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\$2,000 for rural communities to promote health

The University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) is urging the community to submit their applications for a seeding grant of up to \$2,000 to fund local activities to promote rural health in their communities. Applications close on 29 June 2007 (Friday).

Seeding grants of up to \$2,000 are now available to support Rural Health Week Regional Planning Groups to stage health and wellbeing activities in their communities during Rural Health Week from 3 to 9 September 2007. Regional Planning Group coordinators can obtain further details about the grants by visiting the Rural Health Week website <http://rhwtas.com.au/news/newsletter> or contacting Karla Peek on 6324 4012.

Another highlight of Rural Health Week is the Rural Health Awards to acknowledge local champions in health and wellbeing. Nominations are now being called for in two distinct award categories: Rural Health Community Award and Rural Health Professional Award. Details are available at the Rural Health Week website. Don't miss the chance as nominations also close on 29 June.

Rural Health Week 2007 is the first State-wide rural health event of its kind in Tasmania. The aim of Rural Health Week is to showcase the diverse ways in which rural communities in health are working together. It is also an opportunity for rural communities to tell their stories in the way that best reflect their communities' interests and aspiration about health and wellbeing under the theme "Celebrating Rural Health".

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