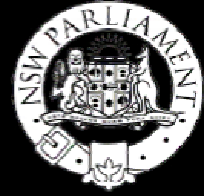


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## Member for Lake Macquarie



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#### **CALL TO NOMINATE LAKE MACQUARIE'S BEST SCIENTISTS**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, is encouraging the community to nominate local scientists and science teachers for the 2010 NSW Scientist of the Year award.

According to Mr Piper, the NSW Office for Science and Medical Research awards \$5,000 in prize money in six categories, as well as a \$55,000 overall NSW Scientist of the Year award. The \$85,000 in prize money will recognise and reward research that generates economic, health, environmental or technological benefits for the State.

NSW has a good reputation for science research and practice and these awards offer people a great chance to celebrate the achievements of our best local performers. There is also an award for a high school teacher demonstrating leadership in teaching science or mathematics. This year the nomination form has been simplified to make it easier to nominate our talented scientists and teachers.

"We need to encourage local students to take up careers in science and we know that teachers play a key role in student decisions to continue on a science path," Mr Piper said. "That's why it's so important for us to reward and encourage teachers to keep inspiring our kids."

"The NSW Scientist of the Year Awards are now in their third year, and offer one of the highest science award prize-pools in the country," Mr Piper added.

The six award categories for 2010 are:

- Environment, water and climate change sciences
- Physics, earth sciences, chemistry and astronomy
- Biomedical sciences
- Plant and animal sciences
- Engineering, mathematics and computer sciences
- Leadership in teaching secondary science and mathematics.

Nominations for the Awards close on 6 August 2010 and winners will be announced in September.

For further details on the 2010 Scientist of the Year Awards including entry requirements, visit: [www.osmr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.osmr.nsw.gov.au) <http://www.osmr.nsw.gov.au>