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Gympie Hospital growing its own doctors with rural program

Four medical students from Griffith University’s Rural Clinical School will call Gympie home for the next 12 months, as they continue their medical training in the Longlook program at Gympie Hospital.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service will welcome them on Monday, 15 January 2018.

Gympie Hospital’s Clinical Director Dr Frank Le Bacq said staff were excited to welcome the students, who were taking the opportunity to further their training by learning medicine in a regional community.

“It’s a win-win situation: we get to invest in these students who may well go on to work here in the Gympie Hospital; and they get a first-hand understanding of what it’s like to provide health services in a regional community,” Dr Le Bacq said.

“They will gain invaluable experience of patient care as part of our regional clinical team, and I’m pleased to welcome them aboard for 2018,” he said.

The Longlook program is an extended rural placement program funded through the Commonwealth Department of Health Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training program and coordinated by Queensland Rural Medical Education.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:
• 12pm, Monday 15 January 2018
• Meet in foyer, Gympie Hospital
• Dr Frank Le Bacq will welcome the Griffith Rural Longlook students on their first day at Gympie Hospital.

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