

**MORNING TEA TO MARK THE
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIONS CLUB OF CLARENCE
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025**

Good morning, everyone, and a very warm welcome to Government House to mark a significant milestone of 60 years of the Lions Club of Clarence.

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.

This Lions Club has been at the heart of the Clarence community for six decades. Established in 1964, your Club has continued to demonstrate dedicated community spirit.

Over the decades, you have raised an impressive 3 million dollars to support a broad range of causes. Last year, your club raised \$92,000 through the hard work and generosity of your 24 members. With an average age of 75 years and more than half of your members having served for over 25 years, you prove that age is no barrier to making a difference.¹

You support local education through student scholarships for grade 10 students. Your breakfast club program for local high schools ensures that no child starts their day hungry.²

In times of crisis, your Lions Club of Clarence has consistently stepped forward, responding to bushfires in Tasmania, Victoria, and South Australia and providing relief during floods in Queensland and New South Wales. You have supported international disaster appeals, from the Asian tsunami to the Vanuatu cyclone and Nepalese earthquake.

¹ Correspondence Rod Wright / Paula Chatwood 11 February 2025

² Correspondence Rod Wright / Paula Chatwood 6 February 2025

You work with Foodbank Tasmania, Print Radio Tasmania, the Risdon Vale Fire Brigade, and the Clifton Surf Life Saving Club.³ Your support for these organisations and others has helped build a more resilient community.

So, as we mark this 60th anniversary, we celebrate your years of service, the many lives you have touched, and your enduring spirit of volunteerism. To all the members, past and present, who have contributed to this legacy of service, may I extend our community's gratitude. Congratulations on 60 years of community service. May this Lions Club of Clarence continue to roar for many years to come.

Thank you.

³ Ibid.