

**ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA
ROYAL HOBART SHOW 2023 PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON AWARDS
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to this lunch and the presentation of an award, as part of the President's Luncheon, for the 2023 Royal Hobart Show.

I pay my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their enduring culture and connection to land, sea and waters.

Every year, the President's Luncheon provides an opportunity for senior members of the Show community to come together and celebrate the successes of the past year.

We also take the opportunity to make awards to volunteers who have made a significant difference by their hard work and dedication to the operations of the Royal Hobart Show over a sustained period.

Last night at Government House, we held our biennial reception to mark the Royal Hobart Show. As Patron of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania, I was very pleased to be able to award a Life Membership. As I said then, we know that events such as the Royal Hobart Show are only made possible by the unstinting support provided by many committed volunteers.

One of the grandest traditions of the Royal Hobart Show is the annual award of Living Legend of the Show. It is the pre-eminent honour the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania. It is bestowed on an individual who has contributed to the success of both the Society and our Royal Hobart Show.

This year's recipient has been involved with Woodchopping at the Show since 1964. He was born in the Huon Valley. He continues to reside in the Huon to this day. He was a natural sportsman from a young age. He became involved in Woodchopping, won the first competition he entered and has been hooked ever since.

He has won two World Single Handed Sawing Championships. Records show that he has won approximately 70 State titles in Single and Double Handed Sawing, and two Australian Single Championships – quite an achievement.

He's a fantastic ambassador for the sport. He has been President of the Southern Tasmanian Axemen's Association (STAA) and now currently the Patron. He is also still on the Woodchopping Committee of the RAST.

He is a Life Member of STAA and also the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania. Many people are now involved in Woodchopping because of this individual. Our RAST will be forever grateful for what he has done for the Show and, particularly, the Woodchopping section.

I now have the greatest of pleasure to announce that the Living Legend of the Show for 2023 is Mr Ian Scott.

[applause; Mr Scott to stage; HE presents certificate; photo; possible brief words by Mr Scott]

My congratulations and thanks to our most worthy recipient of the award this year.

Now I invite you all to enjoy the rest of this meal together.

Thank you all.