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Dobell memory lives on with scholarship presentation to Indigenous engineering students

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Tomorrow in Sydney, the Honourable Bob Hawke AC will present three Indigenous students with the Jeff Dobell Memorial Scholarship for their university studies.

Engineering Aid Australia CEO Peter Berry explained the scholarships are offered to Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School 'alumni' who enter engineering courses at university.

"The scholarships were created in memory of EAA founder Jeff Dobell, who has inspired many Indigenous students to pursue further education.

"Jeff also inspired corporations to share the responsibility for supporting this education.

Each of the three students is to receive an award comprising a certificate and a cheque for \$3000 towards their studies," said Mr Berry.

The three students to receive scholarships this year are:

1. Edward Hyland from Maryborough State High School in Queensland. He is enrolled at the University of New South Wales to study Civil Engineering. Edward is the younger brother of the first scholarship recipient, Jacob Hyland, also studying Civil Engineering at UNSW.
2. Nathan Smith from Toormina High School in Coffs Harbour, NSW. Nathan is enrolled at the University of Technology Sydney to study Engineering.
3. Jesse Vinson from Singleton High School, NSW. Jesse is enrolled at the UNSW to study Engineering.

All three students attended the Summer School at the University of Newcastle in January 2009.

EAA Board members, Jim Mantle (Chairman), John McKillop (Secretary), Professor Mark Wainwright, Jeff McMullen, and Anne Vans-Colina will be present at the ceremony.

In addition, UNSW students and Indigenous mentors for the new students, Leon Oriti and Jacob Hyland will also be present.

Presentation ceremony details:

When: 11.40AM Tuesday 10 May 2011

Where: Parsons Brinckerhoff Board Room, Level 27, 680 George Street, Sydney.

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About Engineering Aid Australia

Engineering Aid Australia is not-for-profit organisation that provides engineers and related services to assist disadvantaged communities in Australia. The organisation's principal program on behalf of Indigenous young Australians is the annual Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School. IAESS is a week-long Summer School program aimed at showcasing engineering studies and careers to young Indigenous Australians. For more details see <http://www.engineeringaid.org/>