

**FLINDERS ISLAND SHOW SOCIETY INC  
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FLINDERS ISLAND ANNUAL SHOW  
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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
FLINDERS ISLAND SHOWGROUND, WHITEMARK  
FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2024**

Good morning, everyone, and thank you for inviting me to attend and officially open your 2024 Flinders Island Show. I am very much looking forward to meeting exhibitors and show-goers, looking at your exhibits, and enjoying your wonderful hospitality.

I begin by acknowledging the Palawa people of the Trawlwulwuy Nation upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their deep connection to land, sea, sky and waters.

Agricultural Shows are held throughout Tasmania and are often a significant focus of civic pride and camaraderie, although during my visit I have noticed here, there is some healthy rivalry between Whitemark and Lady Barron. It is pleasing that this Flinders Island Show continues to flourish here, as, disappointingly, other shows around Tasmania have ceased due to financial pressures.

This year, the Show presents the traditional format of competitions for livestock, produce, and crafts and offers entertainment and many activities for all. Everything from face painting to chainsaw sculpture to music and displays, fills the day.

With the aquatic theme of the 'Surf's Up', there will be many photo opportunities for swimming, paddle boards or windsurfing activities. The Tip Shop fashion parade will, I am sure, be an opportunity for you to show

off your favourite Tip Shop fashion, perhaps your retro clothing or your flared pants. There will be a Surf's Up 'best outfit' award!

We have already enjoyed the dog show events. We have two Border Collie rescue dogs, so we are therefore always keen to see dogs at the shows we attend.

I hope that you all enjoy today together and look at the exhibits, support the fashion parade, have a ride and don't forget a show bag. Your being here demonstrates your support for the all the businesses and organisations represented here today.

May I also thank all of the exhibitors, and the volunteers who are the backbone of this community event. Thank you also to the organising committee who have made this Show the thriving hub of activity, fun and entertainment we see today.

I am honoured and delighted to declare the 2024 Flinders Island Show open officially.