

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2022 INVESTITURE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, 10:00 AM FRIDAY 6 MAY 2022**

[VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED BY AABT – MINSTRELS' GALLERY]

PLEASE BE SEATED

It is with great pleasure that my husband and I welcome you to this Australia Day investiture ceremony at Government House.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community. I recognise a history of truth, which acknowledges the impacts of colonisation upon our First People. I stand for a future that respects and acknowledges Aboriginal stories, culture, language and history.

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

The Order of Australia helps to define, encourage and reinforce national aspirations, ideals and standards by identifying role models.

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.

Australian honours are unique in that they were designed for nominations made by the community. Our Australian honours system is free of patronage or political influence. Anyone can nominate an Australian citizen for an honour.

There are some 58 awardsⁱ in the Australian Honours System – of which the best known are the awards in the Order of Australia, which will be conferred today.

Our ceremony today is restricted in numbers of guests attending, due to ongoing COVID safety measures. However, this in no way diminishes the importance and significance of this ceremony.

In the text in your Investiture booklets on each of today's recipients, you will see they work in areas that are of great community assistance, highly inspirational, and often challenging and complex.

You have detailed information about their wonderful contributions; however, I would like to say a few words about each of them.

Professor John Church has been a "titan" in the field of oceanography and climate science for more than 50 years, having written more than 180 papers and books on the subject. He has undertaken ground-breaking research into the Earth's rising sea levels caused by climate change. His research has taken him aboard ships around Australia, including two trips to Antarctica. Professor Church is the author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change AR5 Synthesis Report 2014. He is an advocate for much more drastic measures to cut carbon emissions. He has received numerous awards and recognition. (*The Mercury* 26 January 2022, page 5.)

Dr Lindy Hume has made significant contributions to the performing arts, particularly to opera. She has been the Artistic Director for Opera Queensland, Perth International Arts Festival, Victoria State Opera and West Australian Opera. She has had numerous international, Australian and New Zealand productions. She has been involved in professional Arts administration and has received many awards and recognition for her service in the performing arts. She is currently the Artistic Director for our Ten Days on the Island.

Colonel David Hughes' outstanding leadership and service to the Australian Army has been recognised with the award of the Conspicuous Service Cross. He has been deployed to Pakistan, has delivered junior officer training, has planned 2nd Division operations and major exercises, and has participated in our ADF response to bushfires, floods and COVID-19. He has held the post of Commander Joint Task Group (Tasmania) Operation COVID-19 Assist. He has also been an honorary Aide-de Camp, and a full-time Aide-de-Camp at Government House. He has been the Deputy Official Secretary since 2019. At Government House, we are all very proud of Colonel Hughes' outstanding service to the Army.

Dr Deborah Beswick has dedicated more than 40 years to educating Tasmanian teenagers. She has taught at Elizabeth College, Cosgrove High School and Glenora District High School. She was head of Elizabeth College's science and computing department from 1990 to 2020 and also taught mathematics. Dr Beswick was on the Teacher's Registration Board for 7 years and helped coordinate the Tasmanian National Science Week between 2001 and 2020. She has received numerous awards and recognition in her service to education.

Mr Clive Tilsley has been a director of Fullers Bookshop since 1982 and is a supporter of the Tasmanian Branch, Children’s Book Council of Australia. He helped publish many books. He supported a number of historical Tasmanian titles, with a particular bent towards local authors. He brought attention to a series of books published by Fullers and authored by Tasmanian Aboriginal elder, Patsy Cameron AO. He is a well-known advocate for reading, authors and literature around Tasmania. (*The Examiner*, 26 January 2022.)

I warmly congratulate you all.

And so, it is now my privilege to invest with insignia these worthy Tasmanians.
Official Secretary ...

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