VOLUNTEERING TASMANIA INC TASMANIAN VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2025

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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC **GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA HOBART TOWN HALL, FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Good afternoon, everyone. It is a pleasure to join you at these 2025 Tasmanian Volunteering Awards.

As Patron, may I commend Volunteering Tasmania on 10 years of recognising excellence in volunteering, through these Awards.

I am always delighted to celebrate members of our community who work to improve the lives of their fellow Tasmanians. I congratulate all the finalists and award winners being honoured today.

For the past decade, you have celebrated many Tasmanians who have made a significant contribution to our community through their volunteering efforts.

Today, I am delighted to be presenting this special award to one of these deserving Tasmanians.

Through his lifelong dedication to environmental volunteering, Stephen Mattingley demonstrated care both for his fellow Tasmanians and for our precious Tasmanian environment.1

As we have heard, he has selflessly given his time to many organisations, working to protect our natural world, contributing much-valued advice and wisdom along with practical assistance.²

As we honour Stephen's substantial contributions and commitment to caring for our planet, may we also celebrate his outstanding legacy of volunteering.

It is now my great pleasure to present this Enduring Contribution Award to Stephen, to be accepted by his wife, Sandra.

[presents award to Sandra Collin]

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¹ Information provided to ADC by Volunteering Tasmania, 9 September 2025

² Ibid.