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2017 Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship awarded

The winner of the Huon Valley Council's 2017 Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship has been announced in Huonville.

The \$5,000 scholarship aims to assist Huon Valley residents to study in the health field and is an example of the Council's commitment to lifelong learning, innovation and the sustainability of health services in the Huon Valley.

Samantha O'May is this year's scholarship recipient which honours the memory of former Huon Valley Mayor, the late Greg Norris.

Samantha, from Judbury, is studying for a Bachelor in Nursing degree at UTAS and receives the scholarship for the duration of her studies.

"I am very grateful to the Norris family and the Council for the scholarship. It will be extremely helpful with all of the unexpected expenses that come while undertaking a university degree," Samantha said.

Mr Norris was the first mayor of the Huon Valley, following the amalgamation of the Huon, Port Cygnet and Esperance councils in 1993. He held this position until he passed away in 2001.

Mr Norris' wife Betty was a guest at the presentation. She said her husband would have been proud to meet the scholarship recipients who share a passion for quality healthcare in the Huon Valley.

"Greg was very interested in the children of the district and their access to education," she said.

"The scholarship is a small way of extending Greg's vision of access to health care for Huon Valley residents. I'm very pleased for Samantha, and wish her well in her studies," Mrs Norris said.

Winner of the 2014 scholarship Sophie Duggan also spoke at the presentation.

"Because I was lucky enough to be awarded the Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship in 2014, I have been able to live locally and commute to Launceston while I study, and did not have to take extra part time work to fund my degree. I would like to thank the Norris family and the Huon Valley Council and wish Samantha all the best for her degree," Ms Duggan said.



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The Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarships began in 2014. The scholarships can help with course fees, relocation costs and other course materials.

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Pics:

Betty Norris with 2017 Scholarship winner Samantha O'May.

2014 Scholarship winner Sophie Duggan, Betty Norris and Samantha O'May.



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