

**HOBART CITY MISSION**  
**MORNING TEA TO MARK NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2026**  
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**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MONDAY 18 MAY 2026**

Good morning. I warmly welcome you all to acknowledge the work of our volunteers at Hobart City Mission.

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.

This week, across Australia, we celebrate National Volunteer Week. This week is a time to say thank you to a wonderful group of people, the volunteers of Hobart City Mission.

You all work alongside some of our community's most vulnerable. People who are experiencing homelessness, hardship, isolation, and uncertainty. Volunteers can often provide something that cannot be programmed into a service or written into a policy. You provide a familiar face and a warm welcome.

This year's theme for National Volunteer Week is "Your year to volunteer". Each of you has demonstrated that it has been your year to volunteer, again.

Some of you have been with the Mission for many years and some of you are newer to the Mission family. Every contribution supports what the Mission does. So today, I hope you take a moment to feel appreciated. You are the heart of the organisation, and our city is a kinder, warmer place because of you.

Now please, enjoy your morning tea.