

**PRESENTATION OF  
THE GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENT SCHOLARSHIPS  
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Vice-Chancellor and other distinguished guests it is always a pleasure for me to host this event and to present the Governor's Environment Scholarships – although I have to confess that the title of these scholarships – the Governor's Environment Scholarships – may create a misleading impression, for the Governor is not really responsible for either creating them or for selecting the awardees. All that is down to collaboration between industry, and the University of Tasmania. This collaboration and the scholarships that are its outcome are designed to encourage students to undertake practical environment management training and research at honours and masters levels at the University of Tasmania. The applications for a scholarship are assessed on criteria that include the practical application of the project to the benefit of the Tasmanian environment.

At this point I would just like to say thank you to the industries that have put their hands in their corporate pockets to help in this way to achieve good environmental outcomes for this State. Some of you have been attacked at one time or another for allegedly despoiling the environment, and so it's high time that these positive contributions to the environment were recognised and acknowledged by the general community so thank you Aurora Energy, Cadbury Schweppes Pty Ltd, Hydro Tasmania, Norske-Skog, Nyrstar, and Rio Tinto Alcan. And those thanks are extended to include SEMF Pty Ltd, and the Local Government Association of Tasmania,

who have joined in the collaboration, together with of course, the University of Tasmania.

So it is always a real pleasure to meet the awardees of these scholarships. They are usually young, idealistic, and driven by a passion to improve our environment. To meet them and to listen to their plans is to recognise the truth of the statement that a country's best asset is its youth.

This year three of those young people will receive an environmental scholarship. Two of them come from the Australian Maritime College – Dylan Belworthy-Hamilton and Ian Jermyn. I had the privilege of visiting the College last year and meeting a number of the dedicated staff there – although despite their best efforts I didn't do very well in the simulator steering a large ship into Newcastle harbour! And the other awardee this year is from the School of Geography and Environmental Studies at Utas, Christian Mackay.

I congratulate each of them and ask the Vice-Chancellor, if he will be kind enough to present the 2012 Governor's Environmental Scholars?