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Scholarship support continued

Tasmanian communities and industry will be enhanced by Southern Water's continuing support of the Steve Balcombe Scholarship, acting Southern Water CEO Russell Fox said today.

Mr Fox called on students commencing full-time study in an area relevant to Southern Water's core activities – engineering, environmental, science or earth science – to apply to be the tenth recipient of the scholarship, previously offered by Hobart Water.

“I encourage talented Tasmanians considering a degree in a water-industry related discipline at the University of Tasmania to apply for the Southern Water Steve Balcombe Scholarship,” said Mr Fox.

“This is the tenth year the Steve Balcombe scholarship has been awarded to a University of Tasmania student.

“The past recipients of the scholarship have made valuable contributions in their chosen fields. We hope the successful applicant this year will continue in this tradition, strengthening our communities through their studies and future career.

“Long-term, the capacity of the water industry will be enriched through continued investment in these fields.”

Professor Daryl Le Grew, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, said the generous scholarship was an exciting opportunity for students.

“The Steve Balcombe Scholarship offers the recipient practical experience as well as financial support- experience undertaken while completing their degree is often invaluable to students when they enter the workforce,” said Professor Le Grew.

The Southern Water Steve Balcombe Scholarship, previously offered by Hobart Water, is in honour of the inaugural Hobart Water chairman Steve Balcombe. Mr Balcombe was an engineering graduate of the University of Tasmania and had a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors in Tasmania before his premature death in March 2001.

The Southern Water Steve Balcombe Scholarship provides \$3,000 per year for up to four years to the successful applicant. Applications for the scholarship are invited until 31 October 2009.

For more information about the 2010 University of Tasmania Scholarships Program or to apply visit the University website, www.utas.edu.au

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