

**2025 TASMANIAN STEM EXCELLENCE AWARDS**  
**REMARKS BY**  
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**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
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**VICE-REGAL SALUTE**

Good evening, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for the presentation of the 2025 Tasmanian science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) Excellence Awards.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky, and waters.

Tonight, we mark the 10th anniversary of these awards, which recognise individual excellence in STEM. Importantly, these awards recognise contributions made by people working in STEM fields to the development of Tasmania's industries and economy.<sup>1</sup>

As Governor, I am always delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Tasmanians. Tonight is an opportunity to share stories of these achievements and learn how our world-leading STEM professionals are making globally significant research discoveries, pioneering innovative solutions for industry and inspiring our next generation of scientists.

At Government House, we welcome visitors from around the world and during these visits, I like to highlight our State's impressive history of innovation and science research, including the many medical breakthroughs made by our Menzies Institute, and groundbreaking work undertaken by those working in fields such as Antarctic and climate science, marine and environmental research, quantum computing and renewable energy.

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<sup>1</sup> Information from awards organisers to OS/DOS/SMCA, 14 October 2025

Shortly, we shall present awards to some of our outstanding researchers, innovators, teachers and communicators. May I congratulate all tonight's finalists and thank you all for your important role in forging our State's future.

On behalf of all Tasmanians, may I commend everyone being recognised this evening.

Thank you. Official Secretary ...