

**ABC HOBART GIVING TREE APPEAL LAUNCH 2024**  
**REMARKS BY**  
**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC**  
**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
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Good afternoon, everyone. I thank you for inviting me to be part of this 2024 ABC Giving Tree Appeal. I am delighted to be part of this initiative which started with a humble tree in the ABC foyer in 1988 and has grown to become our State's largest Christmas Charity Appeal.

May I acknowledge the Muwinina people upon whose land 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, sky, and waters.

As Governor, I travel around our beautiful State, visiting our local communities. I constantly see how they look after each other. In the same way, Tasmanians have supported this wonderful charity for 36 years.

This year, support and generosity is crucial. Many are facing challenges with costs of living. Many must make a choice between food on the table, paying bills, and Christmas presents.

This is where our ABC Giving Tree Appeal steps in. Working with fourteen charity partners across Tasmania, including Anglicare, the Hobart City Mission, the Salvation Army, and Tassie Mums, this Appeal ensures that more families can celebrate the festive season.

This Appeal is special because every dollar raised stays here in Tasmania. This Appeal is important to me as it supports several charities of which I am Patron. I constantly observe the amazing work of our charities and their dedicated volunteers. They make Tasmania a better place for everyone.

I know this Appeal takes a great deal of time, organisation, and effort. I thank everyone involved in helping to make this Appeal a success.

So today, as we launch this year's ABC Giving Tree Appeal, I encourage everyone to consider making a donation. I wish this year's ABC Giving Tree Appeal every success.

Thank you.