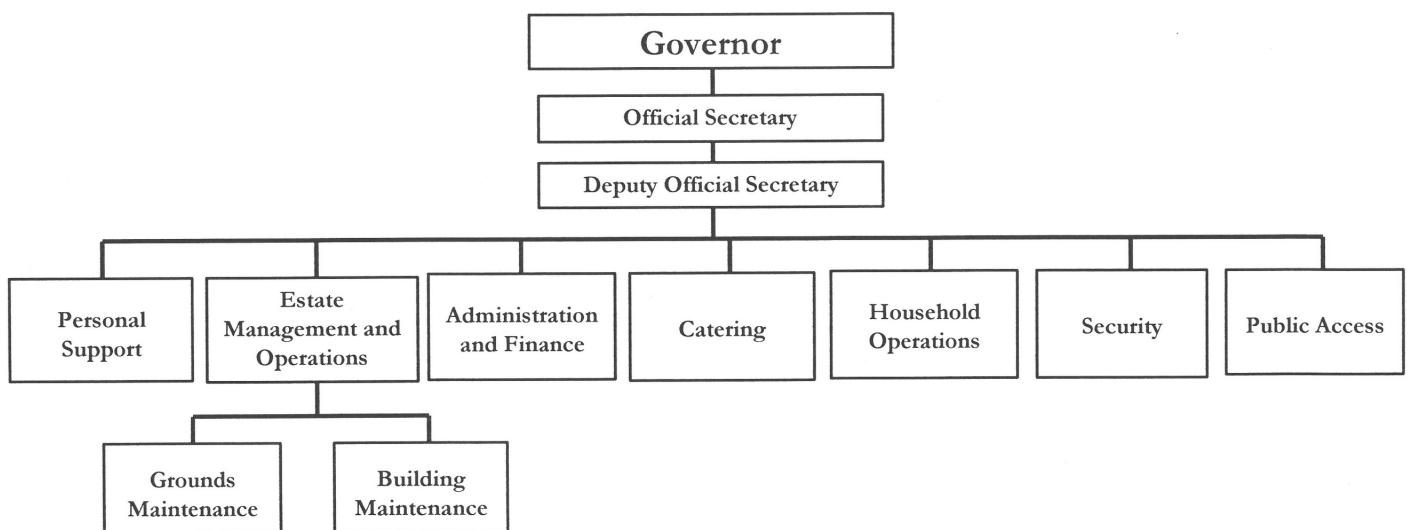
## THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### Overview

In accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* the Office of the Governor is classified as a Legislative Agency. The accountable authority is the Official Secretary who is appointed by the Governor-in-Council under the *Governor of Tasmania Act 1982*, to assist the Governor in the performance of her duties.

The Official Secretary appoints and employs such persons as are considered necessary for the purposes of assisting the Governor and assisting in the management, administration and maintenance of Government House.

### Organisational Structure





Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC,  
Governor of Tasmania, and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO

## **Functions of the Office**

The role of the Governor is defined by the Letters Patent constituting the office, by legislation and by constitutional conventions. The Governor's function is to protect the Constitution, secure the orderly transition of governments, facilitate the work of the Parliament and the Government, act as a non-political representative of the State and participate in the affairs of the Tasmanian community.

The Governor, on behalf of all Tasmanians, promotes Tasmania, recognises achievement, encourages worthwhile endeavour and reinforces the State's cultural identity and values. A key indicator of the Office of the Governor's close links to Tasmanian society is in the number of organisations enjoying Vice-Regal patronage – 127 during the year in review.

In the year under review, the Office of the Governor supported Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers in carrying out all of their Vice-Regal functions; and also supported the Lieutenant Governor in carrying out his Vice-Regal functions for the three periods during which he administered the government of the State in the absence of the Governor.

## **Corporate Governance**

The Official Secretary is responsible for managing the Office of the Governor in a way that promotes the proper use of State resources. These responsibilities and the key elements of the administrative framework for the Official Secretary as the accountable authority are specified in the *Financial Management Act 2016*. The Official Secretary is responsible for establishing strategic priorities, allocating resources, and monitoring and reporting on team and individual performances. The Official Secretary convenes staff meetings and liaises with various State sector representatives. The Official Secretary monitors the implementation of employment policies and practices.

## OUTPUT REPORT

### Output 1.1 – Support of the Governor

The objectives of this Output Group are to support the Governor in carrying out her constitutional role in the operation of the Parliament and the Executive Government and her official role in the affairs of the Tasmanian community, and to preserve the Government House Estate.

The Output Group consists of the single Output entitled ‘Support of the Governor’, which has as its first objective the efficient and effective intercourse between the Office and the Parliament, the Executive Government, the State Service, the Honours Secretariat, the Commonwealth Government, Buckingham Palace, and the Tasmanian community. Secondly, it entails the preservation and enhancement of the Government House Estate. Thirdly, it has the objective of cooperating closely with all arms of government and the community to promote the State of Tasmania to a wide range of interstate and international guests and other visitors to the State. The services provided under this Output Group are delivered by the Governor, her spouse, her support staff and the facilities of the Government House Estate.

### Financial Performance

The total resourcing for Output 1 is set out in the table below. The Office budgeted for Output appropriations of \$5,105,000 for recurrent services.

Consolidated Fund	2022–2023	2022–2023	Variation
	Budget	Actual	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Recurrent Services (Appropriation)	5,105	5,658	553

### Performance Indicators for Output 1.1

Output 1.1 Support of the Governor	<p><i>Quality:</i> Satisfaction of the Governor and the organisations and individuals with whom the Office deals; meeting of heritage standards in the conservation and capital improvement of the Government House Estate;</p> <p><i>Quantity:</i> Management of the Governor’s and Lieutenant Governor’s (when administering) participation in 515 official events at Government House and throughout Tasmania; maintenance of 15 hectares of grounds including 4.5 hectares of ornamental gardens, substantial vegetable and picking gardens and orchard and Vineyard; Estate management, conservation and maintenance of Government House and seven cottages and ten service outbuildings.</p>
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## Qualitative Assessment

The key outcomes for Output 1.1 are that:

- all constitutional, statutory and representational activities are supported and meet the expectations of the Governor;
- household operations, including official hospitality, are conducted to the Governor's satisfaction and in a manner that reflects the nature and status of the Office;
- arrangements for Vice-Regal participation in external events are coordinated to the satisfaction of the Governor and in a manner that reflects the nature and status of the Office.

Personal and administrative staff supporting Output 1.1 assist the Governor with her representational activities, including the planning and organisation of events; relations with Government, the Parliament, the Executive Government, the State Service, the media, community groups and individuals; security and transport; assistance in the preparation of messages, speeches and correspondence. Advice is also provided on policy, precedent and practice.

Household operations and catering staff supporting the Output provide a high standard of catering services for official functions and a high standard of maintenance of Government House.

Staff supporting the Output in the management of the Estate maintain the grounds and buildings and other assets of the Government House Estate to a high standard.

The evaluation of performance is assisted by regular assessment and comments by the Governor, guests at official functions, members of the public, Government, government bodies and community organisations involved with official events. The nature of these comments is consistently positive.

### Details of key activities undertaken in 2022–2023

Key Results	Number	
	2022–2023	2021–2022
Executive Council meetings presided over	25	23
Acts receiving Royal Assent	30	48
Receptions held at Government House	59	38
Ambassadors and High Commissioners hosted at Government House	4	5
Official dinners and luncheons	9	11
School visits to Government House	16	13
Visits to Government House by community groups, including service clubs, special interest groups, and charitable organisations	69	45
Proclamation; Swearings-In, Investitures, presentation ceremonies	23	34
Forums, lectures, launches, fundraising, musical events	25	13
Official callers received by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*	111	164
External events attended by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*	213	170
Speeches delivered by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*	213	160
Visitors on Open Day	4,500	-
Monthly tours and Winter Lecture Series events	86	65
<b>Total number of guests/visitors</b>	<b>15,988</b>	<b>6,220</b>

\* when administering

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### Significant events

Posted on the Government House Tasmania website on Friday 9 September 2022:

#### A Message from the Governor of Tasmania



It is with deep regret that I inform the people of Tasmania that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Queen of Australia, has passed away at Balmoral Castle in Scotland, early on the morning of Friday 9 September 2022 Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Her Majesty's health had been closely monitored by doctors throughout the day, following an extended period of declining health.

Buckingham Palace issued a statement that "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon".

Queen Elizabeth II was Britain's longest reigning Monarch, having succeeded to the Throne in 1952 following the death of her father King George VI.

On behalf of all Tasmanians, I express my condolences to the family and relatives of the deceased Monarch.

Due observances will be held in Tasmania during the next ten days of official mourning. Together with the Office of the Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP, I will ensure that Tasmanians are kept fully informed of these observances, in Tasmania, throughout Australia and in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

In consultation with the Office of the Governor-General and offices of Australian State Governors, it has been decided that as Vice-Regal representatives in Australia we will, at individual discretion, continue with planned events during the period of mourning. Such events will where appropriate also enable public reflection by Her Excellency on the remarkable life and dedication of Her Majesty.

#### *Condolences at Government House Tasmania*

Condolence sheets and a Condolence book are available for signing at Government House from 8 am on Friday 9 September. The sheets will be forwarded to Buckingham Palace. The book will remain at Government House. Flowers may also be left at Government House as a tribute to the late Monarch.

Government House staff will be on duty at Lion's Court to assist visitors with parking.

On Sunday 11 September 2022 at Government House, the Governor, the Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP, and the Honorary Consul for the United Kingdom in Tasmania, Mr Frank McGregor, laid wreaths.



The Governor, the Premier, Members of Parliament and other Tasmanian dignitaries then signed the condolence books and sheets. The Governor then read the Tasmanian proclamation of Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to be King Charles the Third.



On Thursday 22 September 2022, Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers attended the National Memorial Service for Her Majesty The Queen at Parliament House, Canberra. The Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Alan Blow AO, delivered an address at an Ecumenical Memorial Service for Her Majesty The Queen at St David's Cathedral, Hobart.



On Thursday 20 October 2022 at Government House, Her Excellency was invested as a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd).



Her Excellency was also invested as Deputy Prior for Tasmania in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, with Major General Steve Smith AM CSC CSTJ RFD (Retd), Chair of the Board of Directors of St John Ambulance Australia (Tasmania) Inc attending.

These investitures had earlier been postponed due to Covid.



In January 2023, the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance, Mr Tony Ferrall, wrote to the Official Secretary, David Owen, indicating support for the Government House Tasmania Adaptive Re-use Project (ARUP) based on information provided. In formal development since August 2021, the project involves adaptive re-use of the original Stables, Coach House and other outbuildings to significantly expand the Governor’s community engagement programs; provide student education on Australian democracy; increase visitor access and provide unique visitor experiences to the House and grounds; and generate income for heritage maintenance from Estate production.

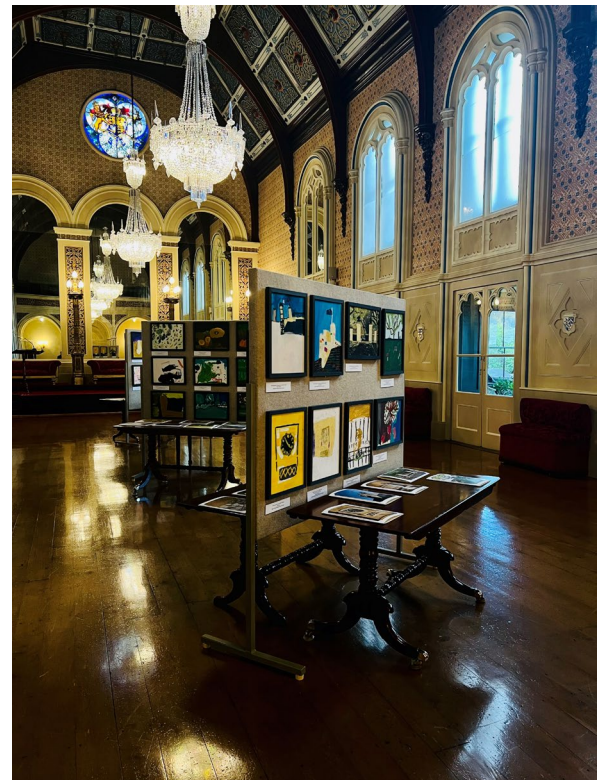
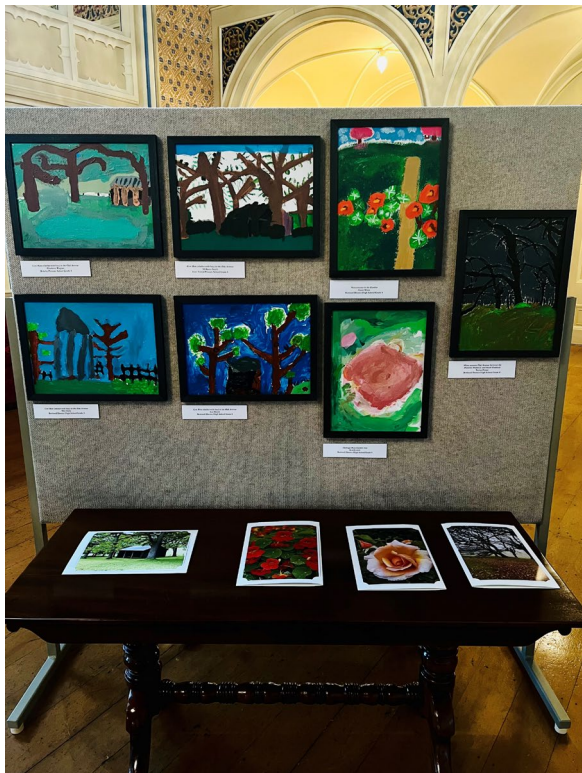


Government House Stables



Government House Coach House

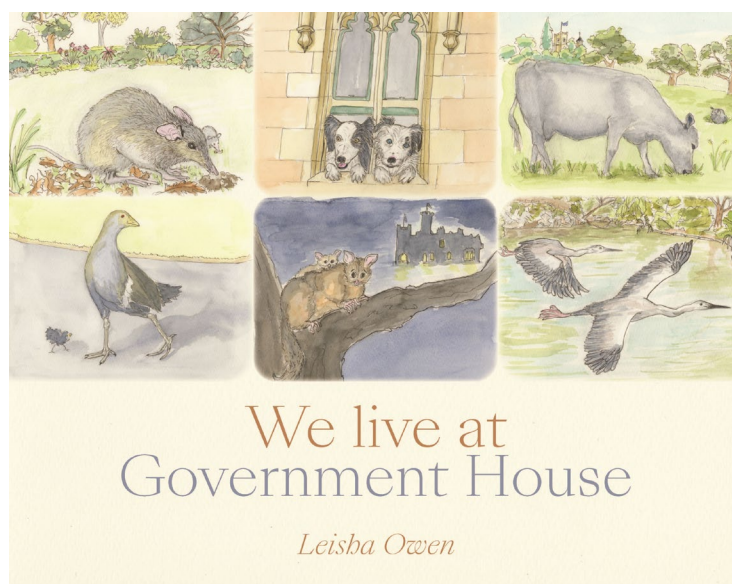
In April 2023, in collaboration with the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment, Her Excellency hosted the inaugural exhibition of the Government House Tasmania Schools Artwork Project. This is a new initiative in which selected primary schools are sent photographs of Government House (buildings, objects, gardens) together with art materials (canvas boards, crayons, paints and paintbrushes), with the resulting artworks then framed and displayed at Government House. Selected works are to be retained as an acquisitive art collection.



In April 2023, the Governor launched the first purchase for the Government House Contemporary Tasmanian Artist Collection: 'Tasmanian artist Belinda Casey's 'Strong Place, Strong Baskets'. The artwork is jointly titled in Tebrakunna, the language of North-Eastern Tasmania, as 'Relipianna melaythenner relipianna timmarerer'. It pays homage to the artist's ancestral grandmother, Aboriginal woman, Fanny Cochrane Smith, and her legacy. Her Excellency remarked, 'I first saw and much admired this work at Mannalargenna Day. It now has its permanent home here.'



This event was also a joint launch for Leisha Owen's illustrated children's book, *We live at Government House*. Since 2012, Leisha has enjoyed observing and photographing the Estate's beautiful gardens and animals. Leisha has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours with works held in public and private collections. Proceeds from the sale of the book are directed to the maintenance and preservation of the Government House Estate.





In May 2023, Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers travelled to the United Kingdom to join Australia's Vice-Regal representatives in attending events associated with the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



L – R: HE the Hon Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia; HE the Hon Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia; Mrs Felicity Lyons, Lady Mayoress; Alderman Nicholas Lyons, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London; HE the Hon Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland; HE the Hon Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania; and HE the Hon Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales.

On Friday 5 May 2023 at the Mansion House, London, Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers attended a Breakfast to the Australian State Governors hosted by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of the City of London, Alderman Nicholas Lyons and Mrs Felicity Lyons.

This event was followed by a Luncheon at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Whitehall, London, hosted by the Right Honourable Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, United Kingdom.

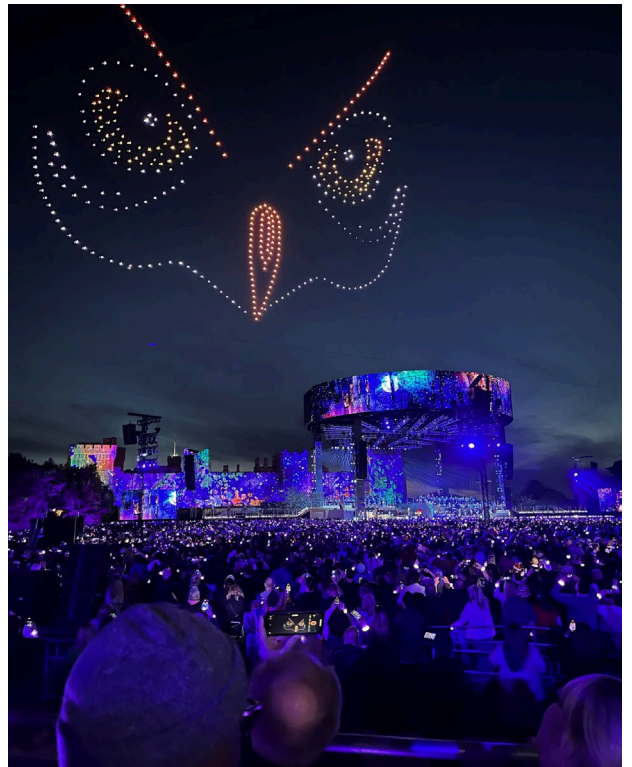
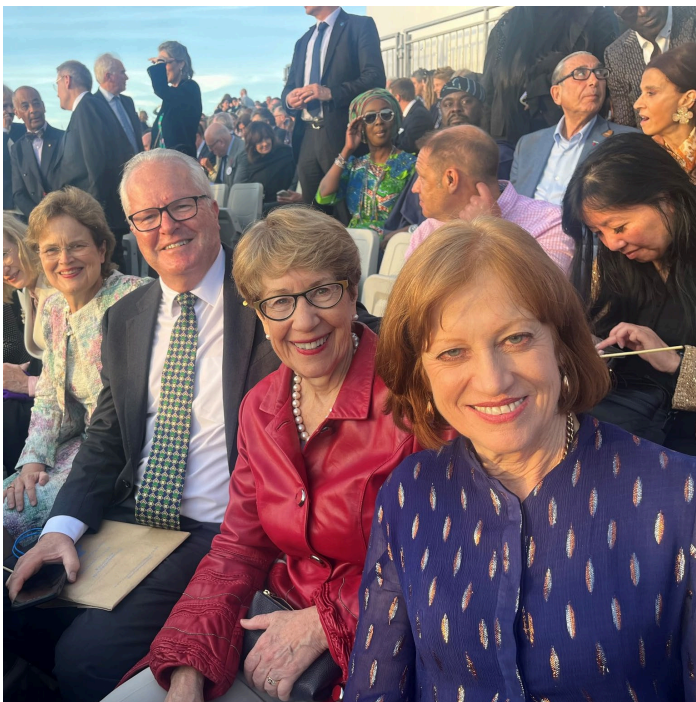
In the evening at Buckingham Palace, Her Excellency attended His Majesty The King's Reception for Overseas Representatives.



On Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, London, the Governor attended the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



On the evening of Sunday 7 May 2023 at Windsor Castle, Windsor, the Governor attended the Coronation Reception and Concert. Professor Chalmers also attended the Concert.



On Monday 8 May 2023 at Government House, the Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Alan Blow, hosted two receptions featuring performances by the Australian Army Band Tasmania to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



On Tuesday 16 May 2023, the Governor and Professor Chalmers attended an Audience with His Majesty King Charles III at Buckingham Palace, London. It is customary for Governors to be invited to Buckingham Palace for a meeting with the Sovereign during their term. The Government House Tasmania Adaptive Re-Use Project (ARUP) was a key talking point during the Audience. His Majesty arranged for his Prince's Foundation (UK) and his Prince's Trust Australia, which work extensively on adaptive re-use projects, to contact Her Excellency. An initial Teams meeting was held on Wednesday 31 May 2023 with a commitment for future cooperation on the ARUP.



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On Wednesday 28 June 2023, Her Excellency welcomed guests to Government House on the occasion of a ceremonial tree planting to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Planted on the Eastern Arboretum, the tree is a cork oak (*Quercus suber*), a medium-sized tree growing to up 20 metres tall. It is a graceful shade tree with beautifully textured covering in the form of a thick, corky bark. Harvesting of the cork does not harm the tree and a new layer of cork regrows, making it a renewable resource. In 25 years' time, The King's oak will be mature enough to enable the harvesting of cork for the sealing of the planned Government House Tasmania sparkling wines.

Other notable events during the year:

Government House Open Day 2022, including the dedication of the Queen Elizabeth II Quarry Pond Lookout; Wreath laying service to mark Remembrance Day; Welcome home reception and presentation of Australian Sports Medals for Tasmania's 2022 Commonwealth Games team members; Ceremonial tree plantings re Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting Programme for Dogs' Homes of Tasmania; Veterans Cricket Tasmania; West Tamar Landcare Group; Rosetta Primary School; Music in the Gardens at Government House; ANZAC Day 2023 Dawn Service, Wreath laying ceremony, morning tea and Parade; 2023 Anzac Day Commemorative Service hosted by the Lindisfarne RSL Sub-Branch at Anzac Park, Lindisfarne.

## **Constitutional**

The Governor's primary role is to safeguard the Tasmanian Constitution and Tasmania's democratic parliamentary system of government. The *Constitution Act* 1934, s10 provides that, 'The Governor and the Legislative Council and House of Assembly shall together constitute the Parliament of Tasmania'. It is the duty of the Governor to sign all the Bills that have been passed by the two Houses of Parliament in order to make them part of the law of Tasmania. During 2022–2023, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (when administering) gave the Royal Assent to 30 Bills presented by the President of the Legislative Council of Tasmania or the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Tasmania (Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bills).

In addition, the Governor exercises executive power, but (with rare exceptions) only on the advice of Ministers who are responsible to the Parliament. That advice is generally conveyed through the Executive Council. The Governor presides at regular meetings of the Council, giving the constitutionally required approval to give legal effect to many Government decisions. During 2022–2023, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (when administering) presided over 25 meetings of the Executive Council.

## **Administration in the absence of the Governor**

The Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Alan Blow AO, administered the government of the State from 15 September 2022 to 27 September 2022; from 13 November 2022 to 18 November 2022; and from 1 May 2023 to 21 May 2023.

## **Visitors to Government House**

Events and functions hosted by the Governor and Professor Chalmers, and the Lieutenant Governor (when administering), welcomed 15,988 visitors to Government House in 2022–2023, including: Receptions, 4,689; Investitures, Presentations, Lectures, Musical evenings, Fundraising events, 2,853; Morning and Afternoon Teas, 987; Other visitors (such as private tours, art/painting groups, children's music classes), 966; School visits, 525; Lunches, Dinners, 171; Official callers, 111.

## **Municipal Visits**

In the year under review, the Governor and Professor Chalmers undertook official visits to the City of Launceston and the Municipalities of Brighton; Derwent Valley; Latrobe; Tasman; Waratah-Wynyard; and West Coast.

## **Ceremonial**

The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor (when administering) officiated at a variety of ceremonial events at Government House. In the year under review, there were a total of 19 investitures and presentations.

Swearings-in and related ceremonies:

Swearings-in of Cabinet Ministers (x 3) re changes of portfolios and new Cabinet Minister (the Honourable Felix Ellis MP).

Investitures, presentations and ceremonies:

Australia Day Investitures; Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) Medical Research Week Awards; Australian Sports Medals re Tasmania's 2022 Commonwealth Games team members; Churchill Fellows Association of Tasmania presentations; Defence Reserves and Employer Support Awards; Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards; Tasmanian Community Fund Emerging Community Leaders program presentations; Florence Nightingale Grants and Awards; Order of St John Investiture; Prince of Wales Award Scheme; Queen's Birthday Investitures; Scout and Guide Awards; Royal Hobart Regatta Association fellowships; Tasmanian Palliative Care Awards; Tasmanian Volunteering Awards.

## **Vice-Regal Gatherings**

The Governor and Professor Chalmers attended a Vice-Regal gathering hosted by the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD at Government House Queensland in June 2023.

## **Vice-Regal and Diplomatic Guests and Callers**

Vice-Regal:

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley.

Ambassadors:

People's Republic of China, His Excellency Mr Xiao Qian; Holy See, His Excellency the Most Reverend Charles Balvo; Israel, His Excellency Mr Amir Maimon; Italy, His Excellency Mr Paolo Crudele, and Mrs Sara Fernandez Carcedo; Nepal, His Excellency Mr Kailash Raj Pokharel, and Mrs Basudha Pokharel; Netherlands, Her Excellency Mrs Marion Derckx, and Mr Sjef Ijzermans; Thailand, Her Excellency Ms Arjaree Sriratanaban; Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Her Excellency Ms Ines Almeida; Ukraine, His Excellency Mr Vasyl Myroshnychenko, and Mrs Liana Myroshnychenko.

High Commissioners:

Canada, His Excellency Mr Mark Glauser, and Mrs Diane Glauser.

Consuls-General:

British Consul-General in Melbourne, Mr Stephen Lysaght.

Honorary Consuls:

Timor-Leste, Dr Nitin Verma AM; United Kingdom, Mr Frank McGregor.

## Official Callers

The Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier of Tasmania;

Archbishop of Hobart, the Most Reverend Julian Porteous, together with Mr Alex Sidhu, Private Secretary, and Mr Chris Ryan, Executive Director of the Archdiocese;

Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO DSC, Chief of Army; Major General Scott Winter AM, Commander, 1st Division, Australian Army, accompanied by Warrant Officer Class One Andrew Shore OAM, CSM, Lieutenant Colonel Neil Grierson, Senior ADF Officer Tasmania; Brigadier Michelle Campbell, Commander, 4th Brigade, Australian Army, together with Lieutenant Colonel Neil Grierson, Senior Australian Defence Force Officer Tasmania; Captain Hamish Frazer RAN, Commander, Australian Maritime Task Group, and Captain Troy Duggan RAN, Commanding Officer, HMAS *Adelaide*, together with Commander Mark Tandy CSC and Bar RAN, Commanding Officer, Navy Headquarters Tasmania; Captain Keith Ropella, Commanding Officer, USCGC *Polar Star*, and Captain Tobias Reid, US Coast Guard Attaché (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea); Commander Tina Brown CSM RAN, Commanding Officer, HMAS *Hobart*, and Commander Mark Tandy CSC and Bar RAN, Commanding Officer, Navy Headquarters Tasmania; Commander Kingsley Scarce RAN, Commanding Officer, HMAS *Brisbane*, and Commander Mark Tandy CSC and Bar RAN, Commanding Officer, Navy Headquarters Tasmania; Lieutenant Colonel Paul O'Donnell, Senior Australian Defence Force Officer – Tasmania, and Mrs Caroline O'Donnell; Wing Commander Tim Brookes, Air and Space Adviser, British Defence & Liaison Section, British High Commission;

Ms Bernadette Black AM, CEO and Founding Director, Brave Foundation; Ms Patricia Sparrow, Chief Executive Officer, Council on the Ageing (COTA) Australia, Mr David Strong, President, and Mr Craig Chadwick, Chief Executive Officer, Miss Lisa Free, General Manager, COTA Tasmania; Dr David Agnew, Executive Secretary, CCAMLR; Mr Peter White, Deputy Secretary – Community Services, Infrastructure and Housing, Department of Communities Tasmania; Mr Carl Saunder, State Manager, Mr Jamie McLoughlin, President, and Ms Libby McKay, Campaign Coordinator, Eat Well Tasmania Inc; Ms Anna Presser, Chief Executive Officer, and Mrs Sue Shoobridge, Board Director, EverAbility Group Ltd, Guide Dogs Tasmania;

Ms Ruth Baird, State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Tasmania State Office; Mr Peter Hodge, President, Hobart Legacy Inc; Mr Cedric Manen, Chief Executive Officer, Kennerley Children's Homes together with Ms Kirsten Shaw, Young Ambassador, Moving on Program; Dr Emma Lee; Aunty Betty Grace, Circle of Elders, Melythina Tiakana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation (MTWAC), and her son, Mr Jason Grace, re Mannalargenna Day 2022; Ms Kirsha Kaechele and Ms Magdalena Lane, Strategic Relationships and Program Manager, Mona; Professor Kitty te Riele, Deputy Director – Research, Peter Underwood Centre; Mr Craig Limkin PSM, Associate Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Mr Todd Crawford, Acting Deputy Secretary Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Premier and Cabinet, and Ms Heidi Flood, Clerk of the Executive Council; Mrs Deanna Turnbull, Protocol Manager, Department of Premier and Cabinet;

Mr Mark Redmond, Chief Executive, Ms Marnie Ritz, Project Officer, and Mr Chris Crerar, Fundraising and Communications Coordinator, Reconciliation Tasmania; Mr Peter Murfett and Ms Colleen Howell, Rotary Club of Hobart; Mr Malcolm White, Chair, and Ms Nicole Henty, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania; Major General Steve Smith AM CSC CStJ RFD (Retd), Chairman, and Mr Andrew Paynter, Chief Executive



Officer, St John Ambulance Australia (Tasmania) Inc; Ms Ally Bradley, Executive General Manager, Southern Cross Austereo Pty Ltd; Ms Gabrielle Davy, International Affairs Manager, and (online) Ms Lara Hendriks, Executive Director of Trade, Space and Technology, Department of State Growth; Ms Mary Mulcahy, Director, and Ms Jane Stewart, Principal Curator (Art), Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; Mr Colin Thomas, Chairman, TMAG Foundation and Ms Carol Bett, Director, Bett Gallery; Mr Tony Ferrall, Secretary, Department of Treasury and Finance; Mr James Groom, Deputy Chancellor, together with Professor Rufus Black, Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania.

### **Morning and Afternoon Teas**

70th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relationship between Thailand and Australia; City of Glenorchy Garden Club 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; CWA Hobart Gift Shop 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Freemasons Tasmania, Grand Installation of new Grand Master; General Sir John Monash Foundation scholarships 2023; Hamilton Literary Society Annual Lecture; Hawkesbury Agricultural College Reunion (1963 – 1965); HMAS *Hobart*, visiting members of ship's company; Jireh House Association 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Lions Tasmania District 201 T1, 75 years of service by Lions International in Australia; Manor Gardens, Kingston, day respite group; Mental Health Foundation of Australia; National Youth Science Forum; Palliative Care Tasmania, launch of Palliative Care Week 2023; Reconciliation Tasmania 'Youth Speakout' Program; Rotary Club of Howrah and Foodbank of Tasmania Inc; Rotary Club of Salamanca 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Rotary Tasmania Community Care, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; Tasmanian Leaders I-LEAD 2022 Women in Industry program; Tasmanian Rhodes Scholar for 2023; Uniting AgeWell's The Cottage, day respite group.

### **Receptions**

12th/40th Battalion, The Royal Tasmania Regiment; 24th International Seaweed Symposium (ISS); 26TEN Week 2022; A Fairer World Inc; Abruzzese Association of Hobart 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Hobart and L'Aquila, Italy; Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL); Association of Ukrainians in Tasmania; Australian Garden History Society (AGHS); Australian Geography Teachers Association (AGTA); Australian Red Cross, Tasmanian Division; Australian Wooden Boat Festival 2023; Beacon Foundation 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Book launch: *Birds of Tasmania* by Susan Lester; Blueline Laundry 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Botaniko Art Group; Brave Foundation; Calvary Health Care Tasmania; Cancer Council Tasmania; Chinese Community Association of Tasmania Inc; City of Hobart Highland Pipe Band 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Commonwealth Games Australia, Tasmania's 2022 team members; Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla; Country Women's Association in Tasmania (Inc); Friends of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Government Education and Training International (GETI);

Guide Dogs Tasmania; Hobart City Mission 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Hobart Legacy Inc, Centenary of Legacy; Hockey Australia; Hum Hai Pakistani 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Day of Pakistan; Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; The Jesters Club; Libraries Tasmania, Tasmania Reads Week 2023; Lifeline Australia 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Migrant Resource Centre (Northern Tasmania) Inc 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Multicultural Council of Tasmania; National Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia; National Science Week Southern Tasmania 2022; Presbyterian Church of Tasmania; Print Radio Tasmania Inc; Project Management Institute; Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP); Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA); Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists

(RANZCO) Tasmanian Branch; Royal Commonwealth Society – Southern Tasmanian Branch; Royal Flying Doctor Service Tasmania; Royal Hobart Regatta Association Inc; Sandy Bay Regatta 175th anniversary; The Salvation Army Tasmania; The Smith Family centenary; Theatre Council of Tasmania; Tasmanian Association of Police and Community Youth Clubs; Tasmanian Council of Hospital and Healthcare Auxiliaries; Tasmanian Division of CPA Australia (Certified Practising Accountants) 110th anniversary; Tasmanian Racing Club; Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace; Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **External events**

17th Annual Tasmanian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast; 26TEN Clarence Plains Community visit; No. 29 (City of Hobart) Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) 102nd Anniversary Reception; 41st Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) official opening; 58th Scout Guide Regatta official opening; 87<sup>th</sup> St George's Mariners' Service Lesson reading; 185th Royal Hobart Regatta Cocktail Party; Alliance Française de Hobart, Bastille Day function; Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia, 2023 Asia Pacific Summit on Girls' Education, official opening; Antarctic Season Opening Civic Reception; Athletics Tasmania 2022/23 Awards Presentation; Australian Antarctic Division visit; Australian Axemans Hall of Fame tour; Australian Italian Club Community Luncheon 'Fiesta de la República Italiana' (Italian Republic Day); Australian Judicial Officers Association Annual Colloquium official opening; Australian National Maritime Museum Wooden Boat Symposium 2023 official opening; Australian Red Cross, Tasmanian Division, 'In Search of Safety' Training Session; Australian Wooden Boat Festival 2023 opening and closing; Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL) Meeting official opening; Australasian College of Legal Medicine 2023 (ACLM), Annual Scientific Meeting, official opening; Australasian Military Medicine Association (AMMA) Conference 2022 official opening;

Banksia Centre facility tour, Latrobe; Barbershop Harmony Australia National Festival 2022; Battle of Britain – National Commemoration Ecumenical Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony; Battle of Crete Commemorative Wreath Laying Ceremony; Bell Shakespeare performance, *The Comedy of Errors* by William Shakespeare; BioMar Australia facility tour, Wesley Vale; Blueline Laundry facility tour; British Consul-General to Tasmania, 2022 ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Scottish T20 Squad Reception; Cancer Council Tasmania, 2023 Relay for Life Hobart official opening; Cancer Council Tasmania, 2022 Relay for Life opening, Huon Valley; Centenary of Legacy Commemorative Service, St David's Cathedral; Children's University Tasmania Hobart Graduation 2022 Ceremony Awards Presentation; Combined Clubs Open Day 2022, Sailing Season official opening and salute; Combined Commonwealth Societies of Tasmania luncheon to mark the Birthday of His Majesty The King; Council on the Ageing (COTA) Tasmania, 2023 Walk Against Elder Abuse to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD); Country Women's Association in Tasmania Inc 85th State Conference official opening; Cricket Tasmania, Women's T20 International Cricket Match between Australia and Pakistan; Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden Spring Festival, unveil a bench seat in honour of the Burnie Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship;

Fearless Festival 2022 (formerly AMWU Women's Forum) Hospitality Trainees' Luncheon; Fearless Festival 2022 Dinner; Festival of Voices 2022 performance, *Handel – Four Coronation Anthems*; Friends of the Burnie Regional Museum Inc, 80th anniversary of the first collecting excursion by the Museum's founder, Mr Peter Mercer; Foodbank Tasmania visit; Geeveston Art Show 2023 official opening; Geneva Christian College tour, Latrobe; Hadley's Art Prize 2022 Finalists Exhibition; Hamilton Agricultural Show 2023 official opening and presentations;

Heritage Art Group, 15th Art Exhibition, *New Visions* official opening; Headstone Project Inaugural Dinner; Hillcrest Primary School, Community Commemoration event to mark the one-year anniversary of the tragedy; Hobart City Church of Christ Thread Together Clothing Hub official opening; Hobart Hebrew Congregation and Embassy of Israel, Canberra, Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Ceremony; Hobart Horticultural Society Inc, Daffodil, Camellia and Floral Art Show 2022 official opening; Hobart Orpheus Choir 2022 Christmas Concert; Hockey One home game matches, Tassie Tigers senior men's and women's teams vs NSW Pride; Hockey Tasmania, School Sport Australia 16 Years and Under Hockey Championships official opening; Mrs Joan Humble OAM, viewing of exhibition, *Our Beautiful Tasmania*; Huon Valley Council Food Hub Project Briefing;

ICC Men's T20 World Cup Match (Scotland v Zimbabwe); Indian Cultural Society of Tasmania Inc 50th Anniversary Dinner; International Hockey Federation (FIH) Pro League matches between Australia and Spain (Men) + Australia and USA (Women); International Seaweed Association (ISA), Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), 24th International Seaweed Symposium (ISS) official opening; Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) (University of Tasmania) visit; Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), 2023 International Temperate Reefs Symposium (ITRS) official welcome; Kennerley Children's Homes, new premises official opening; Lady Clark Centre Inc (Retirement Village) afternoon tea with Board and residents; Latrobe, visit the flood-affected areas; Launceston Club Dinner with members; Launceston Cup 2023 trophy presentation; Law Society of Tasmania, opening of the 2023 Legal Year Legal Profession Dinner; Legal Year 2022 Ecumenical Service and Judges' Breakfast (rescheduled due to Covid-19); Legal Year 2023 Opening and Ecumenical Service; Libraries Tasmania, Tasmania Reads Week 2023, reading for young children; Loaves and Fishes Tasmania, new southern production kitchen 'Taste and See' event preview;

Malayalee Association of Tasmania Inc, Onam festival; Mannalargenna Day Festival 2022, Tebrakunna Art Exhibition official opening; Mental Health Foundation Australia, National Mental Health Month 2022 in Tasmania official launch; National Australia Day Council, 2023 Australian of the Year Awards (Tasmania) co-hosted with the Premier of Tasmania; National Police Remembrance Day 2022 Wreath Laying Ceremony; Naval, Military and Air Force Club of Tasmania Army Dinner, Battle of Amiens 104th Anniversary; Northern Tasmanian Light Horse Troop, War Animal Remembrance Day Commemorative Service; Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) Outstanding Achievement Awards for 2022 presentation; Oral History Australia National Conference *Oral History in Troubling Times: Opportunities and Challenges* official opening; Presbyterian Church of Tasmania, service to celebrate the bicentenary of the preaching of the first sermon in Australia by a Church of Scotland minister (Reverend Archibald Macarthur); President of the Legislative Council, the Honourable Craig Farrell MLC, launch of two books by Paul A. C. Richards AM and colleagues on iodine deficiency in Tasmania; Print Radio Tasmania Christmas Message recording; Reconciliation Tasmania, Reconciliation Week Breakfast 2023; Remembrance Day 2022, Wreath Laying Ceremony; Riding for the Disabled Association of Tasmanian Inc, Rider End of Year Party; Roads Australia International Women's Day Industry Luncheon; 'Roses from the Heart' Dr Christina Henri's bonnet making group morning tea; Rotary Club of Hobart, 2022 Annual Art Show official opening; Rotary District 9620 and Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club (QLD) + 'Windeward Bound', 'RQ100 Multicultural Great Adventure', 100 years of Rotary in Queensland celebratory dinner; Rotary District 9620 and Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club (QLD), 'RQ100 Multicultural Great Adventure' to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Queensland, harbour sail; Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA) 2022 Annual Conference official opening; Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania Ltd (RACT) centenary formal dinner; Royal Automobile

Club of Tasmania Ltd (RACT) Centenary morning tea and cutting of the celebratory cake; Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation 2023 International Women's Day Breakfast, participate in a facilitated conversation as guest speaker; Royal Hobart Hospital Research Foundation, Celebration of Research Excellence Dinner; Royal Hobart Show 2022 President's Luncheon; Royal National Agricultural and Pastoral Society of Tasmania, 2022 Royal Launceston Show official opening; Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc, 2023 Agfest Agricultural Field Days, official opening;

Salvation Army Tasmania Division, 2022 Salvos' Sleep Out walkaround; Salvation Army Tasmania Division delivery of meals from Government House Kitchen; Salvation Army Tasmania Red Shield Appeal breakfast launch; Sandy Bay Regatta Association, 175th anniversary Sandy Bay Regatta, open a history exhibition and participate in a ceremonial tree planting; Scouts Tasmania morning tea; Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch 2023, Annual General Meeting and presentation of Good Service Awards; 'Somewhere here' Art Exhibition, Moonah Arts Centre; St Mary's Cathedral's Eucharistic Celebration and Ritual to bless and dedicate the new altar; St Paul's Catholic School, viewing of class-based literacy development programs; Strathdevon Nursing Home, Latrobe, residents luncheon and tour; Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race 2022 official prize giving;

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc, NAIDOC Week Flag Raising; Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Inc, National Indigenous Legal and Health Justice Conference; Tasmania JackJumpers, Basketball Skills Community Clinic; Tasmania JackJumpers NBL basketball games; Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, *taypani milaythina-tu: Return to Country* exhibition; Tasmanian Racing Club Inc 2023 Hobart Cup Luncheon; Tasmania Reads & UCTV Alive for Kids (Peter Underwood Centre), *Sea Country* by Auntie Patsy Cameron webinar; Tasmanian Quilting Guild Inc, *Island Quilts* exhibition; Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra *Christmas with the TSO* performance; Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra *Ravel, Stravinsky, Grieg* performance; Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial Service 2022; Ten Days on the Island 2023, *Women of Troy* performance presented by Archipelago Productions; Terror Australis Readers and Writers Festival 2022 official launch; The Friends of the Orphan Schools *Hidden Histories of the Orphan Schools* book launch; The Friends of the Orphan Schools Open Day and Descendants' Gathering official opening; Theatre Royal, *takara nipaluna/walking Hobart* performance; Toast for Kids 2022 Charity Gala, *Help Babies Learn* book pre-launch;

Unions Tasmania, morning tea re workplace laws to provide family and domestic violence leave; University of Tasmania College of Health and Medicine 2022 Winter Graduation Ceremony; Veterans Cricket Australia Over 70s National Championships, officially open the parkland area re Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting Programme and toss the coin for the first match; Vietnam Veterans' Day Remembrance Service 2022 Wreath Laying Ceremony; Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails/New Suspension Bridge tour; 2022 Unions Tasmania Women's Conference.

### **School and community group visits**

Art Society of Tasmania; Dominic College; Australian Garden History Society, Tasmanian Branch; The Friends' School; Great Balls of Fibre; Hobart City Mission volunteers; The Jesters Club; Kingston District Garden Club; Lindisfarne Primary School; Peter Underwood Centre; Port Sorell Primary School; Probus Club of Kingston Photography Group; Reclink Australia; Rosetta Primary School; St Michael's Collegiate School; Southern Support School; Strahan Primary School.

## Image Gallery



Official Visit to the Municipality of Brighton, July 2022

Presentation of Kellion Victory Medals  
on behalf of Diabetes Tasmania to  
celebrate National Diabetes Week,  
July 2022



Visit to Foodbank of Tasmania,  
Derwent Park, July 2022

Dinner to celebrate Her Majesty  
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee hosted  
by the Order of Australia Association  
Tasmanian Branch at the  
Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania,  
July 2022





30th Anniversary of the Friends of the  
Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens,  
August 2022



National Science Week  
Southern Tasmania, August 2022



Formal dinner in honour of the Official Visit to  
Tasmania by the High Commissioner for Malaysia,  
His Excellency Dato' Roslan Abdul Rahman,  
August 2022



75th Anniversary of the Independence Day  
of Pakistan, August 2022



2022 Queen's Birthday Honours Investiture – Order of Australia, September 2022



2022 Queen's Birthday Honours Investiture – Meritorious Service Awards, September 2022





Official Visit to the Municipality of Waratah-Wynyard, October 2022

## Government House Open Day, November 2022







Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards for Tasmania, November 2022



Mannalargenna Day, December 2022



Official Visit to Tasmania by the Ambassador of Ukraine, His Excellency Mr Vasyl Myroshnychenko, and Mrs Liana Myroshnychenko, January 2023



Hobart International Inspired Women Forum on behalf of Tennis Tasmania, January 2023



Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) Outstanding Achievement Awards for 2022 at the Hobart Town Hall, January 2023



Basketball Skills Community Clinic hosted by the Tasmania JackJumpers at Swisherr Hoops Academy, February 2023

87th Birthday of the Country Women's Association in Tasmania (Inc), February 2023



2023 Prince of Wales Award for Tasmanian Reservist, Flight Lieutenant David North RAAFAR ADC, together with acknowledgment of his employer, Tasmania Police, presented on behalf of the Australian Defence Force Reserves and Employer Support (ADFRES), February 2023



Music in the Gardens at Government House, March 2023



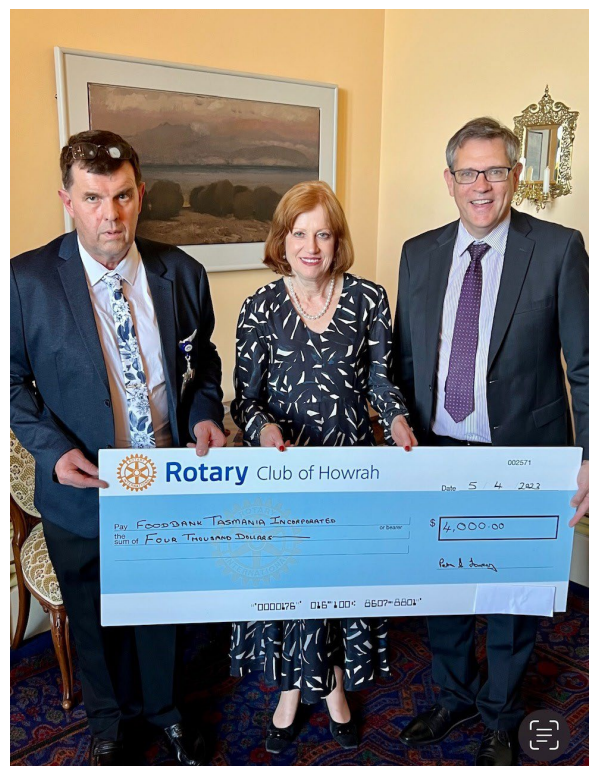
Rotary Tasmania Community Care  
to mark Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, March 2023



Multicultural Council of Tasmania, Harmony Week, March 2023



Tasmania Reads Week, Rosny Library, March 2023



Rotary Club of Howrah and Foodbank of Tasmania Inc re donation of funds raised at the 2022 Government House Open Day, April 2023





Tasmanian Volunteering Awards on behalf of Volunteering Tasmania, May 2023



Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) Medical Research Week Awards, June 2023

## Fundraising events

As part of the Governor's community engagement role and following Her Majesty The Queen's suggestion in 2016 that the celebrations on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in that year be used to raise funds for worthy charities around the world, Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers were pleased to again host a number of fundraising events at Government House this year:

- musical performance and celebration in support of the Royal Society of Tasmania Art Collection (September 2022)
- lecture presented by Mr Craig Leeson, Tasmanian Australian of the Year 2022, including screening of segments of the film, 'The Last Glaciers', in support of the Tasmanian Land Conservancy (December 2022)
- lecture presented by Hobart-based author, Robyn Mundy, together with musical performances, on behalf of the Hobart VIEW Club to support the work of The Smith Family in Tasmania (May 2023)
- musical performance and reception to mark the Birthday of His Majesty The King in support of the Hobart Women's Shelter (June 2023)
- musical performance and reception in support of the 2023 Glenorchy Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal (June 2023)

The following is an extract from correspondence received, and reproduced here with permission, from the Hobart Women's Shelter:

Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker, Governor of Tasmania, has been an unwavering supporter of the Hobart Women's Shelter. Her endorsement has been invaluable to our mission, helping us to further our cause and strengthen stakeholder relations. We are profoundly grateful to Her Excellency for her continued advocacy, generosity, and support. An overview of her contributions is as follows:

### 1st Women's Housing Working Meeting – 2022:

In February 2022, Her Excellency inaugurated the Women's Housing Working Meeting at Government House. This marked the debut of our ambitious plan to establish 25 long-term residences for women and children by 2024. The meeting gathered prominent national, state, and local stakeholders and later resulted in the donation of approximately \$100,000 in pro bono services and discounted products for the building of our first two homes.

### 2nd Women's Housing Working Meeting – 2023:

March 2023 saw the second assembly at Government House, highlighting the urgency for improved affordable housing options for women and children in Tasmania. Keynote addresses featured discussions on the economic ramifications of new housing investments and the essential role of Trauma-Informed Design in creating spaces for people who have experienced trauma.

### Hobart Women's Shelter Fundraising Event at Government House, 7 June 2023:

This event marked a pivotal moment for the 'Buy a Brick' campaign, raising over \$26,890 to build long-term homes for women and children affected by family violence. Notably, the event fostered morale among Hobart Women's Shelter staff and broadened our networking horizons, amplifying our mission's visibility within the Hobart community.

### Communal Meal and Cook and Connect:

For the last few years, Her Excellency has generously donated the time of Ainstie Wagner, Government House's Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator, to run Cook and Connect at the Hobart Women's Shelter. This program has engaged the Hobart Women's Shelter's residents with the importance of food for connection. Further, she has facilitated the provision of a bi-weekly Communal Meal for women and children. Communal Meal has become an important, regular occurrence for the residents' calendar. It offers the opportunity to enjoy a wholesome meal with others and experience a moment of comfort and worthiness via a delicious home-cooked meal.



## Kitchen and Hospitality Report



Government House continues to go quietly about the business of offering a wide range of community engagement programs which are much appreciated by those who visit and/or participate in activities.

The Learning Room at Government House, which was converted from a space previously used as a staff lunchroom, is used on a regular basis to hold workshops and lessons on local and seasonal foods with attendees picking produce from the garden, preparing it and then sitting to share a lunch together.

Work placements and visits by school groups have continued to be popular and we have had plenty of enthusiastic young people come through the Kitchen, learning about growing, harvesting, preparing and ultimately eating the fine produce that is grown at Government House. The knowledge and experience that the students gain about fresh food and how to prepare it is invaluable.





During this financial year, work placements were hosted for students from TasTAFE Drysdale; Calvin Christian School; and Hobart City High School Big Picture. Garden produce harvesting and kitchen experiences were hosted for students from Glenorchy Primary School and Rosetta Primary School.

In August 2022, the Fearless Festival (formerly the AMWU Women's Forum) was held in Hobart with the Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator and her staff producing recipes, hosting masterclasses and cooking with students from around Tasmania.

In October 2022, after talks with the CEO, Andrew Hillier, and General Manager, Aaron Kropf, at Loaves and Fishes Tasmania, Government House identified a space within the Estate to develop a Community Garden to start planting and growing produce to be used to support the School Food Matters Lunch Project. Eat Well Tasmania has also advised on the project and continues to provide support with information, social media and general admin work, along with hands-on help.

Since our first harvest on 22 December 2022, Government House has donated over 300 boxes of fresh produce. Loaves and Fishes Tasmania has set up a kitchen in Rokeby to enable disadvantaged youth to learn about growing and cooking fresh produce. The produce is picked up every week from Government House and used to prepare school lunches for delivery to School Food Matters. The School Food Matters program is now in 30 schools across the State and provides over 6000 meals per week to Tasmanian school students.



The Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator and her staff have also been providing training workshops to canteen managers on the best ways to utilise fresh produce following national health guidelines.

The Government House gardens continue to provide fresh produce and the Kitchen prepares ready-cooked meals for the Hobart Women's Shelter every week, as well as providing ongoing support for the residents' annual Christmas luncheon and fortnightly community dinners.

The Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator has also donated several vouchers for private Government House tours complete with morning or afternoon tea and produce gift bags, or one-day cooking classes for up to six people, to support the fundraising endeavours of a number of not-for-profit organisations including the Variety of Chefs Gala Ball, Sprout Tasmania, and Pathways Tasmania.

In October 2022, the Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator and her staff hosted a visit by Clarence Legacy Widows which included a cooking demonstration and light luncheon to mark Veterans' Health Week 2022.



On Sunday 6 November 2022, Her Excellency the Governor and Professor Chalmers hosted Open Day at Government House.

The Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator organised for a number of additional not-for-profit community groups to participate in Open Day this year, offering goods for sale and unique visitor experiences.

The Government House Tasmania Gift Shop was also well received.



One of the most popular activities was a map which was put together by Eat Well Tasmania in conjunction with the Government House Gardeners. Vegetables were hidden around the Government House grounds for families to find. This was a great way to encourage more movement around the grounds and created much excitement and fun.



## Estate Gardens Report



Our dedicated team of skilled Horticulturalists has continued to maintain the historic gardens to an exceptional standard over the past financial year, improving plant health, infrastructure, garden maintenance techniques and carrying out landscape renovations throughout the Estate. We have hosted community groups, offered educational tours and experiences; produced large quantities of fruit, herbs, vegetables and cut flowers; established a new Community Garden; participated in industry training; and assisted in the promotion of the Estate gardens.

During July 2022, Government House Tasmania reintroduced the position of Apprentice Gardener to our team of horticulturalists. Our new apprentice is currently completing a Certificate III in Horticulture under the supervision of the Estate Gardens Manager and the Estate Gardeners.



Mature tree maintenance was carried out as recommended in the 2019 – 2028 Government House Treescape Management Plan. This work predominantly included dead limb and weight removal and was carried out to promote improved tree health and to address public safety with predicted increased public visitation to the gardens.



Collections in the cut-flower garden have been extended with support and generous donations from local garden club enthusiasts. In July 2022, Government House Tasmania Gardeners participated in the Hobart Horticultural Society's Dahlia and Floral Art Show at the Hobart Town Hall. They were awarded the Shoobridge Trophy. This trophy was presented to Her Excellency at a morning tea event at Government House by the President of the Hobart Horticultural Society, Mrs Andrea Gerrard OAM.



In September 2022, Her Excellency participated in the planting of a 'Cloth of Gold' rose in the Heritage Rose Garden. This was donated by the members of the Hamilton Literary Society in honour of their Founder, Lady Hamilton, who was the wife of Sir Robert Hamilton KCB, Governor of Tasmania 1887 – 1892. Lady Hamilton was an early devotee of rose plantings at Government House and was known to be particularly fond of the 'Cloth of Gold' rose. Her Excellency is the current President of the Hamilton Literary Society.



During September 2022, production garden staff commenced a partnership with Risdon Prison, supplying vegetable seedlings for use in their gardening programs. We hope to further develop this partnership into the future.

In August 2022, Garden staff participated in the Fearless Festival. This annual expo was held this year at Wrest Point in Hobart to encourage young women into non-traditional career pathways.



Government House Gardeners also represented the horticultural industry at the Rosny College Careers Expo on 22 August 2022.

Our produce gardens continue to supply fresh, seasonal fruit and vegetables for Government House Tasmania events. Excess produce is donated to charitable organisations, directly linking success in the garden with support for local community groups. In addition, this financial year, excess produce was preserved and sold in the Government House Tasmania Gift Shop.

During December 2022, our Community Garden was established. This is a joint initiative with Eat Well Tasmania, Loaves and Fishes Tasmania and School Food Matters Inc. Land was chosen in the Vineyard Paddock to produce seasonal fruit and vegetables which are then distributed to schools participating the School Food Matters Lunch Project. We aim to broaden the scope of this project by hosting school students in practical workshops, sharing our knowledge of seasonal planting, propagation, and crop maintenance.



Following on from the success of the Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association's Kids to Farms program, 'paddock to plate' experiences for school students continued to be offered at Government House. The students spend time in the vegetable garden, touring and harvesting, before moving into the kitchen to prepare seasonal fruit and vegetable recipes for lunch and take-home products.



In March 2023, the Government House garden team supported the Bream Creek Show. Our team won the Harvest display and achieved second place in the Giant Pumpkin Competition.



The Government House Vineyard continues to produce good yields; the 2023 Riesling harvest was 1090kg (total expected bottles, 924), and the combined reds, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, were 1,354kg (total expected bottles, 1,137). The Vineyard provides premium Estate-grown wine for use at in-house events and as gifts for visiting dignitaries. Government House Tasmania Gin and the Riesling and Cabernet Merlot wines are also sold in the Government House Tasmania Gift Shop. Purchases may also be made online via the Government House Tasmania website.

Specialised public garden tours, including Significant Trees, Garden Produce and Ornamental Garden Tours, continued this financial year. Garden staff also provided private tours for community organisations, Probus clubs, garden clubs, horticultural societies, and school students. More than 400 people attended the range of tours offered in the Estate gardens this financial year.



Government House Tasmania and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens collaborated over the 2022 winter period to co-host a French-themed tour, *The French Connection*, which showcased the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens' French memorial garden and the Government House Tasmania French vegetable garden, Lahaye's Garden. This tour was offered in association with Tourism Tasmania's Off-Season Campaign.



Government House Tasmania supports Biosecurity Tasmania's sentinel hive program with a catch box located on the Estate. The hives are an early warning system, tested each month for a range of exotic pests, with recent monitoring focusing on varroa mite and small hive beetle.

In September 2022, Government House hosted Biosecurity Tasmania and members of the Southern Tasmanian Beekeepers Association (STBA) to learn and practise varroa mite detection in the field. Beekeepers from across the State participated in the training day, resulting in important information being passed throughout the STBA networks.



Government House Tasmania also supported the Sister Hives program with educational workshops for members in December 2022. Government House was also involved with the 2023 Extreme Excellence World Record, led by Sister Hives Australia, promoting women beekeepers.

In January 2023, 20kg of honey was collected for use in the Government House kitchen. Honey was also packaged for sale in the Government House Tasmania Gift Shop and as gifts for visiting dignitaries.



Successful turf renovations have provided a quality playing surface, both on the bowling green/croquet lawn and the tennis courts, allowing public hire for recreational use during the 2022/23 spring/summer period. Government House Tasmania partners with Tennis Tasmania to manage the booking system for tennis court hire.

The Government House Estate Turf Specialist also hosted the inaugural Turf Care Masterclass in April 2023. This workshop was open to members of the public and focused on renovation techniques and general lawn maintenance.



The 2022 Winter Series of Horticultural Speakers program continued in the Government House Ball Room during July and August 2022. The 2023 Winter Series commenced in June 2023. This initiative is a successful addition to the Government House Tasmania event calendar, allowing the Office of the Governor to continue to engage with the gardening community during the winter months when traditionally the garden tours are not held.



Government House Open Day, hosted on Sunday 6 November 2022, represented one of the largest events on the Governor's program. Garden staff presented additional displays to enhance the visitor experience, including a meadow planting on the Eastern Terrace lawns. Garden staff were also involved with a large produce display in the Conservatory. A highlight of the day was the official opening by Her Excellency the Governor of the Quarry Pond Lookout, dedicated to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



In November 2022, the Governor welcomed the delegates visiting Hobart to attend the National Conference of the Australian Garden History Society with a reception in the Ball Room. The 200 members also participated in Estate garden tours and the Estate Gardens Manager presented a lecture on the development of Lahaye's Garden at Government House.

In December 2022, Government House Tasmania hosted Horticulture students from TasTAFE. The students participated in a garden tour and a range of practical experiences aimed at supporting their formal TAFE training.

The cast and crew of *Better Homes & Gardens* (Seven Network) were on site during December 2022, capturing the operations of the gardens and kitchen for a segment focused on the Governor's community engagement. The program featuring Government House Tasmania was aired on the Seven Network on Friday 3 March 2023.

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In March 2023, the Governor welcomed members of the public to enjoy the inaugural 'Music in the Gardens' event, featuring local musicians.

In April 2023, the Estate Gardens Manager presented an Estate Gardens talk for the Hobart City Council's, *Still Gardening* program at the Hobart Town Hall.

In June 2023, a ceremonial tree planting was hosted to commemorate the historic occasion of the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. A mature cork oak (*Quercus suber*) was chosen for its resilience and future potential for cork harvesting.

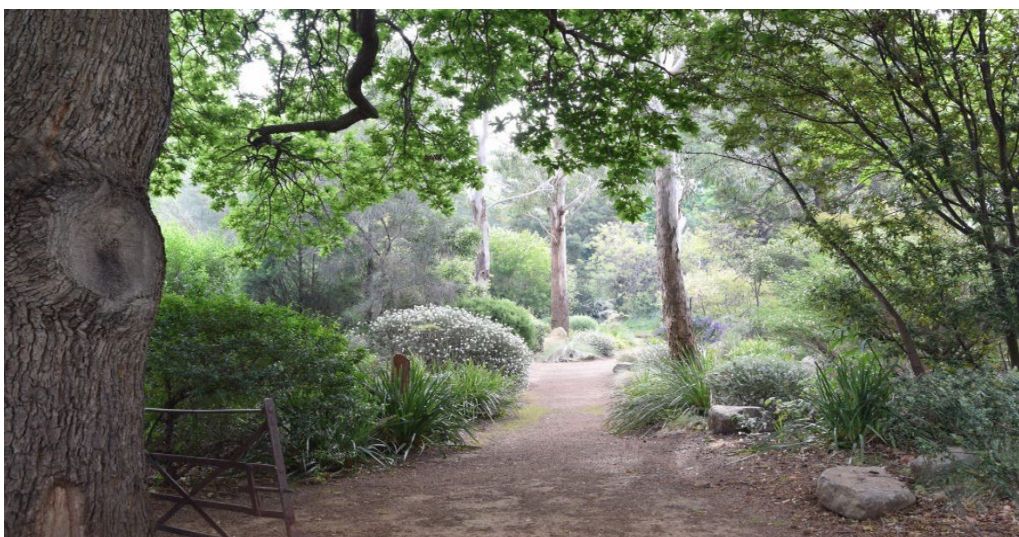
The Estate Gardens Manager continues to assist with the promotion of the Government House gardens through associations with Blooming Tasmania Inc, local garden clubs and more broadly through social media platforms.

Also carried out this financial year was planning for future mature tree plantings on the Eastern Arboretum.

A range of staff development experiences were available to Estate Garden staff during the financial year. This is considered a priority to enhance knowledge, maintain awareness of garden trends, best industry practices, products, and equipment and to build team confidence.



Estate Garden staff implement new industry techniques and standards in their maintenance of the grounds. Staff aim to make wholistic improvements in all the areas they manage, ensuring the Estate gardens are presented to an exceptional standard for the ever increasing and diverse public access. The conservation of historically significant features is balanced with ensuring the gardens thrive into the future.





## **Public Access Report**

In recent years, successive Governors have supported further opportunities for members of the public to be able to enjoy access to the Government House Estate.

### **Monthly Tours – State Rooms; Behind the Scenes; Ornamental Gardens; Garden Produce; Significant Trees; and Winter Series of Horticultural Lectures**

These are tours for which patrons book online and are conducted by staff and volunteers. They have been consistently popular.

The Winter Series of Horticultural Lectures, featuring guest speakers in the Ball Room, once again attracted strong attendances:

- *Be Happy, Grow Flowers*, presented by Jennifer Stackhouse (July 2022)
- *Tasmania is My Garden – Biophilic State*, presented by Tom and Jane Tenniswood (August 2022)
- *Towards a Naturalistic and Sustainable Landscape*, presented by Lindsay Campbell (June 2023)

In the year under review, a total of 955 people attended at least one of the 86 scheduled tours or lectures.

### **Hire of Tennis Courts and Croquet/Bowls Lawn**

The Government House tennis courts and the croquet/bowls lawn are able to be hired by members of the public for use during the weekends over the spring/summer season. In the year under review, a total of 220 people enjoyed these facilities.

### **Government House Gift Shop**

The Government House Gift Shop operates at the conclusion of all tours and lectures and at selected Government House events. The shop is stocked with items which have a direct connection to Government House, including wine and gin that has been produced using grapes and botanicals from the Government House Estate Vineyard and gardens. There is also an extensive selection of jams, preserves and other pantry goods which have been produced by the Government House Kitchen, as well as books and stationery.

Visitors and guests are welcome to make an appointment to visit the Government House Gift Shop during business hours. Purchases may also be made online via the Government House Tasmania website.

Revenue from the tours, lecture program and Gift Shop is directed towards the heritage maintenance and preservation of the Government House Estate.

## Information and Technology Services

With the addition of a dedicated resource to provide Information and Technology services to the Office of the Governor, there has been the opportunity to implement a number of IT projects as well as to provide day-to-day IT support.

### Security Upgrade Project

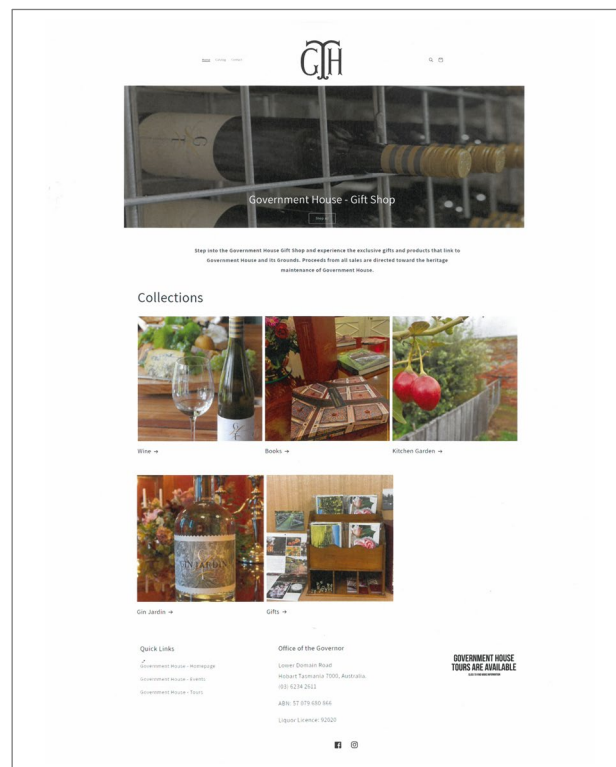
A significant project was implemented over the past year that necessitated an overhaul of CCTV cameras, monitoring, infrastructure, and an uplift to the Security Control room. The work was carried out over several months and has dramatically increased the quality of coverage and provided a scalable network for IT infrastructure into the future.

### Furniture and Assets Catalogue

The Office of the Governor has undertaken to catalogue the various furniture and art assets that are within the Estate. The detailed process has included the photographing and journaling of these items to source and record their provenance. IT services has developed a management system to track, update, and view these historical items. The application serves not only as an asset management database but also as a reference tool for any archival or authentication purposes.

### Online Gift Shop

IT services has also implemented an online gift shop to provide greater access to the various produce and gift items which are available from Government House Tasmania. The online store allows members of the public to purchase items which have previously been available only for visiting guests. The online store allows for easy stock management, integrates shipping, and provides local pick-up collection. It was also a requirement to include a point-of-sale system that complements the retail management service and provides the ability to have 'pop-up' sales wherever required.



Government House Tasmania Online Gift Shop – homepage

## **The Government House Website**

The Government House Tasmania website provides information on all aspects of the operation of the Office, ranging from the functions of the Governor, biographical information, a pictorial diary of Vice-Regal engagements and access to the texts of speeches, through to advice regarding protocol, the history of the House and a guide to the House and gardens.

The website is a valuable tool for increasing awareness of the role and activities of the Office. The website also enables invited guests and members of the public to reserve their online tickets to attend the many events hosted at Government House, including morning and afternoon teas, lectures, receptions, award presentations and tours.

## **Staff**

Current Staff positions: Official Secretary; Deputy Official Secretary; Aide-de-Camp; Executive Chef and Community Engagement Facilitator; Executive Butler; Estate Gardens Manager (part-time); Building, Assets and Heritage Manager; Accountant (part-time); Senior Finance Officer; Senior Information Technology Officer; Public Access Manager (part-time); Senior Executive Officer; Executive Officer (part-time); Administration Officer (part-time); Chefs (1 full-time, 2 part-time); Kitchen Hand (part-time); Household Attendants (3 full-time, 2 part-time); Florist (part-time); Gardeners (3 full-time, 2 part-time); Apprentice Gardener; Maintenance Assistant (part-time).

## **Honorary Aides-de-Camp**

The Office of the Governor benefits from outstanding service provided in a variety of roles to Her Excellency by her Honorary Aides-de-Camp. Honorary ADCs are drawn from the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, the Royal Australian Air Force and Tasmania Police. Honorary ADCs provide, at no charge to the Office of Governor, assistance at all major functions at Government House and they attend the Governor at numerous external events, particularly during weekends. In their work they exemplify the high standards, knowledge and attention to detail that Tasmanians and visitors to Tasmania appreciate in the Office of the Governor.

Honorary ADCs during the period under review:

Lieutenant Carolyn Docking RANR ADC, Captain Tom Calderwood ARes ADC, Captain Justin Fountain ARes ADC, Flight Lieutenant David North RAAFAR ADC, Inspector Grant Twining ADC, Inspector Glen Woolley APM OAM ADC.

## **Security Guards**

Government House is well serviced through appropriately trained Security Guards.

## HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### Indicators of Organisational Health

<b>Sick Leave &amp; Overtime</b>	<b>2022–2023</b>	<b>2021–2022</b>	<b>2020–2021</b>
Average sick leave taken per FTE (days)	8.7	5.8	4.2
Total sick leave taken (days)	237.10	151.60	100.38
Total overtime payments for the year (\$)	91,993	86,919	11,218
Total overtime payments per FTE (\$)*	3,368	2,699	476

\*This does not include casual or externally contracted staff

<b>Staff Turnover</b>	<b>2022–2023</b>	<b>2021–2022</b>	<b>2020–2021</b>
Separations	2	3	0
Commencements	2	5	1
FTE at 30 June*	27.31	26.02	23.58

\*This does not include casual or externally contracted staff

<b>Staff Leave Balances</b>	<b>2022–2023</b>	<b>2021–2022</b>	<b>2020–2021</b>
Current entitlements – all employees (days)	1,586	1,528	1,444
Average number of LSL days per FTE*	36	34	35
Average number of annual recreation leave days per FTE	21	19	26

\*Including pro rata leave

<b>Workers' Compensation</b>	<b>2022–2023</b>	<b>2021–2022</b>	<b>2020–2021</b>
Cases at 1 July	0	0	0
New cases for F/Y	0	0	2
Completed cases at 30 June	0	1	2
Total cases at 30 June	0	0	0
Working days lost F/Y	0	0	4

### Employee Agreement and Employee Award

The conditions of service of all staff employed by the Official Secretary are determined by the *Governor of Tasmania Act 1982*, *Governor of Tasmania Employee Agreement 2020* and the *Governor of Tasmania Employee Award*.

The date of registration of the *Governor of Tasmania Employee Award* with the Tasmanian Industrial Commission was 2 March 2021.

### Training and Development

Staff training is encouraged and funded where relevant to staff work and professional development.

<b>Staff Development and Training</b>	<b>2022–2023</b>	<b>2021–2022</b>	<b>2020–2021</b>
Number of individual staff who received formal training	8	14	16
Number of person days training	11	18	10
Expenditure on training	\$4,439	\$3,484	\$1,973

## **Industrial Relations**

To promote an equitable and harmonious working environment, employees are encouraged to raise issues and concerns with their supervisors or the Official Secretary. Should the internal grievance-resolution system be unsuccessful in resolving a grievance or dispute, employees are able to have disputes reviewed by the Tasmanian Industrial Commission.

## **Work Health and Safety**

The practices of the Office of the Governor are in accordance with the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*.

The Office regularly reviews its Injury Management Program to ensure that it remains consistent with legislative requirements. The most recent review took place in the first half of 2023.

## **Superannuation Certificate**

I, David Owen, Official Secretary, Office of the Governor, hereby certify that the Office of the Governor has met its obligations under the Australian Government *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* and the Tasmanian *Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 2016* in respect of employees who contribute to complying superannuation funds.

The Office of the Governor only makes employer superannuation contributions to complying superannuation funds (other than those established under the provisions of the *Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 2016*).



**David Owen**  
**Official Secretary**

**30 June 2023**

## **ASSET MANAGEMENT AND RISK POLICIES**

### **Asset Management**

The financial statements for 2022–2023 are reported on a cash and accrual basis, and they contain full details of the Office of the Governor’s asset-management policies as notes to the statements. The assets of the Office of the Governor have been valued in accordance with the Office’s accounting policies and procedures, and these values are disclosed in the statements, together with appropriate notes on valuation methods.

The Office of the Governor maintains a register of assets with a value of \$10,000 or more. In addition, other factors such as attractiveness and portability are considered when determining whether an asset should be recorded in the Office of the Governor’s asset register.

The major assets of the Office of the Governor are the buildings on the Estate, including Government House and its outbuildings, and the colonial and imported antique furniture in the main building. These assets are classified as items of exceptional heritage significance. A complete valuation of the buildings and land was made as at 30 June 2020.

A full valuation of *objets d’art* and other heritage assets was completed in June 2020. A full valuation of heritage furniture was completed in June 2020.

### **Asset Management Systems**

The Office of the Governor maintains a computerised database of assets, with regular updates to record acquisitions, transfers and disposals.

### **Acquisition and Disposal of Assets**

The acquisition and disposal of assets is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 2016*.

### **Maintenance and Capital Programs**

Building Asset Management at Government House includes the Main House, ‘Rossbank’, four conjoined Cottages, Bay Tree Cottage, two separate houses, stables, garages, workshop and several other outbuildings. Each of these buildings requires a different maintenance schedule. Some areas are inspected daily, other areas are inspected, or have safety checks done, monthly or annually. The main areas for scheduled maintenance at Government House are:

- Fire detection and suppression systems
- Security systems
- Dumb Waiter
- Chandelier winches
- Fridges/freezers
- Grease traps
- Electrical appliance Test and Tag
- Pest control

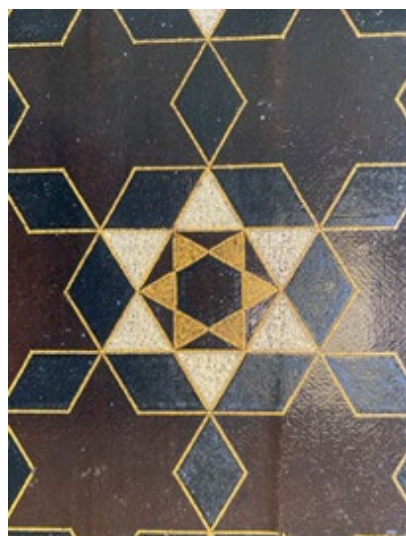
It has been another busy 12 months for the small Asset Management team. Scheduled maintenance and inspections of all services for the buildings and wider Estate take up a considerable amount of our time. We have had great assistance this year from the Senior Information Technology Officer who has created an electronic asset register for all the portable electronic equipment at Government House. This program is accessible from an iPad and is easily updated. A web-based program for underground services that was commissioned about 10 years ago and that has had little use was reinstalled and now we are working to upgrade and improve this database. The underground services database is a very useful tool for the ongoing maintenance and upgrades of infrastructure and Government House.

The three major projects that were completed in the past financial year were:

**Security Upgrades** – the Asset Management team assisted the main contractor for this project and were directly responsible for the fit-out in the Security Office and approximately 500m of trenching for the new fibre cable to be run in. Undertaking 500m of trenching close to the Main House and up to both gates was quite a challenge. All trenching works had Heritage Tasmania approval and an archaeologist was engaged to undertake archaeological monitoring and to provide Government House with a report and items collected from the excavations.



Dismantling the old Security Office set-up

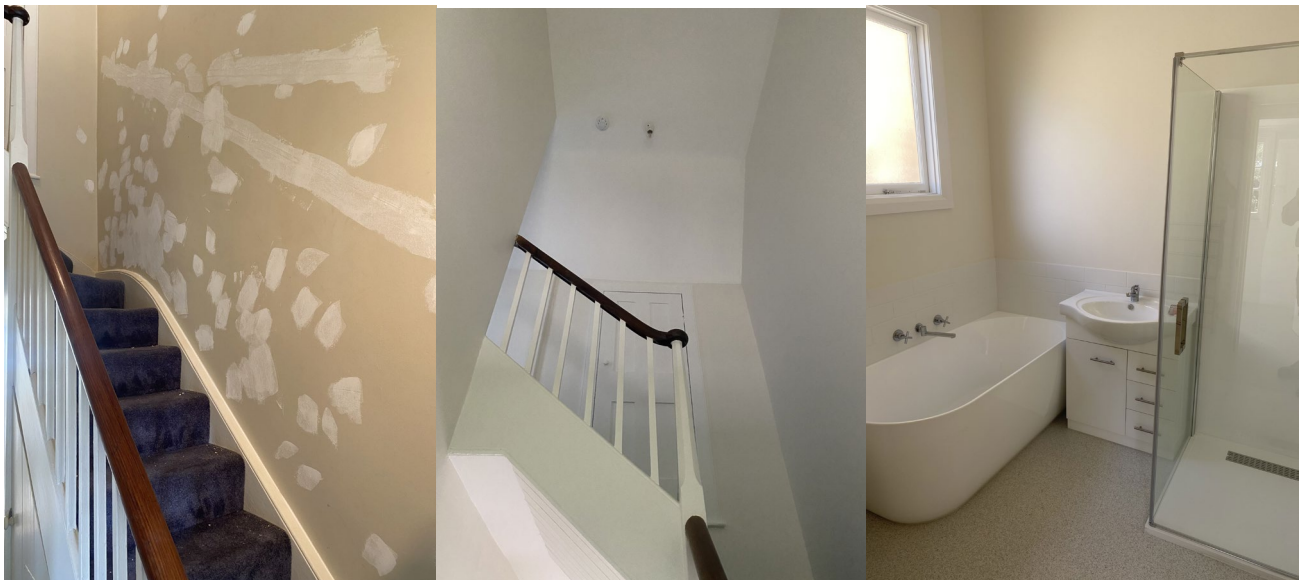


Floor covering found under the carpet



Excavation work for security upgrade

**Cottage 4 Renovations** – Cottage 4 became vacant in late 2022 and we took this opportunity to do some renovations and painting works. All the walls and ceilings were repaired and repainted internally. External weatherboards were repaired and repainted. Some light fittings were replaced, and panel heaters installed. A new electronic fire heater was installed in the living room. New carpet was installed in the living room and to the studio building. The internal walls to the toilet and bathroom were removed and a new layout installed. All new fittings and flooring coverings were installed in the bathroom, laundry, and toilet. A new hot water cylinder was installed. New floor covering was installed in the kitchen. New blinds and curtains were installed where required. The fire detection system was also upgraded.



Renovations at Cottage 4

**Ball Room Glazing Project** – This project had stalled for two years due to Covid and the availability of the builder. Paradigm Constructions were the main contractor for this work with Original Stained Glass doing all the internal glazing works. CDI Painting Services did the external painting. Heritage Tasmania issued an exemption permit for this work. The original internal



glazing could not be saved and was replaced with laminated glass of a similar colour. Double glazed units were installed in the cavity and the external timber sashes were repaired and reinstated. A report on the internal glazing is on file at Government House and was also sent to Heritage Tasmania.



Original glass from within the cavity and the new laminated glass installed as viewed from inside the Ball Room

Minor maintenance and general repairs are carried out on a weekly basis. The following works fall outside of general maintenance and were undertaken in the 2022 – 23 financial year:

#### Electrical works

- Install three panel heaters to Cottage 4
- Install five LED downlights to Cottage 4
- Install three panel heaters to Cottage 1
- Install panel heater to Security Office
- Replace South Terrace steps lighting with LED fittings
- Install two new inground LED lights to the Main Drive flagpoles
- Install eight new LED inground lights to the Main Drive
- Continue to replace fluorescent fittings in basement with LED fittings
- Replace garage light fittings with LED fittings
- Install two panel heaters to Cottage 2
- Replace Police Tower lights with LED fittings

#### Fire Systems

- Install additional smoke detectors to the Apartment and the Royal Suite
- Replace failing fire hydrant near Bay Tree Cottage
- Install additional sounder in the Kitchen
- Install additional sounder and detector in the Royal Suite

### Painting works

- Bar Room, repaint walls and ceiling
- Basement Pantry, Silver Room and Trades Entrance, repaint walls and ceilings, repaint Safe door
- Conservatory, external doors – repair and repaint. All six doors will need replacing within five years
- Repaint walls to Foyer, Main Staircase and Ante-Drawing Room for new art works

### Building works

- Franklin Suite bathroom – replace existing carpet with tiles, including new underlay and waterproofing, install new toilet.
- Replace damaged sandstone windowsill and doorsill to eastern side of the original section at 'Rossbank'



New tiles to Franklin bathroom floor

The Building Assets and Heritage Manager acknowledges the prompt and professional service of all contractors assisting with the ongoing maintenance and improvement of Government House buildings.

## **Risk Management**

The Office of the Governor recognises the importance of a robust risk management framework. The Office of the Governor is currently updating its Risk Management Plan, and with the establishment of a Risk Management Working Group is working to update and centralise all risk documentation and procedures.

## **Government Procurement**

*Support for Local Business:* The Office of the Governor ensures that Tasmanian businesses are given every opportunity to compete for the provision of goods and services to the Office. It is the Office of the Governor's policy to support Tasmanian businesses whenever they offer best value for money.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Pricing Policy**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Government House Land Act 1964* as amended by the *Government House Land Amendment Act 2017*, the Office of the Governor undertakes activities to raise revenue to be applied for the maintenance and preservation of the site and the residence.

The Office has adopted two pricing strategies. The community access strategy is used for goods and services unique to Government House that are specifically provided to enable the community to learn more about Government House Tasmania and the role of the Governor. The premium pricing strategy is used for all other goods and services that are not unique to Government House, but their association with Government House provides a unique selling point. This strategy was adopted to maximise proceeds raised for heritage maintenance in relation to the resources available for creating sales, and to avoid undesirable competition with local businesses.

### **Legislation Administered by the Office of the Governor**

There are no statutes administered by the Office of the Governor.

### **Right to Information**

The Governor of Tasmania is excluded from the provisions of the *Right to Information Act 2009* by s.6 of the Act unless information relates to the Office's administration. The Office of the Governor is committed to ensuring that, where appropriate, its administrative information is available to the public, generally through its annual reporting process and the provision of information on its website.

There were no requests in 2022–2023.

### **Public Interest Disclosures**

For the purposes of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*, the Office of the Governor is a public body. During the reporting period, the Office adopted the Model Procedures for public interest disclosure as prepared by the Ombudsman, available from the office on request.

The number and types of disclosures made to the Office of the Governor	0
The number of disclosures determined to be public interest disclosures	0
The number of disclosures investigated	0
The number and types of disclosed matters referred to the Office of the Governor by the Ombudsman	0
The number and types of disclosed matters referred by the Office of the Governor to the Ombudsman to investigate	0
The number and types of investigations of disclosed matters taken over by the Ombudsman from the Office of the Governor	0
The number and types of disclosed matters that the Office of the Governor has decided not to investigate	0
The number and types of disclosed matters that were substantiated on investigation and the action taken on completion of the investigation	0
Any recommendations under the Act made by the Ombudsman that relate to the Office of the Governor	0

## COMPLIANCE INDEX TO DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

The compliance index below details the statutory disclosure requirements applicable to the Office of the Governor, a description of the reporting requirements and a page reference for the location within the Annual Report where the requirement is satisfied.

### Compliance Index Table

Reference	Description	Location
FMA s.42	<i>Financial Management Act 2016</i> – financial statements, audit report and certification.	appended
PSSRA s.55	<i>Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 2016</i> – certification that the Office has met its obligations under the <i>Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992</i> .	Page 59
RTIA s.23 and s.53	<i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> and the way in which people can exercise their rights under it and the number of applications made.	Page 65
PIDA s.86	<i>Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002</i> and statistics required to be provided in the Annual Report relating to disclosures.	Page 65/66



**Independent Auditor's Report**  
**To the Members of Parliament**  
**Office of the Governor**  
**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

I have audited the financial statements of Office of the Governor (the Office), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement of certification signed by the Official Secretary.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- (a) present fairly, in all material respects, the Office's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended
- (b) are in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2016* and Australian Accounting Standards.

**Basis for Opinion**

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Office in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

My audit is not designed to provide assurance on the accuracy and appropriateness of the budget information in the Office's financial statements.

## **Responsibilities of the Official Secretary for the Financial Statements**

The Official Secretary is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and the financial reporting requirements of the Section 42 (1) of the *Financial Management Act 2016*. This responsibility includes such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Official Secretary is responsible for assessing the Office's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Office is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament, or the Official Secretary intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Official Secretary.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Official Secretary's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Office's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to

the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Office to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Official Secretary regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Jeff Tongs  
**Assistant Auditor-General**  
**Delegate of the Auditor-General**  
Tasmanian Audit Office

24 October 2023  
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# **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

**30 June 2023**



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## Statement of Certification

The accompanying Financial Statements of the Office of the Governor are in agreement with the relevant accounts and records and have been prepared in compliance with the Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016* to present fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2023 and the financial position as at the end of the year.

At the date of signing, I am not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the Financial Statements misleading or inaccurate.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Owen'.

David Owen

**Official Secretary**

14 August 2023

## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 Budget \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000	2022 Actual \$'000
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>				
Revenue from Government				
Appropriation revenue – operating	4.1	5 105	5 658	4 956
Other revenue from Government	4.1	229	361	-
Sale of goods and services	4.2	195	185	178
Other revenue	4.3	-	24	22
<b>Total revenue from continuing operations</b>		<b>5 529</b>	<b>6 228</b>	<b>5 156</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>				
Employee benefits	5.1	4 056	4 569	3 860
Depreciation and amortisation	5.2	301	413	366
Supplies and consumables	5.3	915	1 169	947
Other expenses	5.4	246	211	200
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>		<b>5 518</b>	<b>6 362</b>	<b>5 373</b>
<b>Net result from continuing operations</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>(134)</b>	<b>(217)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to net result in subsequent periods</b>				
Changes in property plant and equipment revaluation surplus	9.1	300	4 443	4 652
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>4 443</b>	<b>4 652</b>
<b>Comprehensive result</b>		<b>311</b>	<b>4 309</b>	<b>4 435</b>

This Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

Explanations of material variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 2 of the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 Budget \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000	2022 Actual \$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10.1	141	143	72
Receivables	6.1	15	5	10
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Inventories	6.2	70	243	230
Property, plant and equipment	6.3	46 433	54 666	50 315
Right-of-use assets	6.4	-	4	7
Infrastructure	6.5	-	25	27
Other assets	6.6	42	1	1
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>46 701</b>	<b>55 087</b>	<b>50 662</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Payables	7.1	85	67	100
Lease liabilities	7.2	4	4	7
Employee benefit liabilities	7.3	733	834	682
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>822</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>45 879</b>	<b>54 182</b>	<b>49 873</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Reserves	9.1	35 813	44 308	39 865
Accumulated funds		10 066	9 874	10 008
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>45 879</b>	<b>54 182</b>	<b>49 873</b>

This Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 Budget \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000	2022 Actual \$'000
		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<i>Cash inflows</i>				
Appropriation receipts - operating		5 105	5 658	4 956
Sale of goods and services		195	184	177
GST receipts		60	141	122
Other cash receipts		229	385	22
<b>Total cash inflows</b>		<b>5 589</b>	<b>6 368</b>	<b>5 277</b>
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Employee benefits		(4 048)	(4 441)	(3 886)
GST payments		(60)	(134)	(113)
Supplies and consumables		(914)	(1 191)	(1 092)
Other cash payments		(246)	(212)	(201)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(5 268)</b>	<b>(5 978)</b>	<b>(5 292)</b>
<b>Net cash from / (used by) operating activities</b>	10.2	<b>321</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>(15)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Payments for acquisition of non-financial assets		(229)	(316)	(135)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(229)</b>	<b>(316)</b>	<b>(135)</b>
<b>Net cash from / (used by) investing activities</b>		<b>(229)</b>	<b>(316)</b>	<b>(135)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
<i>Cash outflows</i>				
Repayment of lease liabilities (excluding interest)		(3)	(3)	(3)
<b>Total cash outflows</b>		<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Net cash from / (used by) financing activities</b>		<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>(153)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	10.1	<b>141</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>72</b>

This Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Budget information refers to original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

Explanations of material variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 2 of the accompanying notes.

## Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Reserves \$'000	Accumulated Funds \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>39 865</b>	<b>10 008</b>	<b>49 873</b>
Net result	-	(134)	(134)
Other comprehensive income	4 443	-	4 443
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>44 308</b>	<b>9 874</b>	<b>54 182</b>

	Reserves \$'000	Accumulated Funds \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2021</b>	<b>35 213</b>	<b>10 225</b>	<b>45 438</b>
Net result	-	(217)	(217)
Other comprehensive income	4 652	-	4 652
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>39 865</b>	<b>10 008</b>	<b>49 873</b>

This Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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## Note 1 Office Output Schedules

### 1.1 Output Group Information

The Office only has a single output called Office of the Governor to fulfil its Outcome Statement of ensuring that it provides support to the Governor. The summary of budgeted and actual revenues and expenses for this Output are the same as in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Therefore, the inclusion of a separate Output Schedule is not necessary.

Explanations of material variances between budget and actual outcomes are provided in Note 2 below. A reconciliation of the net result of the Output Group to the net surplus on the Statement of Comprehensive Income is not necessary as the Office only has one output group. For the same reason there is no separate reconciliation between the total net assets deployed for the Output Group to net assets on the Statement of Financial Position.

## Note 2 Explanations of Material Variances between Budget and Actual Outcomes

Budget information refers to original estimates as disclosed in the 2022-23 Budget Papers and is not subject to audit.

Variances are considered material where the variance exceeds the greater of 10 per cent of Budget estimate or \$40,000.

### 2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Appropriation revenue – operating	(a)	5 105	5 658	553	11
Other revenue from Government	(b)	229	361	132	58
Employee benefits	(c)	4 056	4 569	513	13
Depreciation and amortisation	(d)	301	413	112	37
Supplies and consumables	(e)	915	1 169	254	28
Changes in property plant and equipment reevaluation surplus	(f)	300	4 443	4 143	1 381

#### Notes to Statement of Comprehensive Income variances

(a) Requests for additional funding were submitted and approved for: two additional security shifts per day - \$253,000; increased community engagement activities – \$110,000; security upgrade funding from 2021-22 that could not be rolled over into 2022-23 - \$81,000; reglazing of ballroom windows which could not be completed in 2021-22 due to contractor availability – \$70,000; backdated indexation – \$16,000; increase in property insurance - \$12,000.

Additional coverage by the Lieutenant Governor during the attendance of the Governor at the Coronation of King Charles and related events - \$11,000.

(b) Other revenue from Government was higher than budget due to Structured Infrastructure Investment Review Process funding received from the Department of Treasury and Finance for the initial concept and options analysis phase of the Adaptive Re-use Project.

(c) Employee benefits was higher than budget due to: two additional security shifts per day - \$253,000; increased community engagement activities – \$110,000; A wage increase above the budgeted increase - \$65,000; leave coverage in excess of budget - \$37,000 an additional day of salary accrual – \$34,000; termination payments \$14,000.

(d) Depreciation was higher than budget due to the addition of Furniture, Fittings and Equipment and as a result of the increased valuation via indexation for buildings.

(e) Supplies and consumables was higher than budget due to; consultant and architectural fees for the preliminary stage of the Adaptive Re-use Project - \$90,000; reglazing of ballroom windows - \$72,000; renovation of cottage 4 to make available for rent \$51,000; Government House Open Day expenditure - \$17,000; additional travel expenditure for the Coronation of King Charles - \$16,000; heritage stone work repairs at Rossbank - \$8,000.

(f) The revaluation of land and buildings was greater than budgeted, with indexation increases of 8.2% for land and 10.1% for buildings in 2023.

## 2.2 Statement of Financial Position

Budget estimates for the 2022-23 Statement of Financial Position were compiled prior to the completion of the actual outcomes for 2021-22. As a result, the actual variance from the Original Budget estimate will be impacted by the difference between estimated and actual opening balances for 2022-23. The following variance analysis therefore includes major movements between the 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2023 actual balances.

	Note	Budget \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000	2022 Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Actual Variance \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	(a)	141	143	72	2	71
Other Assets	(b)	42	1	1	(41)	0
Inventories	(c)	70	243	230	173	13
Property, plant and equipment	(d)	46 433	54 666	50 315	8 233	4 351
Employee benefit liabilities	(e)	733	834	682	101	152
Reserves	(f)	35 813	44 308	39 865	8 495	4 443

### Notes to Statement of Financial Position variances

- (a) Cash increased from 2022 due to profits from sales of goods and services reserved for future expenditure on heritage maintenance of the Government House Estate.
- (b) Variance to budget for other assets has been impacted by the variation between estimated and actual opening balances for 2022-23.
- (c) Variance to budget for inventories has been impacted by the variation between estimated and actual opening balances for 2022-23.
- (d) The revaluation of land and buildings was greater than budgeted, with indexation increases of 8.2% for land and 10.1% for buildings in 2023.
- (e) Variance to budget for employee benefits was due to an accrual for a wage increase under the Governor of Tasmania Employee Award, backdated to December 2022, but not paid until the 2023-24 financial year.
- (f) The increase in reserves is due to the revaluation of land and buildings, with indexation increases of 8.2% for land and 10.1% for buildings in 2023.

## 2.3 Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000	Variance %
Appropriation receipts – operating	(a)	5 105	5 658	553	11
GST receipts	(b)	60	141	81	135
Other cash receipts	(c)	229	385	156	68
GST payments	(d)	(60)	(134)	(74)	123
Supplies and consumables	(e)	(914)	(1 191)	(277)	30
Payments for acquisition of non-financial assets	(f)	(229)	(316)	(87)	38

### Notes to Statement of Cash Flows variances

- (a) Requests for additional funding were submitted and approved for: two additional security shifts per day - \$253,000; increased community engagement activities – \$110,000; security upgrade funding from 2021-22 that could not be rolled over into 2022-23 - \$81,000; reglazing of ballroom windows which could not be completed in 2021-22 due to contractor availability – \$70,000; backdated indexation – \$16,000; increase in property insurance - \$12,000. Additional coverage by the Lieutenant Governor during the attendance of the Governor at the Coronation of King Charles and related events - \$11,000.
- (b) This was due to a greater increase in taxable supplies than was budgeted for.
- (c) Other cash receipts were higher than budget due SIIRP funding received from the Department of Treasury for the initial research phase of the Adaptive Re-use Project.

(d) This was due to a greater increase in taxable supplies than was budgeted for.

(e) Supplies and consumables was higher than budget due to; consultant and architectural fees for the preliminary stage of the Adaptive Re-use Project - \$90,000; reglazing of ballroom windows - \$72,000; renovation of cottage 4 to make available for rent \$51,000; Government House Open Day expenditure - \$17,000; additional travel expenditure for the Coronation of King Charles - \$16,000; heritage stone work repairs at Rossbank - \$8,000; monthly motor vehicle lease fees expensed June 2022 and paid July 2022 - \$5,000.

(f) The variation is due to the amount of funding for the security upgrade that could not be rolled over into 2022-23

### Note 3 Underlying Net result

Non-operational capital funding is the income from continuing operations relating to funding for capital projects. This funding is classified as revenue from continuing operations and included in the Net result from continuing operations. However, the corresponding capital expenditure is not included in the calculation of the Net result from continuing operations. Accordingly, the Net result from continuing operations will portray a position that is better than the true underlying financial result.

For this reason, the Net result from continuing operations is adjusted to remove the effects of funding for capital projects.

	Notes	2023 Budget \$'000	2023 Actual \$'000	2022 Actual \$'000
<b>Net result from continuing operations</b>		11	(134)	(217)
<b>Less impact of:</b>				
<b>Non-operational capital funding</b>				
Appropriation Rollover under section 23 of the <i>Financial Management Act 2016</i>	4.1	229	229	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>229</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Underlying Net result from continuing operations</b>		<b>(218)</b>	<b>(363)</b>	<b>(217)</b>

### Note 4 Revenue

Income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when an increase in future economic benefits related to an increase in an asset or a decrease of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

Income is recognised in accordance with the requirements of AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* or AASB 1058 *Income of Not-for-Profit Entities*, dependent on whether there is a contract with a customer defined by AASB 15.

#### 4.1 Revenue from Government

Appropriations, whether operating or capital, are recognised as revenues in the period in which the Office gains control of the appropriated funds as they do not contain enforceable and sufficiently specific obligations as defined by AASB 15. Except for any amounts identified as carried forward, control arises in the period of appropriation.

Revenue from Government includes revenue from appropriations, unexpended appropriations rolled over under section 23 of the *Financial Management Act 2016* and Items Reserved by Law.

Section 23 of the *Financial Management Act* allows for an unexpended appropriation at the end of the financial year, as determined by the Treasurer, to be issued and applied from the Public Account in the following financial year. The amount determined by the Treasurer must not exceed five per cent of an Agency's appropriation for the financial year.

The Budget information is based on original estimates and has not been subject to audit.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Appropriation revenue - operating			
Current year	4 572	5 114	4 431
Items Reserved by Law			
Salary, Her Excellency the Governor ( <i>Governor of Tasmania Act 1982</i> )	514	519	521
Salary, The Administrator ( <i>Governor of Tasmania Act 1982, Section 5(1)</i> )	19	25	4
	<u>5 105</u>	<u>5 658</u>	<u>4 956</u>
Other revenue from Government			
Appropriation Rollover under section 23 of the <i>Financial Management Act 2016</i>	229	229	-
Structured Infrastructure Investment Review Process funds received	-	132	-
<b>Total revenue from Government from continuing operations</b>	<b>5 334</b>	<b>6 019</b>	<b>4 956</b>
<b>Total revenue from Government</b>	<b>5 334</b>	<b>6 019</b>	<b>4 956</b>

## 4.2 Sale of goods and services

Revenue from Sales of goods and services are recognised when the Office satisfies a performance obligation by transferring the promised goods or services to the customer.

<b>Goods</b>	<b>Nature of timing of satisfaction of Performance Obligation, including significant payment terms</b>	<b>Revenue recognition policies</b>
Government House Merchandise	The Office typically satisfies the performance obligation when the goods are transferred to the customer. General payment terms are at time of order or at point of sale.	The Office recognises revenue associated with performance obligations using the output method.
<b>Services</b>	<b>Nature of timing of satisfaction of Performance Obligation, including significant payment terms</b>	<b>Revenue recognition policies</b>
Rent Hospitality and Tourism Court Hire	The Office typically satisfies the performance obligation upon delivery of the service to the customer.	The Office recognises revenue associated with performance obligations using the output method.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Goods	60	75
Services – Rent	103	75
Services – Other	22	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>178</b>

### 4.3 Other revenue

Revenue from any other source is recognised when the obligation to pay arises.

Lease income from operating leases where the Office is a lessor is recognised on a straight-line basis. The Office does not have any finance leases as lessor.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Other fees and recoveries	24	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>

## Note 5 Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to a decrease in asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

### 5.1 Employee benefits

Employee benefits include, where applicable, entitlements to wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, superannuation and any other post-employment benefits.

#### (a) Employee expenses

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Wages and salaries	3 762	3 230
Annual leave	197	165
Long service leave	79	49
Sick leave	88	51
Superannuation – defined contribution scheme	418	337
Superannuation – defined benefit scheme	-	5
Other employee expenses ( <i>Training, uniforms, memberships</i> )	25	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 569</b>	<b>3 860</b>

Superannuation expenses relating to Accumulation schemes are paid directly to superannuation funds at a rate of 10.5 per cent (2022: 10 per cent) of salary.

### (b) Remuneration of Key management personnel

2023	Short-term benefits		Long-term benefits		Termination Benefits	Total
	Salary	Other Benefits	Superannuation	Other Benefits and Long-Service Leave		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Key management personnel</i>						
D. Owen, Official Secretary	180	70	19	2		271
D. Hughes, Deputy Official Secretary	138		14	2		154
<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>425</b>

2022	Short-term benefits		Long-term benefits		Termination Benefits	Total
	Salary	Other Benefits	Superannuation	Other Benefits and Long-Service Leave		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Key management personnel</i>						
D. Owen, Official Secretary	171	80	18	2	-	271
D. Hughes, Deputy Official Secretary	138	-	14	1	-	153
<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>424</b>

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Office, directly or indirectly.

Remuneration during 2022-23 for key personnel is set by the *State Service Act 2000*. Remuneration and other terms of employment are specified in employment contracts. Remuneration includes salary, motor vehicle and other non-monetary benefits. Long-term employee expenses include long service leave and superannuation obligations.

### (c) Related party transactions

There are no significant related party transactions requiring disclosure.

## 5.2 Depreciation and amortisation

All applicable Non-financial assets having a limited useful life are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner which reflects the consumption of their service potential. Land and heritage assets, being assets with an unlimited useful life, are not depreciated.

*Key estimate and judgement*

Depreciation is provided for on a straight-line basis, using rates which are reviewed annually.

	Major depreciation period	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Plant, equipment and vehicles	5-20 years	71	59
Buildings	100 years	337	302
Infrastructure	30 years	2	2
Right-of-use assets	5 years	3	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>413</b>	<b>366</b>

## 5.3 Supplies and consumables

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Audit fees – financial audit (Tasmanian Audit Office)	12	12
Audit fees – internal audit	-	2
Lease Expense	2	2
Property services	233	233
Maintenance	352	239
Communications	30	17
Information technology	51	69
Travel and transport	134	75
Other supplies and consumables	355	298
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 169</b>	<b>947</b>

Lease expense includes lease rentals for short-term leases, lease of low value assets and variable lease payments. Refer to note 7.2 for breakdown of lease expenses and other lease disclosures.

## 5.4 Other expenses

Expenses from acquisition of supplies and services are recognised when the obligation to pay is identified, usually at the time of supply of such supplies and services.

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Salary on-costs	27	36
Insurance	184	164
<b>Total</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>200</b>

## Note 6 Assets

Assets are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Office and the asset has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.

### 6.1 Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are measured at the transaction price.

Receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any subsequent changes are recognised in the net result for the year when impaired, derecognised or through the amortisation process. An allowance for expected credit losses is recognised for all debt financial assets not held at fair value through profit and loss. The expected credit loss is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For trade receivables, a simplified approach in calculating expected credit losses is applied, with a loss allowance based on lifetime expected credit losses recognised at each reporting date. The Office has established a provision matrix based on its historical credit loss experience for trade receivables, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the receivable.

For the years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, no receivables were past due so no provision for expected credit loss has been recognised. The Office has strong history for the collection of receivables.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Receivables	5	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
Sales of Goods and Services (inclusive of GST)	3	2
GST Receivable	2	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
Settled within 12 months	5	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

### 6.2 Inventories

Inventories held for distribution are valued at cost adjusted, when applicable, for any loss of service potential. Inventories acquired for no cost or nominal consideration are valued at current replacement cost.

Inventories are measured using the weighted average cost formula.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Bottled wine	75	52
Grapes	25	35
Gift shop merchandise	143	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>230</b>
Consumed within 12 months	45	40
Consumed in more than 12 months	198	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>230</b>



### 6.3 Property, plant, and equipment

#### *Key estimate and judgement*

##### (i) Valuation basis

Land, buildings, heritage and cultural assets and other long-lived assets are recorded at fair value less accumulated depreciation. All other Non-current physical assets, including work in progress, are recorded at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. All assets within a class of assets are measured on the same basis.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The costs of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Fair value is based on the highest and best use of the asset. Unless there is an explicit Government policy to the contrary, the highest and best use of an asset is the current purpose for which the asset is being used or build occupied.

The recognised fair value of non-financial assets is classified according to the fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making these measurements.

*Level 1* the fair value is calculated using quoted prices in active markets;

*Level 2* the fair value is estimated using inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices); and

*Level 3* the fair value is estimated using inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

##### (ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Office and its costs can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

##### (iii) Asset recognition threshold

The asset capitalisation thresholds adopted by the Office are:

Vehicles	\$10,000
Plant and Equipment	\$10,000
Land & Buildings	\$10,000
Infrastructure	\$10,000
Heritage assets	\$10,000

Assets valued at less than \$10,000 are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year of purchase (other than where they form part of a group of similar items which are material in total).

##### (iv) Revaluations

The Office has adopted a revaluation threshold of \$10,000 above which assets are revalued on a fair value basis. All heritage assets are subject to revaluation and are revalued every 3 to 5 years.

Land and buildings are revalued with sufficient regularity to ensure they reflect fair value at balance date. Indices are applied between formal valuations.

Assets are grouped on the basis of having a similar nature or function in the operations of the Office.

Revaluations are shown on a net basis.

(v) Assets in respect of leases where the Office is the lessor

The Office leases a photocopier under an operating lease with rental payments payable quarterly over 5 years. Lease payments include a principal and interest component.

**(a) Carrying amount**

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Land</b>		
At fair value	13 860	12 810
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 860</b>	<b>12 810</b>
<b>Buildings</b>		
At fair value	37 023	33 630
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(934)	(597)
<b>Total</b>	<b>36 089</b>	<b>33 033</b>
<b>Plant, equipment and motor vehicles</b>		
At cost	1 163	855
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(345)	(274)
<b>Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>581</b>
<b>Heritage and cultural assets</b>		
At fair value (dates detailed below)	3 899	3 891
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 899</b>	<b>3 891</b>
<b>Total Property, plant, equipment</b>	<b>54 666</b>	<b>50 315</b>

Assets have been revalued independently as listed below:

Heritage and cultural assets consisting of:

- Paintings (Heritage assets) – Masterpiece Gallery (W. Nevin Hurst – Director, Paul O’Donnell – Assistant Director, BFA, M. Cultheritage) 30 June 2020. Based on fair market value.
- Furniture (Heritage assets) – A.F. Colman, Approved Commonwealth Government Valuer as at 30 June 2020. Based on replacement value.
- China, silver etc. (Heritage assets) – Craig Broadfield, Leven Antiques, 30 June 2020. Based on retail replacement value.
- Clocks (Heritage assets) – Peter Reading L.B.H.I. B.A.D.A. certified, as at 30 June 2020.

Land and Buildings were fully revalued as at 30 June 2020. The Valuer General provides indexation factors for the intervening years based on fair value for existing use. For 2022-23 the indexation was 8.2% for land and 10.09% for buildings (10.91% for land and 11.22% for buildings in 2021-22). Government House is a specialised, iconic heritage building. The property possesses significant intrinsic social and cultural attributes. The following were used in undertaking the valuation:

- AASB 13 “Fair Value Measurement”
- AASB 116 “Property, Plant and Equipment”
- Treasurer’s Instruction No 303 “Recognition and Measurement of Non-Current Assets”

### (b) Reconciliation of movements (including fair value levels)

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of Property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below. Carrying value means the net amount after deducting accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

2023	Land	Buildings	Plant	Heritage	Heritage	Total
	Level 2	Level 2	equipment & vehicles	& cultural assets	& cultural assets	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Carrying value at 1 July</b>	<b>12 810</b>	<b>33 033</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>50,315</b>
Additions	-	-	308	8	-	316
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments (decrements)	1 050	3 393	-	-	-	4 443
Depreciation and amortisation	-	(337)	(71)	-	-	(408)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June</b>	<b>13 860</b>	<b>36 089</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>3 365</b>	<b>54 666</b>

2022	Land	Buildings	Plant	Heritage	Heritage	Total
	Level 2	Level 2	equipment and motor vehicles	and cultural assets	and cultural assets	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Carrying value at 1 July</b>	<b>11 550</b>	<b>29 943</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>3 365</b>	<b>45 890</b>
Additions	-	-	134	-	-	134
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments (decrements)	1 260	3 392	-	-	-	4,652
Depreciation and amortisation	-	(302)	(59)	-	-	(361)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June</b>	<b>12 810</b>	<b>33 033</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>3 365</b>	<b>50 315</b>

### (c) Level 3 significant valuation inputs and relationship to fair value

Description	Fair Value at 30 June	Significant unobservable inputs used in valuation	Possible alternative values for level 3 inputs	Description of how changes in inputs will affect the fair value
Heritage and Cultural	\$3 365	Cost of replacement	Note 1	The higher the cost to acquire similar assets the higher the fair value

Note 1. There were no significant interrelationships between unobservable inputs that materially affect fair values.

## 6.4 Right-Of-Use Assets

AASB 16 requires the Office to recognise a right-of-use asset, where it has control of the underlying asset over the lease term. A right-of-use asset is measured at the present value of initial lease liability, adjusted by any lease payments made at or before the commencement date and lease incentives, any initial direct costs incurred, and estimated costs of dismantling and removing the asset or restoring the site.

The Office has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities arising from short-term leases, rental arrangements for which Finance-General has substantive substitution rights over the assets and leases for which the underlying asset is of low-value. Substantive substitution rights relate primarily to major office

accommodation and the motor vehicle fleet. An asset is considered low-value when it is expected to cost less than \$10,000.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the term of the lease. Where the Office obtains ownership of the underlying leased asset or if the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Office will exercise a purchase option, the Office depreciates the right-of-use asset over its useful life.

<b>2023</b>	<b>Plant, equipment &amp; vehicles \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
<b>Carrying value at 1 July</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Additions	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	(3)	(3)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>2022</b>	<b>Plant, equipment &amp; vehicles \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
<b>Carrying value at 1 July</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
Additions	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	(2)	(2)
<b>Carrying value at 30 June</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

## 6.5 Infrastructure

### (a) Carrying amount

	<b>2023 \$'000</b>	<b>2022 \$'000</b>
<b>Vineyard</b>		
At fair value	32	32
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7)	(5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>

#### *Key estimate and judgement*

The valuation was independently conducted by a valuer at Saunders and Pitt as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The valuation was based on fair value with the valuer researching the market with regard to vineyard sales throughout the entire State and by using direct comparison methods as the most appropriate basis of assessment of the added value of the vineyard.

The carrying value of the vineyard does not include assets held under a finance lease.

The Office has adopted a revaluation threshold of \$10,000 above which assets are revalued on a fair value basis. Vineyard infrastructure asset is subject to revaluation and is revalued every 5 years.

## (b) Reconciliation of movements (including fair value levels)

	2023	2022
	Total	Total at
	at Level 2	Level 2
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Carrying amount at 1 July</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
Depreciation expense	(2)	(2)
<b>Carrying amount at 30 June</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>

### 6.6 Other Assets

Prepayments are recognised when they occur and are measured at the nominal amount.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Other current assets</b>		
Prepayments		
<b>Total</b>	<b> </b>	<b> </b>
Recovered within 12 months		
<b>Total</b>	<b> </b>	<b> </b>

## Note 7 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will result from the settlement of a present obligation and the amount at which the settlement will take place can be measured reliably.

### 7.1 Payables

Payables, including goods received and services incurred but not yet invoiced, are recognised at amortised cost, which due to the short settlement period, equates to face value, when the Office becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Creditors	24	29
Accrued expenses	43	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>
Settled within 12 months	67	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>

Settlement is usually made within 30 days.

### 7.2 Lease liabilities

A lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The discount rate used to calculate the present value of the lease liability is the rate implicit in the lease. Where the implicit rate is not known and cannot be determined the Tascorp indicative lending rate including the relevant administration margin is used.

The Office has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities arising from short-term leases, rental arrangements for which the Finance-General has substantive substitution rights over the assets and leases

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for which the underlying asset is of low-value. Substantive substitution rights relate primarily to office accommodation. An asset is considered low-value when it is expected to cost less than \$10 000.

The Office has entered into the following leasing arrangements:

<b>Class of right-of-use asset</b>	<b>Details of leasing arrangements</b>	
Plant and equipment	Lease of photocopier over 60 months, with fixed quarterly payments over the duration of the lease.	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Lease liabilities	3	3
<b>Non-current</b>		
Lease liabilities	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

Maturity analysis of lease liabilities

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
One year or less	3	3
One to five years	1	4
More than five years	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

The lease liability in the maturity analysis is presented using undiscounted contractual amounts before deducting finance charges.

The following amounts are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Interest on lease liabilities included in note 5.4	...	...
Lease expenses included in note 5.3:		
Lease of low-value assets	2	2
<b>Net expenses from leasing activities</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

Interest on lease liabilities was \$123 for 2022-23 (\$186 for 2021-22).

### **7.3 Employee benefit liabilities**

*Key estimate and judgement*

Liabilities for wages and salaries and annual leave are recognised when an employee becomes entitled to receive a benefit. Those liabilities expected to be realised within 12 months are measured as the amount expected to be paid. Other employee entitlements are measured as the present value of the benefit at 30 June, where the impact of discounting is material, and at the amount expected to be paid if discounting is not material.

A liability for long service leave is recognised and is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Accrued salaries	236	119
Annual leave	226	191
Long service leave	372	372
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>682</b>
Expected to settle wholly within 12 months	533	370
Expected to settle wholly after 12 months	301	312
<b>Total</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>682</b>

## 7.4 Superannuation

### (i) Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense when they fall due.

### (ii) Defined benefit plans

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan.

#### *Key estimate and judgement*

The Office does not recognise a liability for the accruing superannuation benefits of its employees. This liability is held centrally and is recognised within the Finance-General Division of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

## Note 8 Commitments and Contingencies

### 8.1 Schedule of Commitments

Commitments represent those contractual arrangements entered by the Office that are not reflected in the Statement of Financial Position.

Leases are recognised as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position, excluding short term leases and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value, which are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>By type</b>		
<b>Commitments held with Finance-General</b>		
Motor vehicle fleet (base usage charge)	189	78
<b>Total commitments held with Finance General</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Other commitments</b>		
Short-term and/or low value leases	3	5
<b>Total other commitments</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>By maturity</b>		
<b>Commitments held with Finance-General</b>		
One year or less	55	40
From one to five years	134	38
<b>Total commitments held with Finance General</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Other commitments</b>		
One year or less	2	2
From one to five years	1	3
<b>Total other commitments</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>83</b>

## Leased equipment

### *Photocopiers – low value lease*

- Lease payments are determined at the time of the lease agreement and are paid quarterly.
- Lease terms are for either three or four years with no change to the lease rate.
- No restrictions or purchase options are contained in the lease arrangements.

### **Motor vehicle agreements**

- The Office's motor vehicle fleet is owned and managed by Finance-General within the Department of Treasury and Finance. Finance-General purchases vehicles on behalf the Office. The Office makes monthly payments to Finance-General via LeasePlan for use of the vehicles. LeasePlan administers the plan on behalf of Finance-General.
- As there is no lease contract between Finance-General and the Office for the purposes of AASB 16, the Office is not required to recognise a lease liability and right-of-use asset for its motor vehicle fleet, and costs are recognised as an expense as incurred.
- Agreed payments vary according to the type of vehicle and where applicable the price received for replaced vehicles.
- Agreed terms for regular vehicles are usually three years or five years. One truck has a ten-year term, with no change to the monthly payment.

## 8.2 Contingent Assets and Liabilities

As at 30 June 2023, the Office had no known contingent assets or liabilities.



## Note 9 Reserves

### 9.1 Reserves

			Heritage and cultural assets	Infrastructure	Total
	Land \$'000	Buildings \$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2023</b>					
<b>Asset revaluation reserve</b>					
<b>Balance at the beginning of financial year</b>	8 810	25 575	5 448	32	39 865
Revaluation increments/(decrements)	1 050	3 393	-	-	4 443
<b>Balance at end of financial year</b>	<b>9 860</b>	<b>28 968</b>	<b>5 448</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44 308</b>
	Land \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Heritage and cultural assets \$'000	Infrastructure \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Asset revaluation reserve</b>					
<b>Balance at the beginning of financial year</b>	7 550	22 183	5 448	32	35 213
Revaluation increments/(decrements)	1 260	3 392	-	-	4 652
<b>Balance at end of financial year</b>	<b>8 810</b>	<b>25 575</b>	<b>5 448</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39 865</b>

#### (a) Nature and purpose of reserves

Asset revaluation reserve

The Asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of Non-financial assets.

## Note 10 Cash Flow Reconciliation

Cash means notes, coins, any deposits held at call with a bank or financial institution, as well as funds held in Specific Purpose Accounts, being short term of three months or less and highly liquid. Deposits are recognised at amortised cost, being their face value.

### 10.1 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes the balance of the Specific Purpose Accounts held by the Office, and other cash held.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Specific Purpose Account balances</b>		
Office of the Governor Financial Management Account	142	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Other cash held</b>		
Petty cash	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total cash and deposits</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>72</b>

### 10.2 Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash from Operating Activities

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Net result	(134)	(217)
Depreciation and amortisation	412	366
Decrease (increase) in Receivables	(1)	(2)
Decrease (increase) in Prepayments	0	7
Decrease (increase) in Tax assets	7	7
Decrease (increase) in Inventories	(13)	(160)
Increase (decrease) in Employee benefit liabilities	152	(35)
Increase (decrease) in Payables	(6)	18
Increase (decrease) in Accrued expenses	(27)	1
<b>Net cash from (used by) operating activities</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>(15)</b>

## Note 11 Financial Instruments

### 11.1 Risk exposures

#### (a) Risk management policies

The Office has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments.

- 1) credit risk; and
- 2) liquidity risk;

The Official Secretary has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Office's risk management framework. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse risks faced by the Office, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

## (b) Credit risk exposures

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Office if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet their contractual obligations.

<b>Financial Instrument</b>	<b>Accounting and strategic policies (including recognition criteria, measurement basis and credit quality of instrument)</b>	<b>Nature of underlying instrument (including significant terms and conditions affecting the amount. Timing and certainty of cash flows)</b>
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Receivables	The Office has a debt management policy with processes surrounding the raising of debts payable to the Office and the management of outstanding debts. The Office does not have a significant exposure to credit risk as receivables are mainly from other government entities. The Office does not consider a need to have a provision for impairment.	General terms of trade are 30 days.
Cash and Deposits	Cash and deposits are recognised at face value.	Cash includes notes, coins, deposits held at call with a financial institution and funds held in the Special Purpose Account.

The Office's maximum exposures to credit risk at reporting date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position, net of any allowances for losses.

The Office does not have any significant exposure to credit risk.

### *Expected credit loss analysis of receivables*

The simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses is applied, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables.

The expected loss rates are based on historical observed loss rates adjusted for forward looking factors that will have an impact on the ability to settle the receivables. For the years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, no receivables were past due so no ageing analysis is warranted, nor the recognition of a provision for expected credit loss.

### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Office will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Office's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due.

<b>Financial Instrument</b>	<b>Accounting and strategic policies (including recognition criteria and measurement basis)</b>	<b>Nature of underlying instrument (including significant terms and conditions affecting the amount, timing and certainty of cash flows)</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Payables	Payables, including goods received and services incurred but not yet invoiced, are recognised at amortised cost, which due to the short settlement period, equates to face value, when the Office becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services.	Settlement is usually made within 30 days.

#### *Maturity analysis for financial liabilities*

As at 30 June 2023 financial liability is represented by the carrying amount of Payables of \$67,000 (2022 \$100,000) and is undiscounted as it is expected to be settled within one year.

### 11.2 Categories of financial assets and liabilities

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	148	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	67	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>

## Note 12 Events Occurring After Balance Date

At the date of signing, there were no events subsequent to balance date which would have a material effect on the Office's Financial Statements.

## Note 13 Other Significant Accounting Policies and Judgements

### 13.1 Objectives and Funding

The Office's objectives are to support the Governor in the performance of her constitutional, administrative, ceremonial and community responsibilities by:

- providing a high standard of policy advice and administrative support to the Governor, including the organisation of constitutional and ceremonial duties, and her program of community engagements;
- facilitating the efficient and effective interaction between the Office of the Governor, the Parliament, the Executive and the State Service; and
- maintaining Government House estate.

The Office is structured to meet the following outcomes:

- safeguarding the integrity of the State's democratic system of government;
- promoting community involvement in government and understanding of the democratic process;
- promoting community understanding of the role of Governor;
- fostering activities in rural areas through speeches, visits, functions and other events;
- encouraging the involvement of young people in the community;
- supporting activities which promote a multi-cultural, diverse and tolerant society;
- stimulating culture and the arts;
- promoting the State's exports and its tourism industry; and
- protecting and maintaining the heritage values of Government House and its grounds.

The Office's activities are classified as controlled.

Controlled activities involve the use of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses controlled or incurred by the Office in its own right.

The Office is a Tasmanian Government not-for-profit entity that is predominantly funded through Parliamentary appropriations. The Financial Statements encompass all funds through which the Office controls resources to carry on its functions.

### **13.2 Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements are a general purpose financial report and have been prepared in accordance with:

- Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
- The Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2016*.

The Financial Statements were signed by the Official Secretary on 14 August 2023.

Compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards may not result in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as the AAS include requirements and options available to not-for-profit organisations that are inconsistent with IFRS. The Office is considered to be not-for-profit and has adopted some accounting policies under the AAS that do not comply with IFRS.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and, except where stated, are in accordance with the historical cost convention. The accounting policies are generally consistent with the previous year.

The Financial Statements have been prepared as a going concern. The continued existence of the Office in its present form, undertaking its current activities, is dependent on Government policy and on continuing appropriations by Parliament for the Office's administration and activities.

The Office has made no assumptions concerning the future that may cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

### **13.3 Reporting Entity**

The Financial Statements include all the controlled activities of the Office. The Financial Statements consolidate material transactions and balances of the Office.

#### **13.4 Functional and Presentation Currency**

These Financial Statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Office's functional currency.

#### **13.5 Foreign Currency**

Transactions denominated in a foreign currency are converted at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency receivables and payables are translated at the exchange rates current as at balance date.

#### **13.6 Rounding**

All amounts in the Financial Statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated. As a consequence, rounded figures may not add to totals. Amounts less than \$500 are rounded to zero and are indicated by the symbol "...".

#### **13.7 Taxation**

The Office is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits Tax, Goods and Services Tax and Wine Equalisation Tax (WET). The Office is liable for WET but qualifies for full rebate.

#### **13.8 Goods and Services Tax**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax, except where the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The net amount recoverable, or payable, to the Australian Taxation Office is recognised as an asset or liability within the Statement of Financial Position.

In the Statement of Cash Flows, the GST component of cash flows arising from operating, investing or financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, classified as operating cash flows.

#### **13.9 Changes in Accounting Policies**

In the current year, the Office has no new or revised Standards or Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period.