Latrobe Regional Hospital

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Scholarships provide introduction to Gippsland

Five students have received rural allied health scholarships from Latrobe Regional Hospital and Latrobe Community Health Services.

The scholarships were awarded through the Latrobe*first* project, which aims to improve the recruitment and retention of dentists and allied health professionals in the Latrobe Valley.

The aim of the scholarship is to link undergraduate allied health students to the Latrobe region, so they consider returning to the area after they graduate.

Scholarship winners included two physiotherapy students, two studying dietetics and one student speech pathologist.

Four of the five scholarship recipients hailed from the Gippsland region.

The students were invited to spend the day in the Latrobe Valley, meeting other scholarship winners and inspecting the facilities and services available at Latrobe Regional Hospital and Latrobe Community Health Services.

Staff from both organisations met with the students, providing an overview of services and speaking about available career opportunities.

The students involved said they thoroughly enjoyed the introduction to health careers in the Latrobe Valley and consider the region as a viable possibility once they complete their studies.

For further information about allied health and scholarship opportunities please contact Petra Bovery-Spencer (03) 5173 8550.

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Caption: Rachael Mether, Ella Busch, Kate Van Berkel, steering committee member Sue Kearney, Region of Choice project manager Petra Bovery-Spencer, Claire Issell, Kristen Webb and steering committee member Elaine Coetzee

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