

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2024 HONOURS INVESTITURE  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 10:00 AM, THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024**

**[Vice-Regal Salute is played]**

Good morning and a very warm welcome to you all to this ceremony to invest with insignia those who have been awarded 2024 Australia Day Honours through Meritorious Service Awards.

I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather, who flourished on Country as part of the South-East Nation of Aboriginal people. We honour them, and today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community, as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea, and waters.

Our Australian Honours System was founded in 1975 by the creation of the Order of Australia, which is designed to recognise excellence, achievement or meritorious service by individual citizens.

Accordingly, honours are awarded to recognise, to celebrate and to say thank you to those who make a difference, to those who achieve their best and to those who serve others.

You will hear that each of today's recipients work in areas that are of great community assistance, highly inspirational, and often challenging and complex.

On behalf of all Tasmanians, I thank you for your service and for making a difference to our community and to the lives of others. I warmly congratulate you all. It is now my privilege to invest with insignia these worthy Tasmanians.

Official Secretary ...