

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 2.30 PM, THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Good afternoon, everyone. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to this investiture ceremony at Government House.

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.

1975 saw the commencement of our distinctive Australian Honours System to recognise those who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

It is significant that any person may nominate a member of the community for an Award in the Order of Australia. Nominating someone is a chance to recognise our peers for their hard work, service and dedication. It is an opportunity to celebrate those inspiring individuals.

This afternoon, it is my privilege to invest with insignia eight Tasmanians: three recipients of the Australian Fire Service Medal, two of the Emergency Services Medal, and three Medals of the Order of Australia, two of which are unfortunately posthumous.

Official Secretary ...