

**2024 QUEEN'S SCOUT AND QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARDS
SPEECH BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 17 MAY 2024**

[VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED]

Please be seated.

Good afternoon. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for the presentation of the 2024 Queen's Scout and Queen's Guide Awards.

I acknowledge 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.

As the Chief Scout in Tasmania, and as Patron of Girl Guides Tasmania, I am honoured to be officiating today at this ceremony.

These Queen's Scout and Queen's Guide Awards are important awards. The work needed to fulfill the requirements for the Awards is substantial. It is fitting that each year a group of Scouts and Guides are recognised here at Government House with the highest awards available to a Venturer or Guide.

To achieve the prestigious Queen's Scout award today, a Venturer Scout must be able to set personal goals, and to plan and organise activities for themselves and others. They are required to maintain a high level of determination to reach milestones and to complete attainment to the very best of their abilities.

This Award was founded in 1911 under the patronage of King Edward VII as the King's Scout Badge. It continued under Queen Elizabeth II as the Queen's Scout Award from 1952.¹

The Queen's Guide Award is similarly an opportunity for substantial personal development.

The stringent requirements for this Award are recognised by the education system in Tasmania, and by four other States and territories.

The Queen's Guide Award incorporates the Gold Endeavour Award and extends in service and leadership challenges across six key skill areas: creative thinking, communication, character, collaboration, community and commitment to learning.²

Your commitment, as young Scouts and Guides, to your respective "Promise and Law" principles are a demonstration of your commitment and drive.³

So, well done to each of you on your awards, which recognise your personal effort. May I also thank all the leaders who helped you with your respective personal journeys. Finally, may I recognise all the family and friends who supported and continue to support you.

David ...

[OS invites Linda Durran, State Commissioner Girl Guides Tasmania, to the lectern.]

¹ <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/activity-teams/heritage/kings-and-queens-scout-honour-roll/?src=redirect> accessed 10 May 24

² <https://www.girlguides.org.au/resources/queens-guide-award/> accessed 10 May 24

³ [Promise and Law | Scouts Australia; Girl Guide Promise and Law - Girl Guides Australia](#), accessed 10 May 2024