



ROTARY DISTRICT 9830 (TASMANIA)
MORNING TEA FOR STUDENTS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE 2027 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE CAROLINE WELLS
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026

Good morning, everyone. I am delighted to welcome you all here to Government House as we celebrate the success of students who have been selected to participate in the 2027 National Youth Science Forum.

Before we begin, I'd like to acknowledge the Palawa people as the First Peoples of lutruwita/Tasmania and the Traditional Custodians of the land we're gathered on today.

For countless generations, they have cared for this island, its landscapes, its waterways and its communities, and I'm grateful to be able to live, work and play here.

I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and to any Aboriginal people with us today. Your continuing contribution to the cultural, social and spiritual life of our State is deeply valued.

I understand that eight students from across Tasmania have been selected to take part in the 2027 program, and it's wonderful to see that most of you are here with us this morning. Congratulations to each of you on this fantastic achievement. It's also terrific to see students represented from right across the State, from schools in both the north and the south.

Rotary was a founding partner of the forum and has provided significant support, especially in the form of grants to participating students to assist with the cost of their attendance.

Today, Rotary clubs throughout Australia continue to help young people to access programs.¹ Representatives of Rotary Tasmania District 9830 are here today, and I think it is important to acknowledge your support in making this Forum such a success. Your support will help our Tasmanian students join 490 others from around Australia to whom offers were made.

I would also like to thank returning alumni, teachers, and of course families who have all given so much to provide students with the background and excitement about STEM that has led to their selection.

To our students, I encourage you to make the most of the wonderful opportunities ahead. You'll have the chance to tour science and technology facilities, discover what researchers are working on right now, and learn more about university and STEM career pathways. Most importantly, you'll have fun, try new things, and meet some great new people along the way. Make the most of every opportunity and enjoy the experience!

Thank you, and I look forward to speaking with you as we enjoy morning tea.

¹ <https://nysf.edu.au/who-we-are/> accessed 22 Sep 26