

TASMANIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS INC
MORNING TEA TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPPORTERS OF THE
50TH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ATHLETICS
TRACK AND FIELD CARNIVAL 2024
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2024

Good morning, everyone, and a warm welcome to Government House to celebrate the successful completion of the historic 50th Australian Masters Athletics Track and Field Carnival held earlier this year.

I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people 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.

It is my great pleasure to acknowledge your successful Carnival in its 50th milestone year and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of those volunteers and officials who supported its hosting.

This was the first time Tasmania had hosted this event in a decade. It attracted 678 entrants from around Australia and around the world.¹

May I acknowledge those who worked behind the scenes to make this carnival possible. First, the efforts of members of the local organising committee ensured that the Carnival ran seamlessly, not only as a competition but as a celebration of athletic camaraderie. Thank you for your dedication and leadership, and countless hours and effort.

Thank you to your volunteers for their generous contribution of time, energy, and enthusiasm. They assisted with registrations, guiding participants, handling logistics, and cheering everyone on. A successful carnival could not have been possible without their unwavering support and hours of work.

¹ Email from Paul Taranto to David Hughes dated 30 September 2024.

Thank you also to the officials who managed the events with professionalism and expertise and ensured each event ran smoothly and to the highest standards. We are grateful for your dedicated time and energy to this event.

Your Carnival will be fondly remembered by all participants and spectators. I am sure they all had fun while keeping fit or making new friends.

Well done to everyone. And now, please enjoy the morning tea.

Thank you.