



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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Message from
Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC
Governor of New South Wales

As Patron of the Order of Australia Association, New South Wales, I add my welcome and congratulations to all the new recipients at today's New Recipients Lunch. It was my great honour to invest you in the 112 ceremonies we conducted at Government House over the last three years, and I would have like to have met you again today if circumstances had allowed. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to connect on other occasions in the future.

I thank each of you for the contributions you have made and continue to make to our community and for the example of service you model, supported by the family and friends that are with you today.

It has been a tumultuous few years. In June, as things seemed to be returning to some normality, we celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of service, in the Queen's Birthday Parade at Government House. I recounted Her Majesty's words spoken only weeks before, that in the year of Her Platinum Jubilee she was pleased to renew the promise she had made in 1947, that her life would always be devoted to service. Just a few months later our celebration turned to mourning.

In King Charles' first address as Monarch, he said he planned to continue his mother's legacy with a "promise of lifelong service".

Last week, I wrote to the King to convey my warm regards on the occasion of his birthday, which is today, the 14th of November. I thanked him for his concern and the messages of support he sent this year to the people of our State impacted by flooding and extreme weather events.

Today as we consider service, and on the King's Birthday, we join in the Loyal Toast:

Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand (*wait for all to stand*). **The King.**

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