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Media Release

Recognition for university education in the Mid West

The importance of a university degree has been firmly recognised by a local family, contributing to secure a future for Mid West students studying, or looking to study locally.

David and Jill Horwood donated land at Deepdale for the 2014 Telethon Home, under the proviso that \$50,000 would be returned to a local charity after its sale. Member for Geraldton, Ian Blayney, recommended the Hollomby Foundation and the family sieved on the opportunity to support local university students to be their very best.

The donation will now support scholarships under the name of the Deepdale Bursary and activities related to nursing.

But the Horwood's generosity did not finish there. With Jill's teaching background, and her motto of "educating a girl means educating a community," the Horwood's took additional step, pledging family funds to provide a second annual scholarship - the Horwood Family Education Scholarship.

The Horwood Family Education Scholarship is a \$5,000 scholarship open to a continuing Education student studying at the GUC who can demonstrate their commitment to excellence in teaching and to serving their regional community, and is open to current Education students in 2015.

Incoming Director of the GUC Natalie Nelmes thanked the Horwood family for their support of the Hollomby Foundation and its scholarship program.

"On behalf of the GUC and our students, we thank David and Jill Horwood for their significant donations to the Hollomby Foundation," she said.

"It is important that regional students can be assisted to study and then recognised for their achievements. Donations such as the Horwood's means we can help fulfil that objective."

Since introducing the locally supported Education degree at the GUC, local students continue to gain national recognition for their high achievements, and 2014 is no exception.

Second year Education students Emily Malycha, Maree Espinos, and Caitlyn Patman have received invitations to the credited Golden Key International Honour Society through Central Queensland University. Third year Education student at the GUC Demi Ahearn was honoured with this invitation in 2013 in recognition of her efforts.

Golden Key is the world's largest collegiate honour society. Membership into the Society is by invitation only and applies to the top 15% of college and university students, as well as top-performing graduate students in all fields of study, based solely on their academic achievement.



Student in locally supported Accounting and Business degrees have also gained an invitation to this coveted society, relaying the success of the universities centre's face to face model of tuition for regional students in tertiary courses.

All 2015 Scholarships available through the Hollomby Foundation are now advertised on the GUC website.

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For further information please contact the GUC on 99204400

Media Photo Opportunity:

Tuesday 11th December 2014

11am

Geraldton Universities Centre