

**FRIENDS OF THE TASMANIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY  
ART TOUR AND RECEPTION  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026**

Good evening. I warmly welcome you all for this special fundraising event for the Friends of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

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.

Tonight I am delighted that you will be touring our newly refreshed contemporary art display, curated by TMAG's Head of Art, Dr Ash Kerr.

May I thank Ash and the whole team at TMAG for their efforts in curating and hanging these outstanding artworks. We are grateful to TMAG for the opportunity to share Tasmanian contemporary art with our guests.

Of course, we also honour the talented artists and skilled craftspeople of the past. Tonight you will also get a closer look at some of our colonial furniture, led by TMAG's Senior Curator of Decorative Arts Peter Hughes.

Many of the pieces you will see were originally from Old Government House, which stood on the site now occupied by Franklin Square and the Town Hall in the early 1800s. Much of this historic furniture remains in daily use here.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Friends of TMAG for your support of Tasmania's arts and cultural heritage.

Now, please enjoy the tours.

Thank you.