

**HOBART WOMEN'S SHELTER
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025 FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON
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Again, thank you again for joining us to mark International Women's Day 2025.

To Janet Saunders and the Hobart Women's Shelter team, it has been a pleasure for us to host you for this event.

May I also thank Liz Broderick for coming to Hobart especially for this lunch. We know you have a very busy schedule, so we really appreciate your presence. We all enjoyed hearing about your experiences and thank you for all your insights.

Thank you also to Ally Bradley for facilitating today's discussion and prompting plenty of food for thought as we mark International Women's Day, and thank you so much to Lisa Chung for connecting me with Liz.

Finally, may I thank our Government House team for all their hard work to make today's event possible? Thank you to our house staff, led by Executive Butler, Leigh Millington, for looking after us all so well. Thank you also to our Kitchen team, Jacqui Lowe, Sonia Magazin, and Lachlan McWilliams, for the delicious three-course lunch. Thanks also to our florist, Ineke Souris, for the exquisite floral arrangements.

I also thank my Deputy Official Secretary, Paula Chatwood, and my Senior Media and Communications Officer, Kath Uziallo, for their superb efforts in coordinating today's event.

Finally, thank you once again for attending today's event and please have an enjoyable International Women's Day tomorrow.

Please don't forget to collect a Government House gift bag from our Honorary Aides-de-Camp on your way out. You are also welcome to enjoy our beautiful early autumn gardens before you head off.

Thank you.