



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
VICTORIA

**Guidelines for Patronage Organisations of
Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC,
Governor of Victoria
and
Mr Anthony Howard AM QC**

The Governor and Mr Howard are patrons to more than 160 community groups in Victoria, supporting and promoting organisations involved in voluntary service, industry, education, the arts, sport and caring for those in need.

These guidelines will assist organisations to understand what is required after Vice-Regal patronage is granted.

Invitations

Patronage organisations are encouraged to invite the Governor and/or Mr Howard to suitable events and activities associated with their work.

When considering invitations to the Governor and Mr Howard, please note that:

- as a general rule they do not attend annual general meetings
- they cannot be linked with particular fundraising or political activities
- due to the number of invitations received, they cannot accept every invitation or request

Invitations to the Governor and/or Mr Howard should be:

- in writing
- signed by the most senior member of the organisation
- addressed to the Official Secretary.

Further details about invitations and requests for the Governor and Mr Howard can be found at www.governor.vic.gov.au

Information required

Patronage organisations of the Governor and Mr Howard are asked to keep the Office of the Governor updated with the following information:

- any changes in principal office bearers
- new contact details
- each year's Annual Report and financial statement
- any material change in the organisation's circumstances that may impact the Vice-Regal patronage.

Such details can be emailed to info@govhouse.vic.gov.au



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Correspondence

Correspondence to the Governor or Mr Howard should be from either the Chairperson or President.

Protocols

The patronage of the Governor and/or Mr Howard should be indicated on official documents such as letterhead and be approved by the Office of the Governor.

The patronage should be indicated as follows:

Governor's Patronage

Patron (or Patron-in-Chief):
The Honourable Linda Dessau AC
Governor of Victoria

Joint Patronage

Patrons (or Patrons-in-Chief)
The Honourable Linda Dessau AC
Governor of Victoria,
and Mr Anthony Howard AM QC

Mr Howard's Patronage

Patron (or Patron-in-Chief)
Mr Anthony Howard AM QC

Terms of Patronage

Vice-Regal patronage does not indicate endorsement of specific initiatives undertaken by an organisation, and does not influence an organisation's application for Victorian Government funding.

Patronage is granted for the Governor's tenure, and can be withdrawn by the Office of the Governor at any time.

Organisations will need to make a new application for patronage with the next Governor who takes office.