

**BEACON FOUNDATION
FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON TO MARK THE
BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING
CLOSING REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025**

Hello, everyone. May I thank you all once again for joining me to mark the King's Birthday at this special lunch celebrating Tasmanian young people.

To Scott Harris and all the Beacon team, particularly Tiarna, Jason and Lynne, it is a pleasure to host you for this event.

May I thank our panellists who shared their experiences with us today during our Q&A session. Thank you to Layla and Asher, as well as their teacher, Belinda, and their employers, Sarah and Paul.

Thanks also to Nick Humphreys for facilitating today's Q&A session and encouraging us to think about how we can better support Tasmanian young people.

I congratulate our young performers from Rosny College for their lively musical, *Newsies*.

Thank you to our Head House Attendant, Alethea Stevenson, and also to our Kitchen team, Jacqui Lowe, Sonia Magazin and Lachlan McWilliams for their delicious three course lunch. We must also thank our florist, Ineke Souris, for her beautiful floral arrangements.

I once again thank the six work experience students who have worked here over the past week, Polly, Lottie, Sarah, Ivory, Mia and Rhys.

I thank my staff for their efforts in coordinating today's event.

Finally, thank you once again for attending and please make sure you collect your Government House gift bag on your way out. You are also welcome to walk around our beautiful gardens before you leave.

Thank you.