

**KING'S BIRTHDAY 2024 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 2:30 PM, FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2024**

[Vice-Regal Salute is played]

Please be seated.

I extend a very warm welcome to you all to this ceremony to invest with insignia those who have been awarded Australian Honours awards.

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 enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, and waters.

Our distinctive Australian Honours System commenced in 1975 with the creation of the Order of Australia to recognise those who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement. We celebrate and say thank you to those who make a difference, to those who achieve their best and to those who serve others.

Our Australian honours are special as they were designed for nominations made by the community. Nominating someone is a chance to recognise our peers for their hard work, service and dedication.

In the text in your Investiture booklets about each of this afternoon's eight recipients, you will see they work in areas that are of great community assistance, highly inspirational, and often challenging and complex. Their areas of endeavour cover performing arts, science, community, business and industry, and sailing.

Therefore, on behalf of all Tasmanians, I thank you all for your service and for making a difference to our community and to the lives of others.

Today is a special day for our recipients, but may I mention that it is also a special day for Government House. Many of you would be aware that the Governor has a personal Standard, the Tasmanian Flag surmounted by a crown. Just recently, it was approved for us to change that crown from the St Edward's Crown, used by The late Queen, to the Tudor Crown adopted by His Majesty The King. Today, to mark these awards that were predominantly announced as part of the King's Birthday 2024 Honours List, we are flying the Standard with that new crown from the roof tower.

And so, it is now my privilege to invest with insignia these worthy recipients.

I warmly congratulate you all.

Official Secretary ...