

RECEPTION TO MARK 26TEN WEEK 2025
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Good evening, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to Government House to mark 26Ten Week for 2025.

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.

We know that literacy is fundamental to all aspects of our daily lives.¹ Unfortunately, many Tasmanians struggle with these skills and are held back from reaching their full potential.²

Thanks to the 26Ten Tasmania Strategy, over the past ten years, our State has built a strong member network of businesses and individuals to support adults improve their literacy.

The 26Ten Strategy has been taken into communities across our State, with adults receiving free support tailored to their personal literacy needs.³

Workplaces have also helped employees improve their literacy skills thanks to more than 80 funding grants of around \$3.8 million for workforce development.⁴ There has also been a focus on plain English to help understand official documents.

As the Strategy reaches its final year, there is much to celebrate in this 26Ten Week.

¹ [26Ten Adult Literacy and Numeracy](#), accessed 15 October 2025

² [26Ten Tasmania: Tasmania's Strategy for adult literacy and numeracy 2016-2025](#), accessed 15 October 2025

³ Information supplied by 26Ten, 15 October 2025

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This year's theme reminds us that 'every step forward counts'⁵ and that it is never too late to start learning. I congratulate all the adult learners who have participated in this program.

May I acknowledge the many people who have contributed to the success of the 26Ten Tasmania Strategy.

I commend the adult literacy volunteers, tutors, and plain English trainers who have helped learners not only acquire new skills but also build self-esteem and confidence.

May I also acknowledge the 26Ten Coalition, 26Ten member organisations and individual supporters who have worked to raise awareness of adult literacy, promote support and encourage people to act.

Thank you all for joining us this evening. I wish you well on your next steps in your literacy journeys.

Please enjoy your reception.

⁵ [26Ten Week 2025](#), accessed 15 October 2025