

THE GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2022
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Good morning and welcome to the presentation of the Governor's Environment Scholarships for 2022.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community. I recognise a history of truth, which acknowledges the impacts of colonisation upon our First People. I stand for a future that respects and acknowledges Aboriginal stories, culture, language and history.

The Governor's Scholarships were first awarded over twenty years ago to encourage graduates to pursue studies in environmental management. They are the outcome of a continuing collaboration between industry, our State Government and the University of Tasmania.

I acknowledge the ongoing contributions of partners, Bell Bay Aluminium, Hydro Tasmania, Norske Skog and Nyrstar. I thank them for their conscientious corporate support.

The continuing Covid pandemic, severe weather events, floods and global climate warming have sharpened the entire world's focus on the care and conservation of our environment. This makes your scholarship projects valuable steps in our global conservation journey.

Collaboration between our University and industry on these environmental research projects demonstrates a commitment to our global conservation journey.

These environment scholarships bear the Governor's title, although the Governor has no role in selecting the scholarship recipients each year. The awards were inaugurated in 1999 and I am delighted to know that the scholarships continue as a first-class example of the close relationship between our University and Tasmanian industry. They represent 23 years of Tasmanian research projects into many areas of environmental concern. Today's recipients maintain the high standard of scholarship projects.

I am delighted to invite Terry Bailey, Executive Dean of the College of Science and Engineering at our University of Tasmania to conduct the presentations. Thank you.