

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2025 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 10:00 AM, FRIDAY 9 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 50th 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 celebrate and thank those who make a difference, achieve their best, and serve others. They also help define, encourage, and reinforce our national aspirations and ideals.

Today, it is my privilege to invest with insignia of the Order of Australia seven Tasmanians: one Officer of the Order of Australia, one Member of the Order of Australia, and five recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Official Secretary ...