

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS
TASMANIAN ANNUAL LUNCH AND AWARD PRESENTATION 2024
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
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Good afternoon. Thank you for inviting me to your Tasmanian Annual Lunch, hosted by the Tasmanian Division of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), to announce the 2024 Gold Medal Award Winner.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their deep culture and continued connection to land, sea, and waters.

Today, we celebrate excellence in company governance and acknowledge the impact that ethical leadership and stewardship have on our community, economy, and on the lives of Tasmanians.

The Gold Medal Award is an award to a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors for their contributions to our community. These contributions may include not only business achievements but also charitable works, and employment creation.

The Gold Medal is awarded to a member who upholds good corporate governance and high ethical standards in their personal, business, and public life.

The Award recognises outstanding efforts both as a company director and as a member of our Tasmanian community.

I am delighted to announce that the winner of the 2024 Gold Medal Award is **Mr Stephen Brown FAICD**, CEO of Launceston City Mission.

[applause]

Stephen has been dedicated to governance processes, strategic leadership, business operations, and financial management. As a CEO, he developed and managed excellent strategic outcomes for a number of organisations.

However, it is Stephen's more recent work, as CEO of Launceston's City Mission from 2012, that highlights his commitment to Tasmania and our community.

Beyond his work at Launceston City Mission, Stephen has also contributed to the governance of several other organisations.

Stephen's diverse experience in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors has always been combined with his commitment to addressing social issues in our community. This all makes him a most deserving recipient of this award.

So, congratulations, Stephen, and thank you for all your contributions to our Tasmanian community.

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It gives me the greatest pleasure to present you with this 2024 Gold Medal Award.

[Award presented]

Please join me in another round of applause for Stephen Brown.

Thank you.