

**MORNING TEA TO MARK THE
40th ANNIVERSARY OF A FAIRER WORLD
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2026**

Good morning, everyone. I warmly welcome you all here to celebrate the 40th anniversary of A Fairer World.

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.

Today we mark a significant milestone for you. Since 1985 you have been encouraging Tasmanians of all ages to work towards a fairer, kinder and more inclusive world.

Over the past 40 years, you have been leaders in diversity and inclusion training in Tasmania, reaching thousands of Tasmanians. You have run programs in schools and workplaces with the Hobart Human Library, and through public presentations, diversity and inclusion training and unconscious bias workshops, as well as programs run by Students Against Racism.¹

As your Patron, I have been pleased to support your work. I have attended the Cosgrove High School Grade 7 Action Day and hosted the Hobart Human Library Inclusion Forum here.

It is important that everyone feels welcome and safe in our community. May I commend A Fairer World for your efforts to drive positive change and build a future where everyone belongs.

¹ Information provided by Samantha Stayner to SMCA, 22 May 2026

May I acknowledge everyone who has helped your organisation grow, from your early years as the Tasmanian Centre for Global Learning, until today. May I acknowledge the volunteer 'human books' who are central to everything you do and thank them for sharing their stories.²

I also acknowledge your hard working and dedicated staff. May I also extend a special welcome to your incoming CEO, Vani Welling, who is joining us today.

Congratulations on this 40th anniversary, and I wish A Fairer World all the best for the next 40 years.

Now, please enjoy your morning tea. Thank you.

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