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Hobart student takes out TasWater Steve Balcombe Scholarship

This year's Steve Balcombe Scholarship recipient is Hobart student Jes Lewincamp.

Jes completed year 12 at Hobart College in 2019 and is now enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Tasmania.

The scholarship is offered by TasWater to support a student studying in an area relevant to the water industry such as engineering, environmental science and earth science.

It honours the inaugural Chairman of Hobart Water, Steve Balcombe who had a notable career in both the public and private sectors in Tasmania before his premature death in 2001.

This year there were 49 applicants.

TasWater will provide Jes \$6,000 for each year of his university course along with professional and mentoring support through work placements and upon graduation will have the opportunity to take up a graduate position at TasWater.

Congratulating Jes, TasWater CEO Michael Brewster said TasWater is proud to continue to offer the scholarship which provides a pathway for young people to enter the water industry.

"It provides hands on experience, enabling recipients to be part of projects with real outcomes benefiting their community."

"The scholarship also helps shape the workforce of tomorrow, ensuring Tasmanians have the skills to provide their community with essential services in an environmentally sustainable way."

In accepting the scholarship, Jes said he was grateful and honoured to have been presented with the scholarship and the exciting possibilities that come with it.

"As someone who is still unsure where their degree may take them, the opportunities TasWater has offered, such as the summer work placement and graduate program, are invaluable," Jes said.

"They will provide me with insight into the application of engineering in a real-world setting and will help guide me toward my goals and passions in the future. The scholarship will also help ease the financial burdens associated with university, allowing me to dedicate myself fully to study."

The Steve Balcombe Scholarship is now in its twenty-first year.

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