



Government Media Statement

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Heather Butler MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

Barnardos' Tasmanian Mother of the Year

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Heather Butler today congratulated Bernadette Black who has been judged Tasmanian Mother of the Year in the 2009 Barnardos Australia's Mother of the Year Awards.

Ms Black from Blackmans Bay will now join seven other State and Territory finalists at the national awards in Sydney on May 7.

"Bernadette is an inspiration to all mothers and is a worthy recipient of this award," Ms Butler said.

Ms Butler said the awards seek to recognise Australian mothers and the role they play in nurturing and caring for children in our community.

Ms Black, who has three teenage children, is a regular speaker at schools and community events providing advice and support on teenage and unexpected pregnancy.

"These awards are a wonderful way of providing some well deserved recognition to just some of the millions of unsung heroes that are the mums of Australia."

"The awards play an important role in recognising and promoting parenting and we wish Bernadette the best at the national awards," Ms Butler said.