

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 HONOURS INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 2.30 PM, FRIDAY 1 MAY 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.

Our Australian Honours System was founded in 1975 by the creation of the Order of Australia, which is designed to recognise excellence, achievement or meritorious service by individual citizens.

Accordingly, honours are awarded to recognise, to celebrate and to say thank you to those who make a difference, to those who achieve their best and to those who serve others.

This afternoon, it is my privilege to invest with insignia eight Tasmanians who are recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia.

On behalf of all Tasmanians, I thank you for your service and for making a difference to our community and to the lives of others. I warmly congratulate you all. It is now my privilege to invest with insignia these worthy Tasmanians.