

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Oral health scholarship broadens health career options

Goondiwindi's Paul Talbot is one step closer to realising his dream of forging a career in health.

Mr Talbot was successful in applying for a Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarship.

The scholarship is provided through a partnership of the Rotary Club of Sydney, the New South Wales Centre for Oral Health Strategy and the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health.

"The scholarship will provide me with assistance to complete a Certificate III in dental assisting," Mr Talbot said.

Mr Talbot lives in Boggabilla, NSW but makes the seven-minute trip to Goondiwindi, on the other side of the border, to work as a dental assistant at the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service's oral health clinic.

"I was working at the local school as an administration officer when a position for an Indigenous Dental Health Assistant became available in Goondiwindi," he said.

"I applied for it because my uncle works as a healthcare worker and always said the health industry was a good career move.

"That was one year and four months ago."

In that time, Mr Talbot said he had developed a keen interest in developing his skills and career in health.

"I love my job. There aren't too many male dental assistants around, but the work is interesting."

Paul hopes to complete his studies over the next 12 months.

**Caption:** Goondiwindi's Paul Talbot has been presented with a scholarship to further his career in oral health.

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