

**BEACON FOUNDATION
GROWTH INDUSTRY PREPARATION PROGRAM (GrIPP) DAY
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2024**

Good morning, everyone, and a very warm welcome to Government House for this very special Growth Industry Preparation Program. As the Patron of the Beacon Foundation, I am very proud to support you all for your full day of activities which aim to connect you, as our future workforce, to growth industries in Tasmania.

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.

I fully support your program, which aims to empower young people, such as yourselves, by means of education and experiences to learn about and engage with the fastest growing industries in our State. These industries include tourism and hospitality, and food production industries, amongst others.

Your program today aims to provide you with confidence and understanding of workplace expectations and processes. You will also learn about preparation of a job application. I hope you enjoy the workshops, tours and discussions and that they will be useful for you as you move into the world of work.

Thank you and my best wishes to you all for a successful and fulfilling day and that you each find some benefit.

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