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REGISTERED NURSE & LEAD WHOLE OF
COMMUNITY FACILITATOR ACROSS TASMANIA

LEAD WHOLE OF COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

This role offers support, leadership and coordination of all Whole of Community Facilitators state-wide.

ABOUT RURAL PLACEMENTS

A rural placement offers students:

- *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 students to work here*
- *An opportunity for so many great experiences and to see and do things that otherwise might not be available.*

ABOUT ME

I trained as a Registered Nurse in the UK in the early 80s undertaking many roles including as a nurse practitioner in general practice. I have worked in Tasmania since 2008, working as a lecturer in nursing with UTAS, teaching across both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. I have been employed as a WOCF since early 2018 and Lead WOCF since 2020.

RURAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

LEAD FACILITATOR RHMT EXPANSION PROJECT

The University's College of Health and Medicine has initiated the employment of Whole of Community Facilitators in rural and remote communities across Tasmania.

The Whole of Community Facilitator role is to provide local support for students to get the most from rural placements and to enjoy the opportunity to live and work in our community, in addition to offering guidance, support and mentorship to students and supervisors during placement.

The Lead Whole of Community Facilitator role may include:

Building the capability of the team of Whole of Community Facilitators to enable the provision of high-quality placements across rural areas of Tasmania by enabling and providing high quality professional development opportunities and a good student experience.

Leading and managing the employment, onboarding and retention processes of Whole of Community Facilitators.

Managing and building strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders to maintain high quality placements with partner agencies across Tasmania.

Establishing, maintaining and sustaining placements in rural areas of Tasmania through the provision and support of student placements across a broad range of public, private and non-government healthcare organisations.

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