

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS (TASMANIA) 2026
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
THEATRE ROYAL, HOBART, TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025

Thank you, Ryk.

Good afternoon, everyone. I am delighted to be with you to celebrate our outstanding Tasmanians and announce our Australians of the Year for 2026.

These awards are an important way to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions Tasmanians make across a broad range of fields, as well as their outstanding achievements.

As I travel around our State, I meet many exceptional Tasmanians making life better for others. Our sixteen nominees across each of today's categories exemplify this.

They come from a variety of backgrounds and from all across our State. They have all demonstrated dedication to their work and have all had an impact on our community.

Importantly, each person has been nominated by their peers for this honour. May I thank everyone who took the time to nominate.

Before we meet our recipients, may I conclude by congratulating all our nominees. I thank you for your commitment and commend you on making a difference.

Thank you.