

**CANCER COUNCIL TASMANIA RELAY FOR LIFE HOBART 2025**  
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**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC**  
**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**DOMAIN ATHLETICS CENTRE, HOBART, SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025**

Good afternoon, everyone. It is my pleasure to be with you for this annual fundraising event hosted by our Cancer Council Tasmania.

May I acknowledge the Muwinina people upon whose land 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, sky, and waters.

This year, our Cancer Council Tasmania's Relay for Life celebrates 25 years of operation over which time more than 100,000 participants have raised over \$15 million. All this money stays in Tasmania to support Tasmanians. This Relay for Life event is our Cancer Council's largest fundraiser and is one of five events scheduled for this year.

Last month, relayers walked in the Derwent Valley for the traditional overnight. So too, walkers gathered in Penguin last weekend. Next weekend, Launceston will host a day event and the following weekend, the final event for Tasmania will be held in Triabunna.

This Hobart Relay for Life is a significant contributor to the fundraising efforts of our Cancer Council. This year, the fundraising target is \$230,000. The relay provides an opportunity for our community to celebrate those who have overcome cancer, those who are undergoing treatment and their carers, to remember lost loved ones, and to fight back against cancer.

I am honoured to be Patron of Cancer Council Tasmania, which provides high quality support services, invests in cancer prevention programs, and provides a respected voice for the needs of people affected by cancer.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cancer.org.au/about-us/about-cancer-council/tas> accessed 20 Feb 25

On behalf of a grateful Tasmanian community, may I thank Cancer Council Tasmania for their work over the last 25 years.

Congratulations to CEO, Alison Lai, and your team and volunteers across our State. I also thank and congratulate all the participants and supporters here today for raising valuable funds for the Cancer Council to continue their important work.

It now gives me great pleasure to declare the 2025 Cancer Council Tasmania Relay for Life in Hobart officially open. I look forward to joining you for a few laps.

Thank you.