



GOING PLACES: Elle Morrison, Rotary Nowra's youth director, Fiona Kibble and president-elect Rob Russell.

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Young speaker shines

EDUCATION

ELLE Morrison was this year's National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) representative for Rotary Nowra.

At last week's dinner meeting Elle, a year 12 Nowra Anglican College student, was the guest speaker and spoke about her experience at the 12-day forum held at the Australian National University in Canberra in January this year.

Elle opened her talk by saying that it was a huge priv-

ilege to be selected by Rotary Nowra's interviewing panel, President Graeme Cord and President-elect Robert Russell for this experience of a lifetime.

After a further two-day interview and assessment process in Canberra with University faculty and Canberra Rotarians she was selected as one of the 15 applicants from the 45 put forward by district 9710 Rotary Clubs to participate in the Forum. Without the aid of a pro-

fessional PowerPoint presentation that she couldn't show, due to a technical glitch, Elle did a remarkable job profiling her experience.

Elle said the purpose of the forum is to expose senior high school students who demonstrate the potential for a career in the field of science, all the up to date technologies and opportunities available to them for a career in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Elle explained that the selected students from all Rotary Districts around Australia and International students has meant that she has developed a new network of like-minded friends well beyond the borders of Shoalhaven and Rotary District 9710.

Eye-opening lectures by accomplished scientists and others including Nobel Prize winners, mind-blowing experiments that can't be carried out with equipment and facilities at high schools were also another feature. Elle said that while it was a science forum, there were many presenters who were former students of the forum who had taken other career directions in law, medicine and business. The forum gave her a platform and professional network of people that will launch her into any profession that she chooses after high school. Elle said NYSF has been a great transitional experience.