

RECEPTION FOR PRINT RADIO TASMANIA
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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
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Good evening, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to Government House tonight as we celebrate Print Radio Tasmania.

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.

Since 1982, Print Radio Tasmania has been providing essential programming for those with barriers to accessing printed material. Impressively, you were the first station of the kind in Australia.¹

Thanks to the dedication of your volunteers and staff, you have ensured that news, literature, and information is available to all Tasmanians, regardless of ability or circumstance.

Through your programming, you have informed, uplifted, and, in many cases, transformed lives.

Over the last twelve months, Print Radio Tasmania has experienced a period of transition and renewal. May I acknowledge former President Elizabeth MacDonald for her leadership of the station over ten years.

I also recognise the new leadership team of President Hrisanthi Dokos, Vice President Honor Marino, and Treasurer Ben Wilson, who are steering Print Radio Tasmania's new strategic direction.

¹ [Print Radio Tasmania: Who We Are](#), accessed 2 September 2025

This will see the station expand its reach to serve a broader audience of people with disabilities and deepen its role as a platform for empowerment and creative expression.²

Over the past year, you have launched new initiatives such as the Women's Voices Project and Literacy Legends. These podcasts have allowed participants to not only share their stories but also find their voices, build confidence, and connect with others.³

I am pleased that tonight we shall hear a special performance from one of the choirs involved in the Women's Voices Project, Hobart Harmony.

We also look forward to upcoming projects such as the new podcast *Crip Culture*, which will explore the experiences of authors with disabilities and the barriers they face in the publishing world.⁴

Importantly, the interviews for these projects will be conducted by people with disabilities themselves, helping to create and promote shared understanding.

I commend Print Radio Tasmania on its commitment to inclusion and accessibility. You are a model of what inclusive media can and should be.

I thank all your volunteers for their commitment, warmth and professionalism both behind the microphone and behind the scenes. I am pleased we are acknowledging some of their outstanding contributions tonight.

As Patron, I also invite everyone here to continue your support of Print Radio Tasmania, whether through partnership, advocacy, or simply by tuning in. Your ongoing support will ensure that the station continues to thrive.

And now, I am delighted to present awards to recognise Print Radio Tasmania volunteers.

David ... *[hand over to Official Secretary for presentations]*

² Email Print Radio Tasmania President/SMCO, 28 August 2025

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.