

**UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA
PRESENTATION OF THE
GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2026
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026**

Good morning. I warmly welcome you here for the presentation of the 2026 Governor's Environment Scholarship.

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.

The Governor's Environment Scholarship is available to a student who is commencing an honours or masters research project in any area with demonstrated relevance to a Tasmanian environmental topic, with preference given to projects where the outcomes can be used by industry.¹ To that end, the scholarships are supported by industry partners Rio Tinto Bell Bay Aluminium, Hydro Tasmania and new partner Cement Australia.

This is the 27th year of the scholarship's operation, and over that time, 55 outstanding research topics have been supported.

This year's recipient is Zara Casimaty, who is studying for a Bachelor of Science with Honours in the discipline of Chemistry.

David ...

[OS calls Zara forward and reads citation.]

¹ https://www.utas.edu.au/study/scholarships-fees-and-costs/domestic-scholarships/a-z?code=SCH_GOV accessed 15 May 26