

**TASMANIAN BIKE COLLECTIVE INCORPORATED**  
**OPENING OF THE CYCLE CHALLENGE 2025**  
**REMARKS BY**  
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**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**BASKERVILLE RACEWAY, OLD BEACH, SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025**

Welcome everyone to this Tasmanian Bike Collective's Cycle Challenge! It's fantastic to see so many people here.

I acknowledge the Palawa people upon whose land we are riding today, and the Tasmanian Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of Country.

As Patron of the Tasmanian Bike Collective, I am delighted to open this Cycle Challenge and ride with you to support the outstanding work that the Bike Collective does for our young people.

You are all riding today to raise funds for the Bike Collective and to have fun and enjoy the health benefits of bike riding. We have riders of all ages here today, and it shows that we can all do our bit to support each other.

May I thank all volunteers, supporters and business partners who help to make the Challenge such a great event. This year, funds raised from the Challenge will support the establishment of a mobile workshop that can travel to schools and communities to enable greater participation in the Bike Collective programs.

I can see that everyone is raring to go, so, everyone: saddle up! I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable ride.

The Cycle Challenge is now open: let's go!