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Rural Clinical School scholarship winner announced

The 2014-2015 Rotary Club of Burnie Scholarship in Rural Medicine will tonight be awarded to fourth-year UTAS Rural Clinical School student Kaitlin Duell.

The prize will be presented by Chase Medwin, who held the scholarship for the past two years and is now working as an intern in the North West Regional Hospital.

Kaitlin, originally from South Australia, was chosen for her commitment to rural health as demonstrated by her active engagement in rural health group Rustica.

She has also organised rural GPs to speak to students in Hobart about rural health careers, organised student visits to Burnie and has helped on Agfest stalls and with school visits.

Kaitlin is looking forward to joining the Burnie community and has already joined the local netball team.

The Rotary Club of Burnie offers the \$5000 scholarship to a student starting the final two years of clinical studies in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at the University of Tasmania's Rural Clinical School, Burnie, in 2014.

The Club provides the scholarship to encourage and support a student with an interest in rural medicine to study at the Rural Clinical, and in addition to financial support, the Club also provides honorary Club membership and mentorship to the recipient during their studies in North-West Tasmania.

The scholarship announcement will be the highlight of the Rural Clinical School's annual Community Welcome and Award Presentation which will be held at the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus from 6pm tonight.

Another prestigious award, the Simon Monks Memorial Award for Student Excellence, will be presented by Dr Margret Oetterli to RCS year 5 student John Ang.

More than 100 guests are expected to attend and speakers will include CCC Director Institute of Regional Development Professor Robyn Eversole, Burnie City Council

mayor Steven Kons, Tasmanian Health Organisation CEO Gavin Austin and North West Private Hospital CEO Keith Cock.

Rotary Tasmanian District Governor Bruce Buxton will also announce the revival of the Australian Rotary Health Scholarship for incoming RCS year 5 students.

The evening will conclude with a barbecue buffet meal for students, staff and special guests.

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