

**SCOUTS TASMANIA AND GIRL GUIDES TASMANIA  
2025 KING'S SCOUT, QUEEN'S GUIDE AND  
BADEN-POWELL AWARDS  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 4 JULY 2025**

**[Vice-Regal Salute is played]**

Please be seated.

Good afternoon. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for the presentation of the 2025 King's Scout, Queen's Guide and Baden-Powell Awards. I am pleased that these prestigious awards are conferred 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.

As Chief Scout in Tasmania, and Patron of Girl Guides Tasmania, I am delighted to be officiating at this ceremony. The work that you have completed to meet the requirements for the awards is significant. I congratulate each and all of our new King's Scouts and Queen's Guides.

A Baden-Powell Award, the highest Scouting award to youth in Australia, will also be presented. It is an award specifically designed to challenge and test participants.

To achieve the King's Scout Award, a Venturer Scout must set personal goals, plan and organise activities. They are required to maintain a high level of determination to reach milestones and perform to the very best of their abilities.

The Award was founded in 1911 as the King's Scout Badge and renamed for His Majesty King Charles III in 2024 on the anniversary of his Coronation.<sup>1</sup>

Similarly, the Queen's Guide Award has exceptional requirements. The Award is recognised in Tasmania, as well as four other States and Territories.

The Queen's Guide Award incorporates the Gold Endeavour Award and extends to six key skill areas: creative thinking, communication, character, collaboration, community and commitment to learning.<sup>2</sup>

And, as I mentioned, one Rover Scout will be presented with the Baden-Powell Award. This is the pinnacle of Scouting achievement and is recognised in our community.<sup>3</sup>

Well done to each of you. You are each being recognised today for your personal effort. My thanks to all the leaders who helped you, and also your family and friends.

David ...

*[OS invites Linda Durran, State Commissioner Girl Guides Tasmania, to the lectern]*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://scouts.com.au/about/what-is-scouting/awards/> accessed 25 Jun 25

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.girlguides.org.au/resources/queens-guide-award/> accessed 25 Jun 25

<sup>3</sup> <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/rovers/rover-program/peak-award-baden-powell-scout-award/> accessed 25 Jun 25