

TASMANIAN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2022
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
CROWNE PLAZA HOBART, FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021

Good afternoon. I am delighted to be co-hosting with the Premier the Tasmanian Australian of the Year Awards for 2022, in my first year as Governor.

I pay 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.

May I acknowledge among us:

>The Honourable Elise Archer MP, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Corrections, Environment & Parks, and the Arts;

>Ella Haddad MP;

>Rosalie Woodruff MP;

>Deputy Lord Mayor Hobart Helen Burnet;

>Council Mayors and Deputy Mayors from across Tasmania;

>Aunty Brenda Hodge;

>Grace Tame, 2021 Tasmanian Australian of the Year and 2021 Australian of the Year;

> and Ryk Goddard, our MC today.

Importantly, may I acknowledge and congratulate our sixteen marvellous finalists.

Ladies and gentlemen, I shall be brief, because a wonderful afternoon awaits us.

I would like to say that past, present and indeed, future Tasmanian Australians chosen in one of the four categories are, individually and collectively, inspirational role models. They all exemplify what can be done in many different ways to enrich and contribute to our community.

Their contributions also inspire a sense of national pride in what is best in us.

In my role as your Governor, I meet many Tasmanians and I can say confidently that our finalists here this afternoon all represent what is best in our island State. To each of you I say: your nomination is an achievement of which you can be very proud.

Congratulations to you all.

Thank you.