

**ROTARY CLUB OF HOBART
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 35TH ANNUAL ART SHOW
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
WREST POINT, FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Good evening, everyone. It is a pleasure to be here tonight to open the Rotary Club of Hobart's 35th annual Charity Art Show.

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.

Last year we were here celebrating the Club's 100th anniversary. You have started your new century by continuing your commitment to promoting Hobart artists and raising funds for our community.

Money raised through this event will support many worthy projects and initiatives. May I take this opportunity to highlight a few, with a particular focus on your youth programs.

The Rotary Club of Hobart supports school students and young people in a variety of ways. This includes the International Rotary Exchange Program which facilitates invaluable experiences for young Tasmanians heading overseas, as well as students from around the world coming to our State.¹

You nurture our budding young scientists through helping to stage the annual Science and Engineering Challenge for schools and by supporting participants in the National Youth Science Forum.²

¹ Email from Kate Domeney to SMCO, 22 August 2025

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You support the Rotary Youth Driving Awareness program, a community road safety initiative which has seen more than 50,000 Grade 10 students from across the State take part since its inception.³

Additionally, you support participants in the Windeward Bound Youth Leadership Challenge and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, helping to shape the next generation of community leaders.⁴

You have supported students to take part in other programs, including the Model United Nations Assembly, the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, Rostrum Voice of Youth, and local Eisteddfods.⁵ Another of your recent projects helped fund Hobart's Youth Arts and Recreation Centre to set up a sound-proof music studio.⁶

Of course, as well as raising funds for projects such as these, the Art Show is an opportunity to celebrate our local artists, including Terry Gough OAM, who has been exhibiting his work through this Art Show for 20 years.

Terry is an accomplished painter and teacher of art and has been recognised with many awards. He enjoys presenting his work through this Art Show to reach a wider audience and to support charity.⁷

May I congratulate Terry and all the artists exhibiting their work in this year's Art Show. I also commend the Rotary Club of Hobart for your dedication to raising funds to support Tasmanian young people and our wider community.

I now have the great pleasure of declaring this 35th annual Rotary Club of Hobart Art Show officially open.

Thank you.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

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