

**BOWLS AUSTRALIA**  
**BATTLE OF THE CODES LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT**  
**REMARKS BY**  
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**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024**

Good afternoon, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to our Government House Bowling Green for this highly competitive event – the Battle of the Codes Lawn Bowls Tournament.

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 deep connection to land, sea, and waters.

I am pleased to host this very special competition between Tasmania's premier sporting codes. We have representatives from our Hobart Hurricanes, Tasmania JackJumpers, Tassie Tigers, Van Demons, Netball Tasmania, and our upcoming Tasmania Devils AFL team. Together, all your diverse teams exemplify our rich Tasmanian sporting culture. I have no hesitation in saying that, as a State, we punch well above our weight!

As some of you may know, our bowling green and three tennis courts are open for public use throughout the season. This is another aspect of our ongoing commitment to open Government House and its grounds to more people. We also hope to encourage greater community participation in sports.

We are fortunate to have with us our Tasmania Tridents. They are our State's elite lawn bowls team, and they will be on hand to provide guidance and perhaps a few handy tips to our sporting stars. They will undoubtedly add an extra layer of expertise to our games today.

I hope you enjoy today's tournament. You can see if your own skills help you as you try out lawn bowls, you can mingle with athletes from other codes, and

please enjoy our Government House hospitality. I not only hope to see plenty of fun but also plenty of healthy rivalry on display throughout the afternoon!

It is now my very great pleasure to declare this Battle of the Codes Lawn Bowls Tournament open.

May the best team win!