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Hastings Co-op CSU scholarships helping make dreams come true

Hastings Co-op has continued its support for local students wanting to follow their dreams by sponsoring two scholarships to Charles Sturt University (CSU) students through the university's foundation trust.

Chief executive officer Allan Gordon said "there's no greater gift than education" and Hastings Co-op is keen to partner with CSU as the local campus grows and opportunities open up for students.

"When you see the advances in technology that are coming over the next 20 years, the jobs that exist today won't be here in the same form," he said.

"If we can assist just one person in fulfilling their ambitions, we think that is pretty special."

This year's scholarships follow the sponsorship of two paramedic students in 2016.

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science student Lachlan Hatcher explained that the scholarship would allow him more time to focus on his studies, as he has also been juggling work while living away from home.

"Up until now, my pracs have been within relatively easy travelling distance so I can travel home to work on weekends, but I would also like to be able to travel further afield to gain broader experience, particularly in rural and remote communities of NSW.

"Thanks to Hastings Co-op these placements will be a lot easier to undertake," he said.

Fellow scholarship recipient Sandra Challacombe, who is also studying medical imaging, said she was the first in her immediate family to attend university, while also raising three boys on her own.

"With the assistance of Hastings Co-op, I will be able to provide for them better while studying," she said.

At the recent presentation ceremony Mr Gordon wished Lachlan and Sandra the best of luck with their studies and their future career paths.

"Hastings Co-op has been a long-time supporter of local students pursuing their dreams, and initiatives like this and the Hastings Education Fund, allow us to give back," he said.

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