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## 2014 Elphinstone Group/Family Scholarship in Medical Radiation Sciences

The quality of future health services in North West Tasmania have been boosted this morning, through the presentation of the Elphinstone Group/Family Scholarship in Medical Radiation Sciences.

The Scholarship was this year awarded to North West students Hannah Martin from Ulverstone and Jordan Matthews from Moorleah. Hannah and Jordan are medical imaging students currently enrolled in the UTAS Health Sciences course in Launceston. After completing their UTAS study the students will spend two year at Charles Sturt (CSU) University in Wagga and a fifth professional placement year will be managed through Peter McCallum Clinic in Melbourne.

The Elphinstone scholarship generously provides around twenty thousand dollars to cover course fees, accommodation, living allowance and travel for the duration of study.

The \$1.2m Elphinstone Scholarship is jointly funded by the Tasmanian Government and the Elphinstone Group/Family Trust. Its purpose is to ensure the North West retains local university graduates who are trained to operate specialised equipment in the future Regional Cancer Centre. Under the scholarship program, recipients enter into a contract with THO-North West to work in the North West region for a three year period, beginning within five years of graduation.

THO-North West CEO Gavin Austin said the scholarship is indicative of a strong commitment of the Elphinstone family to local health services.

“Dale and Cheryl Elphinstone care very deeply about the health and wellbeing of their local community and they believe that this investment in education for North West students is a great way to guarantee great health services for the region,” Mr Austin said.

The Elphinstone Scholarships in Medical Radiation Sciences are open to high performing students from North West Tasmania who are eligible to enter the UTAS Bachelor of Health Sciences.

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