

**LANDCARE TASMANIA AWARDS AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024**

[VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED]

Good evening and a very warm welcome to this reception to present 2023 and 2024 Landcare Awards, and to mark the 30th anniversary of Landcare Tasmania.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea, and waters.

Landcare Tasmania plays a key role in promoting environmental conservation and sustainable land management and helping repair and restore our natural environment.

So, it is both a pleasure and an honour for us to host you this evening and to present awards to recipients in eight categories.

Tonight's event is a significant milestone and celebration of 30 years of land care by volunteers, groups, landholders, farmers, and First Nations people in Tasmania. To your dedicated Landcare Tasmania staff and volunteers, my congratulations on your work for Landcare and for the Landcare awards.

The objective of these awards is to recognise individuals, groups and organisations that are making outstanding contributions to caring for the environment in their local communities, for the benefit of us all, and for generations to come. The Landcare Awards recognise achievements that encompass climate action, environmental leadership, sustainable agriculture, First Nations, youth, Coastcare and children.

As you will hear shortly, Landcare Awards recognise Australians who actively engage in climate action and work to create healthier, more resilient and productive landscapes and communities.

Nominees from these 2024 Tasmanian Landcare Awards go forward as finalists for the National Landcare Awards in 2025.

My congratulations to all our recipients this evening. Your dedication, commitment, and contributions to the preservation of our natural environment are a shining example of how individuals and organisations can make a difference.

Thank you.

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