

**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA
PRESENTATION OF THE
GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2025
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025**

Good morning. I warmly welcome you all to 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.

The Governor's Environment Scholarships were first awarded in 1999 and aimed to encourage graduates to pursue post-graduate studies in environmental management in Tasmania, and particularly for projects where the outcomes can be used by industry.

I am very pleased to be patron of these Scholarships and to continue the collaboration between industry and our University of Tasmania.

However, may I mention that, while the scholarships bear the Governor's title, the Governor has no role in the selection process for the scholarship recipients. Today's recipients were assessed under a competitive process based on academic merit, capacity to deliver project outcomes, practical application and, importantly, the environmental worth of the project.

May I acknowledge the supported contributions of our scholarship partners: Boyer Paper Mill Pty Ltd; Hydro Tasmania; Liberty Bell Bay; Nyrstar Hobart; and Rio Tinto Aluminium (Bell Bay) Ltd. I thank them each for their continued support.

These scholarships now represent 26 years of research projects into many areas of environmental concern and study. This year's recipients maintain the high

standard of scholarship projects, and each will undertake research that will assist the industry in managing our land and waterways in accordance with best environmental practices.

I congratulate the recipients and wish you all the best in your research endeavours.

Please now enjoy your morning tea.