

IMPACT 100 TASMANIA
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GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
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Good evening and welcome to Government House for this reception to acknowledge supporters of Impact 100 Tasmania.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land— the Mouheneener people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community, who have survived invasion and dispossession, and continue to maintain their identity, culture and Indigenous rights.

May I acknowledge among you:

- Charles Badenach, Chair and Alex Johnston, founding Committee members of Impact 100 in Tasmania;
- Your fellow Committee members;
- and the growing band of donors and volunteers.

Before commenting on the work of Impact 100, I'd like to make a pleasant observation that links Government House to this particular group – and it is that Alex's sister Shona Prior is one of our wonderful Honorary Aides-de-Camp.

Not only that but Shona is the second-longest serving Honorary ADC, having first taken up the role back in 2006. She and her colleagues do great work in professionally assisting the various roles of Tasmanian Governors, as we go about our 600-plus events and engagements each year.

And many of those engagements – whether here or across Tasmania – relate in one way or another to charities, or to organisations benefiting from the work of charities. I suppose it has to be said that it's depressing to know that so many of our fellow Tasmanians rely on the work of charities and how many needy Tasmanians there are.

It's most encouraging to know that groups like yours are prepared to enter what is a pretty crowded charitable-status sector.

Dick and I interact a lot with charities because Governors traditionally are patrons of many long-established charities. I say long-established because that's a criterion to which patronage is generally linked. And so we see first-hand the value of, for example, Foodbank Tasmania working effectively with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to improve youth oral hygiene in rural communities.

Which brings me now to Impact 100 Tasmania, as a new entity. I understand that your modus operandi is an annual membership subscription of \$1000, which goes directly to a charity, bypassing administrative and other costs. It's such a smart idea that one wonders why it's a relatively new global initiative.

So well done for making the decision to establish the group here in Tasmania. Last year, Family Planning Tasmania was voted as your inaugural Grant Winner. I look forward to seeing which Tasmanian charity will benefit so well financially this year.

And of course you are keen to grow your membership. Believe me, Dick and I will spread the word whenever we think that feasible, not least because we know the positive impact of – I use the word deliberately – charitable assistance on the lives of struggling Tasmanians.

I'll conclude by quoting this irresistible little statement on your website:

“We always knew that Impact 100 Donors were generous - turns out they're TRENDY, too! Collective giving has been identified as one of the biggest trends in philanthropy.”ⁱ

So, you bunch of trendy givers, do enjoy the reception and perhaps we'll see you again at a reception here next year.

Thank you.

ⁱ <http://www.impact100tasmania.org/about>, accessed 20 June 2018.