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ABOUT THE WEST COAST

The West Coast covers an area of 9,575 km² and includes the towns of Strahan, on Macquarie Harbour; Queenstown (with a District Hospital); Zeehan; Tullah; and Rosebery (with a medical practice).

Known for its magnificent mountains, lakes, rivers, rainforests, dunes and historic sites, the West Coast also boasts vibrant mining and fishing industries.

Despite the highest rainfall in the state, the clean air, mild climate and commitment to community make the West Coast a great place to be.

Be sure to bring wet weather gear and be careful on the windy roads, especially during winter.

ABOUT RURAL PLACEMENTS

A rural placement offers you:

- *First-hand experience of a rural lifestyle and work environment*
- *Exposure to a more diverse range of experiences*
- *Extra support including learning and teaching, social and accommodation support*
- *Opportunities to connect with other students*
- *Potential job opportunities – there is a shortage of rural health professionals ... experiencing rural practice and engaging with the community could entice you to work here*
- *An opportunity for so many great experiences and to see and do things that you otherwise might not.*

ABOUT ME

I am a Registered Nurse, graduating from UTAS Launceston at the start of 2013. My graduate year was at West Coast District Hospital in Aged Care after which I moved to the acute side of the facility. I now work across Aged Care, Acute, Community Nursing and A&E.

My husband and I moved to Queenstown 4 ½ years ago for work and have settled well into the community. I am interested in community nursing and seeing students do well on their placements. Outside work, we are busy renovating the house we bought 3 years ago - top to bottom renovations, they call it!

RURAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

YOUR WHOLE OF COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

The University's College of Health and Medicine has engaged part-time Whole of Community Facilitators in rural and remote communities across Tasmania.

Our role is to provide local support for you to get the most from your rural placement and to enjoy the opportunity to live and work in our community.

We are here to guide and mentor you while you are on placement and to support you in your learning.

This may include:

LEARNING SUPPORT

Helping you with your learning strategies and plans
Making sure you have access to one-on-one support

Liaising with your supervisor/preceptor or Unit Coordinator – either with you, or on your behalf

In some cases we may be involved in your supervision and assessment – either directly or indirectly

RESOURCES

Helping you access the resources you need

Arranging orientation tours of the facility that is hosting you on placement

Providing lists of key contacts at the University and in the community who are the "go to" people if you have any issues or problems

SOCIAL SUPPORT

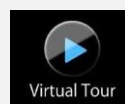
Showing you where things are and how to get around

Helping you work out what to do while you are here

Putting you in touch with other students on placement in our community

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