

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2025 HONOURS INVESTITURE  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 10:00 AM, THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025**

**VICE-REGAL SALUTE**

Good morning, everyone. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to this investiture ceremony at Government House.

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.

I am especially pleased to present awards today as 2025 is an historic year; it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of our Australian Honours System with the creation of the Order of Australia. Since then, Australia has created additional awards to recognise other areas of service valued by Australians. All these honours are designed to recognise and acknowledge excellence, achievement or meritorious service by individual citizens.

Our honours are awarded to recognise, celebrate, and thank those who make a difference, achieve their best, and serve others. They also help define, encourage, and reinforce our national aspirations, ideals, and standards.

Today, it is my privilege to invest with insignia eight Tasmanians: three recipients of the Public Service Medal, two of the Australian Police Medal, and three recipients of the Australian Fire Service Medal.

Official Secretary ...