

**MENTOR WALKS HOBART RECEPTION**  
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Good evening, everyone, and a very warm welcome to Government House.

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.

It is wonderful to be able to acknowledge your Mentor Walks program here and your important role as mentors in supporting women in their careers. Your commitment and support make significant differences to many women at various stages of their careers.

Your Walks program provides a supportive space for women to seek advice, discuss career options and generally build confidence and motivation.

I thoroughly enjoyed my walk with you, so I can say that a less formal environment helps conversation to flow and relationships to develop.

Your experience and guidance is invaluable for those starting and navigating their early careers and can help build their confidence. Also, sharing your own experiences can provide practical insights and realistic perspectives.

As well, I am sure that mentoring gives you a sense of fulfilment. Mentoring can also sharpen your leadership skills, giving you an opportunity to become a better communicator and motivator.

In closing, may I express my appreciation to all of you for your time and commitment to support other women across a broad range of careers.

Thank you, I look forward to chatting with you all. Please now, enjoy the reception.