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Applications now open for Australian Government Rural and Remote Health Professional Scholarship Scheme

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor would like to draw to the attention of eligible health professionals in the New England electorate the call for applications to the Australian Government's Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme for rural and remote health professionals who wish to continue their professional development.

Mr Windsor believes the Scheme is a positive program for country health service providers and would like to see many applications from eligible people in the New England electorate.

"The Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme is a way of providing access to our health service providers to access professional development programs that will assist them in their roles back in our regional communities where they live and work.

I would encourage those eligible health service providers to take advantage of this Scheme as part of their further education in their chosen field.

The Scheme will help in updating the skills of our local health service providers and enable them to interact with others in similar positions and develop helpful networks on which they can turn to for help and support in delivering their service to their communities," Mr Windsor said.

The Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme provides financial assistance in meeting academic, travel and accommodation costs incurred whilst undertaking continuing professional development activities.

It can be used to fund Individual clinical placements, short courses, Postgraduate courses or attendance at Conferences.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents, qualified health professionals (not including doctors and nurses) who have at least an undergraduate degree or entry level health professional degree from a recognised university, or hold recognised Certificate III level Aboriginal Health Worker qualifications and they must reside and deliver clinical services in rural and remote areas of Australia.

The Scheme is administered by Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Inc with further information being available from the website www.sarrah.org.au/scholarship or by ringing 02 6162 0321.

Applications close on 17th September 2004.

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