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Three Upper Murray students receive healthy boost to their career

Three students from the Upper Murray are the beneficiaries of this year's Rural Health Career Scholarship offered through a partnership between Upper Murray Health and Community Services and Towong Shire Council.

The scholarship will provide some financial assistance to Ms Jo-Elle Summerton, Ms Sophie Greenhill and Ms Danielle Whitehead who will commence tertiary studies this year in order to pursue careers in the health sector.

Upper Murray Health and Community Services Chair, Mr Graham Hill, said that all three students deserved their share of the 2015 Rural Health Career Scholarship.

"We were very pleased with the three quality applications from local students committed to a career in health," said Mr Hill. "The Board certainly considered that all three applicants were worthy recipients".

In thanking Upper Murray Health and Community Services and Towong Shire Council, Ms Summerton expressed her appreciation for the support available to her through the scholarship.

"I realise that this is a major milestone in my life," she said. "While this scholarship will assist me in many aspects of my journey it will also allow me to focus on what's most important, learning".

Ms Greenhill echoed these sentiments and appreciates how the scholarship will assist her in the transition to living independently from her family. In addition to helping her purchase the equipment she will need as a Speech and Language Pathology student, Ms Greenhill said that the "... scholarship will allow me to study at Charles Sturt University as a more independent student who lives away from home", said Ms Greenhill.

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