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TasWater helping to educate and inspire over the summer holidays

This year TasWater has ramped up its summer internship program throughout the organisation.

In Hobart and Launceston, university students are spending time in TasWater offices and in projects out in the field undertaking internships ranging from engineering, human resources (HR) and environmental science.

“The annual summer internship program commenced in early December with an expanded focus outside of the usual environmental science and engineering disciplines,” TasWater Organisation Planning and Performance Manager Melissa Flynn said.

“This year, TasWater has also increased the campaign’s reach to encompass several interstate universities.”

The 12-week paid internship program allows university students in their penultimate or final year of study to gain work experience and a valuable insight into our industry.

“All areas of TasWater, including the Capital Delivery Office (CDO), were approached for expressions of interest in gaining an intern over the summer period and the response was significantly higher than previous years,” Melissa said.

“In total the 2019 to 2020 summer internship program consists of 13 interns spread across a range of disciplines.”

“Additionally, three of our Steve Balcombe Scholarship winners have returned for summer placements.”

The Steve Balcombe 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.

“This program also forms an integral part of our strategy to build capability for the workforce of the future where we aim to attract and retain new talent at the beginning of the employee life cycle,” Melissa said.

TasWater’s inaugural graduate intake will be held in September this year, which will provide a structured program for 24 months to a number of successful applicants. It is hoped those involved in the summer internship program will apply.

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