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## Local Student Wins Rotary Science Award

Star of the Sea Catholic College year 10 student Emily Denny is a joint winner of the Jenny Sewell Memorial Award for 2014. She will be presented with her prize by UTAS representatives at a Star of the Sea Catholic College, **George Town on Thursday 20 March**.

Emily attended the UTAS Science Experience at the Newnham campus during January. The Science Experience is a three-day program which allows keen grade 9 and 10 students from schools around the State to get a taste of different areas of scientific study.

Students from schools around Tasmania teamed up with UTAS researchers to take part in hands-on science workshops, ran lab experiments and tour research centres.

The Award is provided by Rotary to acknowledge the long term involvement of Rotarian Jenny Sewell, who was an integral part of the Science Experience in Northern Tasmania for many years. The Jenny Sewell Memorial Award includes a \$400 prize for the most outstanding student report on their participation in the Experience.

"We received many fantastic reports from participants, it was difficult to choose a winner. Emily and Lachlan's reports were both outstanding, which is why we have chosen to give out two awards this year," UTAS program co-ordinator Adele Wilson said.

The other joint winner is Lachlan Dick of Yolla District High School.

The annual Science Experience program is supported by the Science Schools Foundation, the Australian Science Teachers Association, Rotary, ConocoPhillips Australia and universities around the country. In addition, some students are sponsored to attend by their local MP.

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