

**LIGHT LUNCHEON TO MARK THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN TASMANIA
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED

Good afternoon, everyone. It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to Government House for this special lunch marking the 90th anniversary of our Country Women's Association in Tasmania.

May I acknowledge 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.

Established in 1936, your Association has remained a trusted presence across our State. Through your network of 33 branches with two further branches being established, your Association has a deep connection to local life. Your 600 plus volunteer members contribute thousands of hours each year and represent the very best of civic service and community spirit.¹

From its earliest days, the Association has combined advocacy with practical action. Advocacy for key issues in rural health and education ensures women are heard. Literacy programs and packs for women's shelters make a difference. Fundraising activities such as bakes for local events support the RFDS, local charities and disaster relief efforts. Community support assists those in need through neighbourhood centres, and directly to the homeless and families experiencing hardship.²

Members have stepped forward to provide assistance, comfort, and local leadership in response to recent challenges, including bushfires and floods.

¹ Email from Tammy Price 3 Feb 26

² <https://cwaintasmania.com.au/what-we-do/> accessed 4 Feb 26

Today, we are delighted that six of seven Life Members of the Association join us. Thank you for attending and for your lifetime of work caring for our communities.

It is fitting that the Association operates under Vice-Regal Patronage, which reflects the Association's long-standing contribution to public life in Tasmania.

May I offer my warmest congratulations to our Country Women's Association in Tasmania on this 90th anniversary.

Thank you, and please enjoy your lunch.