



Rural Social Work Action Practice Group

A Practice Group of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Martin P Butler Bi-ennial Rural Social Work Scholarship

The Rural Social Work Action Practice Group (RSWAPG) supports the development of high quality social work services in rural Australia. A scholarship of \$2000 will be conferred to a student studying in a Victorian based University, in the fieldwork phase of an accredited social work course who can demonstrate high-level attainment, leadership and innovative commitment to rural social care.

To this end we encourage applications from students who are studying the Bachelor of Social Work in Victoria to apply for the scholarship under the following criteria:

- They can show clear intention to contribute to rural practice in the future.
- They can demonstrate commitment and high level attainment to studies.
- They can demonstrate their commitment to innovative activities which promote social justice and inclusion.
- They are prepared to present their innovative work at the rural social work conference.
- Their activities and practices promote and support the aims of RSWAG as identified in the RSWAG membership brochure.

Applications must be received by 7th Dec 2018 and the winner will be announced end Dec 2018. The grant will be allocated in February 2019. The student is requested to provide a short progress report in December 2019. The student will be sponsored to attend the National Rural and Remote Social Work Conference at Horsham Victoria on Thursday 25th July and Friday 26th July 2019, and is required to provide a presentation outlining their area of interest, identifying the key themes and challenges. A final report of approximately 1000 words on the rural practice experience is also required, preferably with a presentation at the next RSWAPG conference in 2021 to which attendance is also sponsored.

Please apply under the following headings:

Name and Contact Details

Institution of Study

Rural background and commitment to rural practice

300 words max

Aims of studies including an outline of the benefits for rural practice

500 words max

Reference from head of faculty re commitment to the profession

200 words max

Applicants will be notified in writing as to the outcome of their application.

Please address applications to:

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