SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA

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OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR

The judges of the Supreme Court of Tasmania have agreed at a recent judges' meeting that there be some changes made to the format of the celebrations to mark the Opening of the Legal Year from 2027 onwards. The following changes were resolved:

10:00 am:	Ecumenical service at St David's Cathedral
11:30 am:	Ceremonial Sitting of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, and then a reception, "Judges' Breakfast", at the Supreme Court of Tasmania
Evening:	Law Society of Tasmania Dinner

There will no longer be a procession headed by judges of the Supreme Court to the ecumenical service, and the attendance of judges at that service will be voluntary.

The Ceremonial Sitting will host invited judicial officers to sit with the Court, including the Chief Magistrate and the President of the TASCAT, to better reflect the breadth of the Tasmanian legal community.

The traditional "Judges' Breakfast" will follow the completion of the Ceremonial Sitting.

Further information regarding scheduled events for the Opening of the Legal Year celebrations will be circulated in due course.



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