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Rural Health calls for local Champions in Health

The first Rural Health Week 2007 newsletter has just been published. This is one of a series of newsletters which will be circulated prior to the staging of Rural Health Week from 3 – 9 September 2007. The newsletter aims to provide interested parties and the public with an up to date summary of what is happening around the State in the lead up to this exciting event.

The e-newsletter can be downloaded at <http://rhwtas.com.au/news/newsletter> and interested parties can fill out the online subscription form to receive future issues of the newsletter.

One of the highlights of the first newsletter is the call for entries for the two Rural Health Week Awards which recognise local champions in health. Communities are encouraged to nominate health professionals and individuals whose work has made a significant difference to the health and wellbeing of people in their community. The announcement of the finalists will be presented on 2 September 2007 at a gala ceremony at the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Launceston.

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. Regional Planning Group coordinators can obtain further details about the grants by contacting the University Department of Rural Health.

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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