

**HOBART LEGACY INC
MORNING TEA FOR LEGACY WIDOWS
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Please be seated.

Good morning, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to this morning tea for our Legacy widows.

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.

There is a long history of Vice-Regal patronage of Legacy in Australia and Tasmania. I am proud to continue that patronage. I am sure many of us are aware that the Remembrance Club, later to become Legacy Australia, was founded here in Hobart by returned veteran, Major General Sir John Gellibrand, who was born in our State in Ouse.

Now, Hobart Legacy supports widows, ranging in age from 34 to 105, affected by their partner's service in the wars and peacekeeping operations, to which our Nation has committed across the globe. I welcome nearly 100 widows here today. Welcome also to carers and Legatees who support you so well.

I am sure we all agree that Legacy's work is vital for the families of those who have served our country, so that they are not forgotten or left behind.

Hobart Legacy provides a range of services to support families, including financial assistance, education support for children, and assistance with social and emotional well-being. Legacy also plays a crucial role in preserving the memory of our veterans, ensuring their sacrifices are not forgotten.

Thank you all for being here, and please enjoy your morning tea.