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ULVERSTONE DENTAL NURSE WINS RFDS AND ZONTA SCHOLARSHIP TO WORK IN OUTBACK

A Northern Tasmanian dental nurse has won an exciting and prestigious scholarship to work with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in outback Australia.

The Dental Assistants Scholarship, now in its fourth year is sponsored by the Tasmanian Section of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Launceston arm of Zonta International.

Jessica Halley, 19, from Devonport is currently completing a one year traineeship *Certificate III in Dental Assisting* at The Tasmanian Skills Institute and working in a private dental practice in Ulverstone.

The Scholarship has given Jessica the opportunity to work as an assistant to RFDS Dentist Dr Lyn Mayne, based at Broken Hill in New South Wales for a two week period. She flew with Dr Mayne to a range of outback locations during her time based in Broken Hill.

The Presentation of the Award to Jessica will be held at the Launceston Base of the Royal Flying Doctor Service on Thursday 10th of December at 10am. Representatives from the Royal Flying Doctor Service – Tasmanian Section, Zonta International and The Tasmanian Skills Institute will be in attendance.

Jessica found the experience the most exciting of her life.

“It was so interesting to see how dentistry is performed in outback Australia and it was definitely a once in a lifetime experience. I was amazed at the work they do with the available resources and I am very pleased to be given this wonderful opportunity”

Dr George Merridew, President of the Tasmanian Section of the RFDS said that the scholarship has provided an important work and life experience for Jessica.

“This scholarship has allowed Jessica to travel to rural and remote areas of Australia and to see first-hand the valuable contribution the Royal Flying Doctor Service makes to thousands of Australians each year,” Dr George Merridew said.

Zonta International is a global service organisation of executives and professionals working together at the local, national and international level to advance the status of women through service, financial support and advocacy.

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