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## Council welcomes trainee doctors

The next generation of doctors has been welcomed to the Huon Valley as part of the University of Tasmania Rural Communities Program.

Huon Valley Council Commissioner Adriana Taylor welcomed 12 second year medical students in Huonville as they prepared for a week of visiting local medical practices, aged care facilities and participate in various health awareness programs and businesses.

The students are being placed with General Practitioners in Cygnet, Geeveston, Dover and Huonville to get a taste of what it's like working in a regional or rural practice.

"I would like to thank the University of Tasmania's School of Medicine for giving the Huon Valley the opportunity to host this important program, and our GP's for giving up their valuable time to help train tomorrow's doctors.

"The provision of appropriate levels of health care is necessary if rural communities, like the ones here in the Huon Valley, are to grow and prosper.

"The provision of health services and facilities to rural and regional communities is a major issue for local, state and federal governments, the private sector, and the communities they serve.

"These medical students will be the doctors of tomorrow. Engaging with rural communities and doctors can help students gain a greater understanding of rural health issues and let them see what it means to be part of the local community.



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“During their stay, the students will also have the chance to experience some of our unique Huon Valley attractions. I hope they enjoyed their time in the Valley, and that this week provided them with a valuable insight into the provision of rural health services,” Commissioner Taylor said.

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***UTAS Medical students with local doctors and guests.***



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