

**INTERWEAVE ARTS ASSOCIATION INC
RECEPTION TO MARK THE
2024 REMADE SUSTAINABLE WEARABLE ART GALA
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024**

Good evening, everyone, and a warm welcome to Government House for this reception to mark the 2024 Remade Sustainable Wearable Art Gala.

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.

We shall have a taster of the wearable art paraded in just a few minutes. However, before the parade I would like to say a few words about the Remade Gala and Interweave Arts.

The Remade Gala is an annual fashion show that promotes environmental sustainability and challenges preconceived notions of fashion and fashion cycles. The Gala challenges Tasmanian artists, school groups and community groups to design wearable artworks from recycled materials. Since 2019, Interweave Arts has been involved with lead-in workshops. This is a wonderful idea as I know I would have difficulty imagining a remade wearable art piece. Although, I expect that may change as we view the fashion show! Interweave Arts also has partnerships with the community to hold accessible performances that highlight inclusiveness and participation.

I am especially pleased to host this reception, as Government House values and promotes sustainability and reuse. We use produce from our garden in most of the food that we serve, the wines tonight come from our vineyard, and we continue to explore different ways to open Government House and the gardens to greater numbers of people from our Tasmanian community.

Even the plinths that you see here and there are usually where we place flowers. But for tonight, they are being used to position lights for the fashion show. These plinths were originally crates used as packing for items sent from England to Government House.

Fashion has always been focused on the current season's wear; and linked to the prevailing or latest styles. However, it is great that we now have remade options to move away from 'fast fashion' to more sustainable garments that use recycled or remade items for a new life.

We have two primary works to be modelled that have been created especially for tonight. The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery and Interweave Arts will present 'A Diva Gown: Drop-Dead Gorgeous', modelled by Enya Arsenal. And 'Mesmerising Wearable Moving Projections' by Artists Jude Walsh and Brian Abraham is made of up-cycled materials and will function as a projections screen.

So, my congratulations to you all on organising and participating in this 2024 Remade Wearable Art Gala. Please now, enjoy this reception as we are treated to our parade of recycled and remade fashions.

Thank you.