

**ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH**  
**AFTERNOON TEA TO PRESENT DONATIONS OF FUNDS RAISED**  
**DURING GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY 2024**  
**REMARKS BY**  
**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC**  
**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025**

Good afternoon, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for this special occasion.

May I begin by acknowledging 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.

The Rotary Club of Howrah is part of the international network of volunteers who serve their communities worldwide. Your Howrah Club supports the One Community Together Organisation, 26TEN and schools, and also overseas clinics in Pakistan and Nepal.

Your Rotary Club worked very hard under challenging conditions in the lead up to the Government House Open Day last year, with wind and rain and one of your marquees blown over and damaged. Despite these setbacks, your Rotary crew demonstrated resilience by providing high teas and a sausage sizzle, which helped make the day a great success.

Through your efforts, you raised an impressive \$4,000. As is usual, your Club donates the proceeds from the day to a charity of the Governor's choosing.

Today, we shall present this donation in equal parts to four deserving organisations:

- The Migrant Resource Centre, which is dedicated to supporting new arrivals and helping them build fulfilling, productive lives here.
- Riding for the Disabled, whose programs provide invaluable physical and emotional support to individuals of all ages living with disability.

- The Tasmanian Youth Orchestra, which offers young musicians the opportunity to develop their talent, creativity, and teamwork.
- And the Ten Lives Cat Centre, which advocates for the welfare of our beloved feline companions, providing shelter, care, and the opportunity for a better life.

I acknowledge and thank all volunteers and participants from the Rotary Howrah Club who contributed to our Open Day. Thank you for your kindness, hard work, and dedication. And thank you to each of the four organisations represented here today for all that you do.

Please, enjoy your afternoon tea after I present the donations to each of these worthy causes with Reg Emmett, President of the Rotary Club of Howrah.

Official Secretary ...