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COVER IMAGES

(clockwise from top left) Her Excellency, Professor Chalmers, Oskar and Nala at Government House Open Day, November 2024; Her Excellency with His Majesty King Charles III, Her Majesty Queen Camilla and fellow Australian Vice-Regal representatives in Canberra, October 2024; Her Excellency with members of the Hobart Out Tennis Club at Government House, March 2025; Her Excellency inspecting a parade of graduates at the Tasmania Police Academy, November 2024; Her Excellency swearing-in new Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Christopher Shanahan, January 2025; Her Excellency speaking at a fundraising luncheon at Government House for International Women's Day, March 2025.

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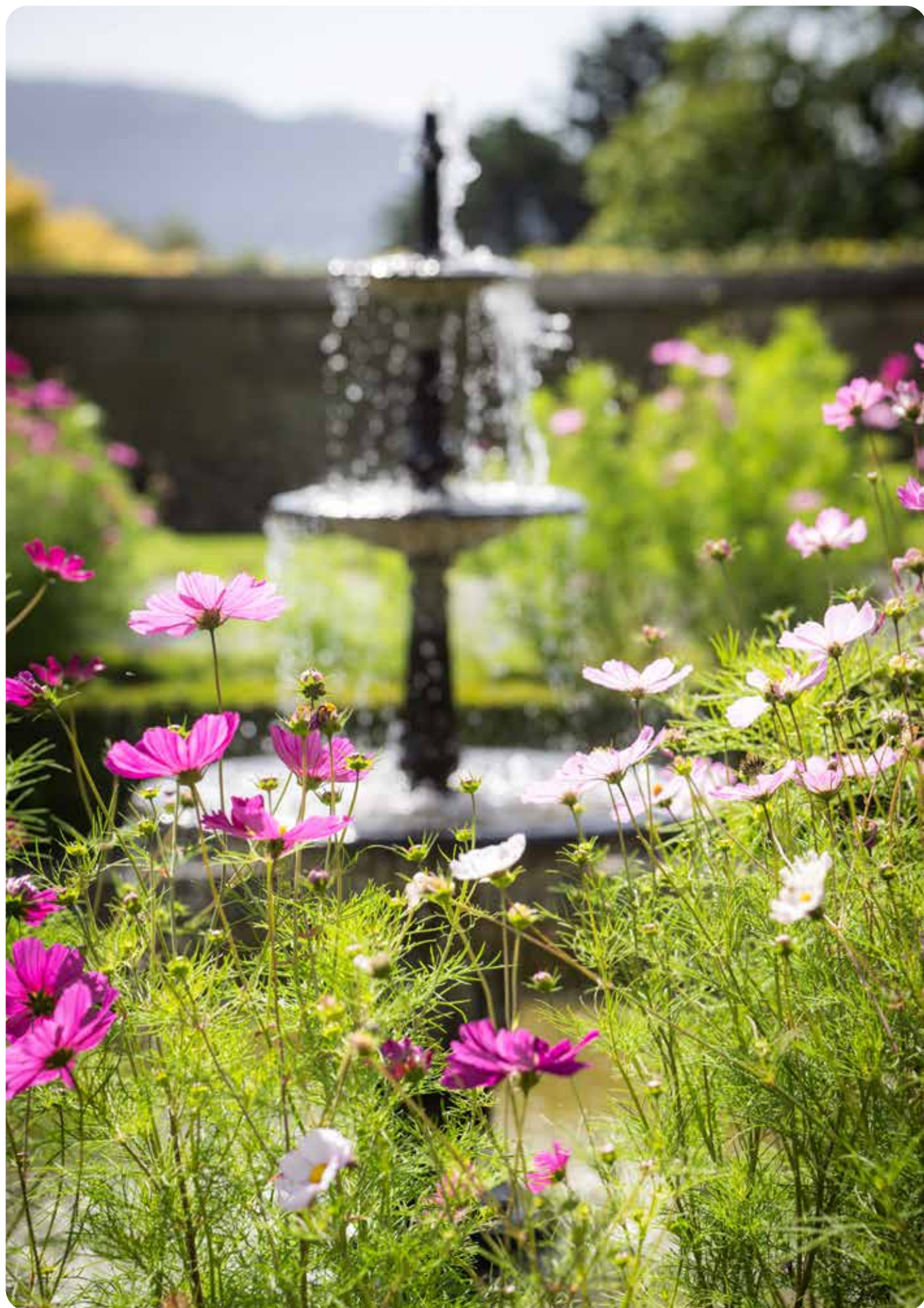
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Lion's Court Fountain at Government House, March 2025

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

During 2024-25, the Office of the Governor supported Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, in the organisation of her constitutional and ceremonial duties and her program of community engagements.

The Office also managed and operated Government House, its associated buildings and the Estate at a high level of maintenance and presentation.

This Year in Review report provides an overview of the activities of Her Excellency and the Office during the year.

David Hughes CSC
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An aerial view of visitors attending Open Day at Government House, November 2024

2024-25 SNAPSHOT



24 Executive Council meetings presided over by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*

44 Acts receiving Royal Assent

CONSTITUTIONAL



7 Ambassadors and High Commissioners hosted at Government House

13 Official dinners and luncheons

29 Swearings-in, Investitures and presentation ceremonies

CEREMONIAL

71 Receptions, morning teas and afternoon teas held at Government House

16 School visits to Government House

21 Visits to Government House by community groups, including service clubs, special interest groups and charitable organisations

12 Forums, lectures, launches, fundraising and musical events at Government House

129 Official callers received by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*

148 External events attended by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*

78 Monthly tours of Government House and Gardens

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

183

Speeches delivered by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*

556

Official events participated in by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor*

6,000

Visitors to Government House on Open Day

* when administering

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

In July 2024, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, and her husband Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO travelled to Finland for the launch ceremony of the newest Spirit of Tasmania vessel. On behalf of all Tasmanians, Her Excellency officially named the Spirit of Tasmania V at the ceremony in Rauma. Her Excellency also engaged with Finnish authorities regarding a number of important issues for Tasmania, including education and relationships with indigenous communities.

In October 2024, Her Excellency joined the Governor-General and other State Governors in Canberra at a reception celebrating the visit to Australia of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

In November 2024, Government House hosted its biennial Open Day, incorporating tours, performances and activities provided by Her Excellency's Patronage organisations. An estimated 6,000 visitors attended the event.



*Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC,
Governor of Tasmania, January 2025*



*Her Excellency at the launch of Spirit Tasmania V in
Rauma, Finland, July 2024*



*Guests visiting Government House for Open Day,
November 2024*



Her Excellency and new Supreme Court Judge Kate Cuthbertson, February 2025

In January 2025, Her Excellency appointed and swore to office Mr Christopher Shanahan SC as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania at a ceremony at Government House. In the same ceremony, Mr Shanahan was also appointed and sworn to office as Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania.

In February 2025, Her Excellency appointed and swore to office Ms Kate Cuthbertson SC as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania.

Her Excellency hosted an International Women's Day luncheon raising funds for the Hobart Women's Shelter in March 2025 and a King's Birthday luncheon raising funds for Beacon Foundation in June 2025.

On 11 June 2025, at the request of the Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Jeremy Rockliff MP and following a period of deliberation, Her Excellency signed Proclamations to prorogue the Parliament of Tasmania and dissolve the House of Assembly. Her Excellency then requested the Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner to prepare writs to enable a general election to be held on Saturday 19 July 2025.



Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers at the King's Birthday fundraising luncheon, June 2025



Her Excellency and Premier Jeremy Rockliff MP at the Mannalargenna Day Festival, December 2024

Constitutional

The Governor's primary role is to safeguard the Tasmanian Constitution and Tasmania's democratic parliamentary system of government. The *Constitution Act 1934*, s10 provides that, 'The Governor and the Legislative Council and House of Assembly shall together constitute the Parliament of Tasmania'. It is the duty of the Governor to sign all the Bills that have been passed by the two Houses of Parliament in order to make them part of the law of Tasmania. During 2024–2025, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (when administering) gave the Royal Assent to 44 Bills presented by the President of the Legislative Council of Tasmania or the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Tasmania (Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bills/Supply Bills).

In addition, the Governor exercises executive power, but (with rare exceptions) only on the advice of Ministers who are responsible to the Parliament. That advice is generally conveyed through the Executive Council. The Governor presides at regular meetings of the Council, giving the constitutionally required approval to give legal effect to many Government decisions. During 2024–2025, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (when administering) presided over 24 Executive Council meetings.



Her Excellency signs Proclamations to prorogue Parliament and dissolve the House of Assembly, following a request for a general election from Premier Jeremy Rockliff MP, June 2025



Her Excellency and Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Christopher Shanahan, January 2025

Administration in the Absence of the Governor

The Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Alan Blow AO, administered the government of the State from 16 July 2024 to 25 July 2024, and from 12 November 2024 to 19 November 2024.

Following Mr Blow's retirement as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania at the end of 2024, Mr Christopher Shanahan SC was appointed and sworn in as Chief Justice in January 2025. He was also appointed and sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania on that date.

As Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania, Mr Shanahan administered the government of the State from 10 May 2025 to 9 June 2025.

Ceremonial

The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor (when administering) officiated at a variety of ceremonial events at Government House.

In 2024-25, there were a total of 24 investitures and presentations.

Her Excellency presented Australian Honours and Awards to 48 Tasmanians at two investiture ceremonies during the year.



Her Excellency and recipients of Australian Honours and Awards, September 2024



Her Excellency invests Professor Emma Lee with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), May 2025



Her Excellency invests Pamela Rabe as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), September 2024



Her Excellency and recipients of Australian Honours and Awards, May 2025

Municipal Visits

In the year under review, the Governor and Professor Chalmers undertook official visits to the City of Devonport and the municipalities of Kingborough, Flinders, Northern Midlands, Central Highlands and Kentish.



Her Excellency visits the Mountford Berry Farm during a Municipal Visit to the Northern Midlands, February 2025



Her Excellency meets a highland cow during a Municipal Visit to the Central Highlands, March 2025



Her Excellency visits X Hemp at Cressy during a Municipal Visit to the Northern Midlands, February 2025



Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers visit Tassie Mums during a Municipal Visit to Kingborough, August 2024



The Vice-Regal vehicle escorted through Evandale by penny farthings during a Municipal Visit to the Northern Midlands, February 2025

School and Community Group Visits

As part of Her Excellency's community engagement program, there has continued to be an increase in the numbers of school visits to Government House. In particular, a partnership with the Department of Education, Children and Young People has resulted in an educational package being developed and a pilot program conducted for Grade 5/6 groups aligned to the Civics curriculum. The program involves pre-learning for the students prior to their attendance at Government House to hear from Her Excellency about the role of the Governor and to tour the State Rooms.



Her Excellency, Professor Chalmers, Oskar and Nala with students from Zeehan Primary School, November 2024



Her Excellency talking to students from The Friends School, March 2025



Her Excellency and Santa enjoying a picnic on the Government House lawns, December 2024

Lunch on the Lawns

Her Excellency has a key strategic output of opening the Government House Estate to a larger number and more diverse range of Tasmanians. Since December 2023, the lawns have been opened to the public once a month on a Friday afternoon between spring and autumn for a bring-your-own picnic, known as Lunch on the Lawns.

In the period under review, six Lunch on the Lawns events were held, with several incorporating music provided by the Australian Army Band Tasmania and the Royal Australian Navy Band. A highlight was the edition held on 20 December 2024, which included a visit from Santa. Held during the school holidays, this event attracted many families with young children who were keen to meet Her Excellency and let Santa know their gift requests.

Open Day

The 2024 Open Day took place on Sunday 3 November with an estimated 6,000 people in attendance across the day. Visitors were able to tour the Government House State Rooms and the Ceremonial Gardens and see displays showcasing the history of the House and the role of the Governor.

Despite some challenging windy weather, several of Her Excellency's Patronage organisations were able to join in on the day with stalls in the Government House grounds. Entertainment was provided by the Australian Army Band, the Royal Australian Navy Band, the Tasmania Police Pipe Band and the Hobart Highland Dancers.



Guests view displays in the Government House Ballroom during Open Day, November 2024



Her Excellency speaking to young performers during Open Day, November 2024



Members of the Rotary Club of Howrah staffing the barbecue at Open Day, November 2024



Triple M's Kaz and Tubes conducting a live broadcast during Open Day, November 2024

Hobart radio station Triple M conducted a live broadcast and interviewed Her Excellency and Government House staff.

Refreshments were again provided by the Rotary Club of Howrah, raising \$4,000 which was donated to four of Her Excellency's Patronage organisations: the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra, Ten Lives Cat Centre, Riding for the Disabled Tasmania and the Migrant Resource Centre.

Fundraising and Impact

During the year under review, Her Excellency hosted two fundraising luncheons to support Tasmanian organisations. On 7 March 2025, she hosted an International Women's Day luncheon at Government House. More than 100 guests attended and a total of \$20,300 was raised for the Hobart Women's Shelter through ticket sales and donations on the day. The event featured guest speaker Elizabeth Broderick AO, former Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner and UN Special Rapporteur for Discrimination Against Women and Girls. Connected with the International Women's Day theme for 2025, "March Forward – For ALL Women and Girls", she discussed the major challenges that still need to be addressed to support women and girls in Australia and around the world.



Her Excellency at the International Women's Day luncheon, March 2025



Guest speaker Elizabeth Broderick AO at the International Women's Day luncheon, March 2025

On 13 June 2025, Her Excellency hosted a fundraising luncheon to support her Patronage organisation the Beacon Foundation. The event was held to mark His Majesty the King's Birthday in Tasmania. Guests heard from young people, educators and employers involved in Beacon's programs, and enjoyed musical performances by the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra and students from Rosny College's musical theatre production *Newsies*. Students from Rosny College undertook work experience at Government House during the week of the event, working with housekeeping and kitchen staff and the Government House florist. Placement students also assisted with service during the event. All proceeds from the event went to support Beacon's programs in local schools, which help to guide students along their career journeys.



Panel of educators, students and employers at the King's Birthday luncheon, June 2025



Her Excellency and Beacon Foundation CEO Scott Harris at the King's Birthday luncheon, June 2025

REPORTS

Kitchen and Hospitality

The Government House Kitchen team worked to support Her Excellency's busy program of events during 2024-25. Staff are committed to sustainable practices and support local producers, small businesses, and the community wherever possible.

The Governor offers accommodation and hospitality for a number of Ambassadors or High Commissioners who make an official visit to Tasmania each year, during which a formal dinner is hosted at Government House in honour of the visiting dignitary. These dinners are an opportunity to showcase Tasmanian produce from our local producers along with fresh produce from the Government House gardens. The wines served at the dinners and at all early evening reception events are produced from the grapes which are grown in the Government House Vineyard. In the year under review, the Kitchen catered for dinners for the Ambassadors of the European Union, Finland, Belgium, Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates, and the High Commissioners for Singapore and India, in addition to formal dinners for other groups.



Dessert served at the International Women's Day luncheon, March 2025



Her Excellency with Kitchen staff and charity representatives during Homelessness Week, August 2024

Further highlights included catering for two fundraising lunches during the year, in March 2025 for International Women's Day supporting the Hobart Women's Shelter and in June 2025 for the King's Birthday supporting Beacon Foundation. For these events, the Kitchen also supplied produce and recipes for guests to take home in 'goody bags': slow-roasted quince for International Women's Day guests and spiced salt rub for King's Birthday guests. Working with Beacon Foundation, the Kitchen also hosted work placement students from Rosny College during the week of the King's Birthday event.

During 2024-25 the Government House Kitchen continued to support the Tasmanian community with the provision of food donations. For Homelessness Week in August 2024, the team prepared 850 ready-made, healthy meals that were donated to the Salvation Army Tasmania and the Hobart City Mission. The Kitchen also continued its regular fortnightly donations of meals to the Hobart Women's Shelter and the Sexual Assault Support Service during the year. Working with the Government House Garden team, fresh produce from the garden continued to be donated to Loaves and Fishes Tasmania in support of the School Food Matters program.



Chefs Lachlan McWilliams and Sonya Magazin preparing hot cross buns to donate to community groups, April 2025



Chef Jacqui Lowe preparing the main course during the King's Birthday luncheon, June 2025

The Government House Kitchen also supported young people through providing Kitchen and Garden learning experiences for school children and other education groups, in conjunction with the Estate Gardens Manager and Government House Garden team.

The team also supported the fortnightly Behind the Scenes Tours of Government House, guiding visitors through the Kitchen and Dry Store and providing them with information about garden produce and catering for House functions.

During the year, the Dry Store was revamped, with new paint and shelving, all goods organised and a stocktake conducted.

Estate Gardens

During the year under review the garden team worked to ensure that the Government House Estate Gardens remained some of the highest profile and well-maintained gardens in the State. The team hosted community groups, offering a range of educational tours and experiences, and produced large quantities of fruit, herbs, vegetables and cut flowers that benefited not only the operations of Government House but also the Tasmanian community more broadly. Staff participated in industry training, implementing new techniques and standards into their maintenance of the grounds and assisted in promoting the Estate gardens through social media and local radio.

During the year, new bulk fuel containers and chemical sheds were installed on site to meet Australian safety standards.

Other projects included planting out a new native grass planting under the *Eucalyptus Morrisbyi*, with 1200 grasses planted and the planting of up to 1000 more each year planned. Due to space restrictions in the Vineyard Paddock, a new location was planned for a new Premier's Oak Grove on the Wattle Lawn. Here trees will be planted to commemorate Tasmanian Premiers,



New native grass plantings under the Eucalyptus Morrisbyi in the Eastern Arboretum



Gardener Blaire Mangan handing over a donation of fresh produce to Loaves and Fishes, December 2024

starting from the Honourable Peter Gutwein (Premier of Tasmania from 2020-22) and continuing into the future.

The team carried out mature tree maintenance as recommended in the 2019–2028 Government House Treescape Management Plan. It also undertook tree removal at Rossbank due to public safety concerns regarding overhanging branches into the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Produce from the Government House Community Garden continued to be regularly donated to community organisations throughout the year to create meals for Tasmanians in need, including Loaves and Fishes and the School Food Matters program.

The Government House Vineyard continued to produce good volume with the 2025 Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot harvests very similar to previous years. Approximately 3,500 bottles of wine were produced during the year. Wine continued to be used at in-house events and was also available to purchase via the Government House Tasmania online gift shop.

Specialised public garden tours including Significant Trees, Garden Produce and Ornamental Garden Tours continued during the year. Garden staff also provided private tours for community organisations, Probus clubs, garden clubs, horticultural societies, and school age students.

The 2024 Winter Series of Horticultural Lectures program continued in the Government House Ballroom during July and August 2024 with presentations from Susan McKinnon and Dr Tonia Cochran. The 2025 Winter Series commenced in June 2025, beginning with a presentation from Mark Fountain. This initiative is a successful addition to the Government House Tasmania event calendar, allowing for continued engagement with the gardening community during the winter months when traditionally garden tours are not held.

During the year the garden team supported TAFE horticulture students, with Estate gardeners sharing their knowledge and horticultural skills during practical onsite training. Students were able to gain an insight into turf maintenance as well as good pruning techniques.



Baby calf Vance, born unexpectedly in the Government House agistment paddock, November 2024



Garden designer Susan McKinnon presents during the Winter Series of Horticultural Lectures, July 2024



Guests exploring the Government House gardens during Open Day, November 2024

Public Access

Members of the public have continued to enjoy access to the Government House Estate through the monthly tour program. Tours offered during the period under review include those visiting the State Rooms; exploring Behind the Scenes; touring the Ornamental Gardens; learning about Garden Produce; and highlighting Significant Trees.

Patrons book online for the tours, which are conducted by staff and volunteers and are consistently popular. During the winter months, the annual Winter Series of Horticultural Lectures, featuring guest speakers in the Ballroom, once again attracted strong attendances.

In the year under review, more than 1,100 people attended at least one of the 78 scheduled tours or lectures.

Hire of Tennis Courts and Croquet/Bowls Lawn

The Government House tennis courts and the croquet/bowls lawn may be hired by members of the public for use during the weekends over the spring/summer season. In the year under review, a total of 75 bookings were made by people to enjoy these facilities.

Government House Gift Shop

The Government House Gift Shop operated online via the Government House website during the year, with a physical shop available on Open Day. The online shop is stocked with items which have a direct connection to Government House, including wine and gin produced using grapes and botanicals from the Government House Estate Vineyard and gardens, as well as books and stationery.

Revenue from the tours, lecture program and Gift Shop is directed towards the heritage maintenance and preservation of the Government House Estate.



Visitors take part in a tour at Government House, November 2024



Kitchen staff presenting during a Behind the Scenes tour at Government House, November 2024



Government House tennis courts and pavilion, March 2025

Information and Technology Services

Throughout the past year, the Office of the Governor's Information and Technology Services Department has continued to deliver a series of strategic digital initiatives aimed at modernising service delivery, strengthening governance, and improving the resilience of core systems. These efforts form part of a broader Digital Transformation program that continues to build the Office's technological capability and readiness. By focusing on contemporary infrastructure, robust policy foundations, and staff enablement, the Department has reinforced its role in supporting a secure, efficient, and forward-looking digital environment.

IT Fleet Rollout

A major milestone was the successful rollout of a new IT fleet across the Office. This initiative replaced an ageing workstation fleet with modern, secure, and mobile-ready devices, significantly improving system performance and reliability. The updated architecture delivers enhanced endpoint security, simplified maintenance, and a scalable foundation for future digital initiatives. This uplift has brought the Office into alignment with current standards observed across other Government organisations.

Extending IT Capabilities to All Staff

In support of the Office's broader mobility objectives, the Department conducted a review of Microsoft licensing across all staff roles. As a result, all personnel now have access to organisational email, communication tools and an online HR system. This inclusion ensures greater transparency, promotes digital literacy, and enables all staff to actively participate in internal communications and professional development opportunities.

IT Governance

A significant effort was undertaken to establish and formalise the Office's IT governance framework. A comprehensive suite of policies, standards, and guidelines was developed to address longstanding gaps and provide a clear foundation for secure and effective IT operations. These governance documents are designed to support accountability, manage risk, and align the Office's technology environment with recognised best practices.



Lavender blooming in the Government House gardens, January 2025

Application Development

To support the ongoing conservation of the Estate, IT Services has developed and implemented a custom mobile application using Microsoft Power Apps. Purpose-built to manage painting records across architectural and heritage features, the app enables staff to log, track, and update maintenance activities directly from the field. This in-house solution improves data accuracy, streamlines recordkeeping, and introduces automated reminders to ensure timely maintenance, supporting the ongoing conservation of a significant heritage asset.

Media and Communications

In November 2024 the Office of the Governor employed a full time Senior Media and Communications Advisor. This new role leads the Office's strategic communications aims through internal and external communications outputs such as the Governor of Tasmania social media channels, the Government House website and media relations. A priority has been the development of communications strategy and policy to guide the Office and ensure best practice outcomes.

Social Media

A focus has been using the social media channels managed by the Office to increase awareness of the Governor's role, and highlight the distinct constitutional, ceremonial and community engagement duties undertaken by Her Excellency throughout the year.

In January 2025 the Facebook and Instagram channels were renamed Governor of Tasmania, making them consistent with other Vice-Regal social media channels across Australia. From the beginning of the period under review until 30 June 2025, quarterly views on Facebook and Instagram increased by 88% and 65% respectively. The number of quarterly post interactions increased on Facebook by 115% and on Instagram by 61% in the same period. This indicates an increase in the amount of people viewing and responding to news from the Office of the Governor on social media during the year under review.

Media Relations

During 2024-25 Her Excellency participated in several media interviews and members of the media visited Government House to report on a number of events. This included interviews to discuss the Government House Open Day and Lunch on the Lawns program, as well as the International Women's Day and King's Birthday fundraising luncheons.

Outreach to regional media outlets regarding Her Excellency's municipal visits, coupled with stories and photographs posted on the Government House website, saw an increase in coverage for this aspect of the Vice-Regal program. Her Excellency and Government House were the focus of local and national media attention in June 2025 following the Premier's request for an election.

Government House Website

The Government House Tasmania website provides information on all aspects of the operation of the Office, ranging from the functions of the Governor, biographical information, a pictorial diary of Vice-Regal engagements and access to the texts of speeches, through to advice regarding protocol, the history of the House and a guide to the House and gardens.

The website is a valuable tool for increasing awareness of the role and activities of the Office. The website also enables invited guests and members of the public to reserve their online tickets to attend the many events hosted at Government House, including morning and afternoon teas, lectures, receptions, award presentations and tours.



Her Excellency discussing International Women's Day with Triple M's Kaz and Tubes, March 2025

Honorary Aides-de-Camp

The Office of the Governor benefits from outstanding service provided in a variety of roles to Her Excellency by her Honorary Aides-de-Camp. Honorary ADCs are drawn from the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army, the Royal Australian Air Force and Tasmania Police. Honorary ADCs provide, at no charge to the Office of the Governor, assistance at all major functions at Government House and they attend the Governor at numerous external events, particularly during weekends. In their work, they exemplify the high standards, knowledge and attention to detail that Tasmanians and visitors to Tasmania appreciate in the Office of the Governor.



Aide-de-Camp and Honourary Aide-de-Camp supporting the swearing-in of the Lieutenant Governor, January 2025

Honorary ADCs during the period under review: Lieutenant Commander Tim Lyons RAN ADC, Lieutenant Carolyn Docking RAN ADC, Major Todd Appleton Army ADC, Captain Justin Fountain Army ADC, Flight Lieutenant David North RAAF ADC, Inspector Kathy Bennett TASPOL ADC, Inspector Troy Morrisby TASPOL ADC, Inspector Grant Twining TASPOL ADC and Inspector Glen Woolley APM OAM TASPOL ADC



Honourary Aides-de-Camp greeting visitors to Government House during Open Day, November 2024

Security

Government House continued to be well serviced through appropriately trained Security Guards. During 2024-25 Security staff continued to update their standard operating procedures, including implementing new procedures such as the use of TryBooking to check-in late arriving guests at functions. Staff have undertaken training in Working Safely at Heights in order to raise and lower flags on the Police Tower. Compulsory Working with Vulnerable People registration was also introduced for staff.

Maintenance and Capital Programs

Building Asset Management at Government House includes the main House, Rossbank, four conjoined cottages, Bay Tree Cottage, two separate houses, stables, garages, workshop and several other outbuildings. Each of these buildings requires a different maintenance schedule. Some areas are inspected daily, other areas are inspected, or have safety checks done, monthly or annually. The main areas for scheduled maintenance at Government House are:

- Fire detection and suppression systems
- Security systems
- Dumbwaiter
- Chandelier winches
- Fridges/freezers
- Grease traps
- Electrical appliance test and tag
- Pest control

Scheduled weekly/monthly maintenance of all structures and safety systems at Government House was carried out by contractors and Government House staff successfully in the past financial year.

In the period under review, staff worked to help maintain the built heritage at Government House, supported by professional sub-contractors.

During the year, sandstone repair and replacement was undertaken on the northern exterior wall of the Government House ballroom. This work was identified in a Government House report dated June 2023. The cost of this work, approximately \$100,000, was met through funds raised as authorised by the *Government House Land Act 1964*.



Scaffolding on the northern wall of the Government House Ballroom to facilitate sandstone works



Sandstone works being undertaken on the northern wall of the Government House Ballroom



The completed sandstone works on the northern wall of the Government House ballroom

Another major project was the lead roof replacement of the Police and Clock Towers, as well as their associated works which included sandstone repointing and painting.

Minor works undertaken in 2024–25 included:

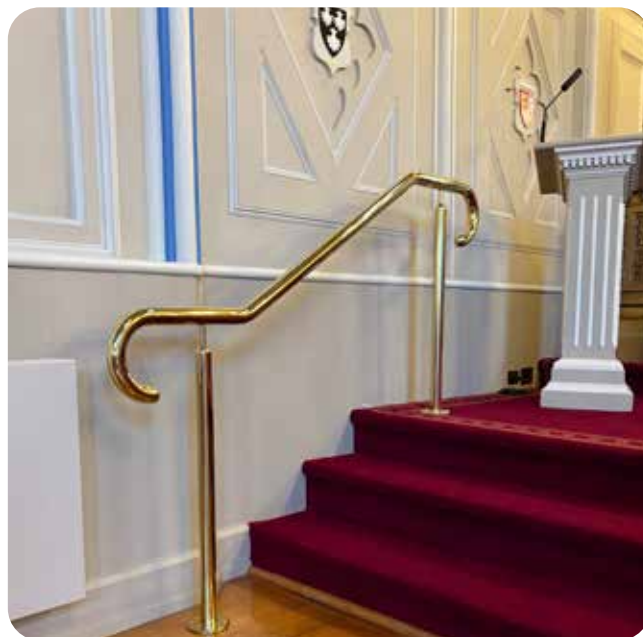
- Progressing the planning for the replacement of the internal lead roof and slate roof replacement projects
- Installing sandstone caps on unused chimneys
- Installing new flooring in the ground floor pantry
- Installing two new chemical storage sheds
- Installing two 1000 litre fuel tanks
- Installing brass handrails in the ballroom
- Extending the rail on the Minstrels' Gallery balustrade
- Installing new carpet in five ground floor offices
- Installing an 8kW solar system at Rosssbank
- Continuing with the internal painting program, painting the Butler's Office, the Butler's Stairs, the ADC change room and the Dry Store



The new lead roof of the Police Tower at Government House



The new roof top solar system installed at Rosssbank, August 2024



The new brass handrail installed in the Government House Ballroom to improve access to the stage

PHOTO GALLERY



Her Excellency at NAIDOC Week celebrations in Devonport, July 2024



Her Excellency meets a puppy in training at the Guide Dogs Tasmania graduation in Hobart, November 2024



Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers attend the opening of the 43rd meeting of CCAMLR, October 2024



The Australian Army Band Tasmania performing at Lunch on the Lawns, January 2025



Her Excellency and Kitchen staff presenting a donation to the Sexual Assault Support Service, March 2025



Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers read to New Norfolk Primary students during Book Week, August 2024



Her Excellency, Professor Chalmers, Oskar and Nala cheering the Hobart Hurricanes in the BBL, January 2025



Her Excellency lays a wreath to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tasman Bridge disaster, January 2025



Her Excellency is shown the ropes during an International Women's Day sail on the Lady Nelson, March 2025



Her Excellency celebrates TasPride with the LGBTQIA+ community on the bowling green, February 2025



Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers are welcomed to Nepalese New Year Celebrations at Montrose by young members of Hobart's Nepali community, April 2025



Her Excellency hosts a morning tea for the Tasmanian Multiple Births Association, May 2025



Her Excellency visits the Youngtown Barracks in Launceston, April 2025



Her Excellency joins COTA Tasmania to launch the theme of Senior's Week 2025 in Warrane, April 2025



Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers host a Christmas reception at Government House, December 2024

