

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP FOR RURAL CLINICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS



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Closing date for applications: Friday 14th November 2025

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AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RURAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP



AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH is offering two Scholarships to Adelaide University for medical students attending **Rural Clinical Schools supported by Adelaide University**

The aim of the Scholarship is to provide incentives for medical students to complete at least one year in a rural area. This will encourage and influence the medical students to consider pursuing a medical career in rural Australia upon graduation or following postgraduate medical studies. This Scholarship would have the benefit of enjoying the fellowship of Rotarians and also expose the candidate to aspects of rural community life.

The Scholarship will be worth A\$5,000 each and will be administered by the Australian Rotary Health and the Rural Clinical School (RCS).

CRITERIA:

- Scholarships will only be open to Australian citizens attending or enrolled to attend a RCS.
- To be eligible the candidate must demonstrate 'a need' and must attend the RCS for the entire year. Failure to do so will have the student forfeit further payments.
- Candidate must demonstrate 'community values.'
- Candidates who hold other Scholarships are not able to apply for this Scholarship (except for John Flynn), but the Scholarship is paid as an addition to Austudy allowance.

PAYMENT:

- Payment of the scholarship will be made to the student with proof of enrolment in the course at the beginning of each semester.

STUDENTS OBLIGATIONS:

- The Scholarship recipient would be expected to participate in and be guests of local Adelaide area Rotary Club.
- The Scholarship recipient would be expected to attend meetings of the local Rotary Club while on elective placement, when requested. The Scholarship recipient is to address the Rotary Club as well as giving a presentation that provides the members with the recipients' background and an update on the progress of their course. *If there is more than one Rotary Club in the community, the Scholarship recipient may wish to participate in the other Rotary Club events.*
- The Scholarship recipient is to provide at least 2 reports (halfway through the course and a final report – report to include photos)

For University Students – key dates

- Applications open **Monday 27th October 2025**
- Applications close **Friday 14th November 2025**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All applicants, whether they are successful or unsuccessful, will be notified by mail.

For Further information please contact Cheryl Deguara, Australian Rotary Health,
PO Box 6161, NORWEST NSW 2153
Phone: 02 8837 1900 email: cheryl@arh.org.au

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Application Form

The Australian Rotary Health understands and respects your right to privacy. The personal information contained in this application is confidential and will only be used for the purpose of the Australian Rotary Health Rural Medical Scholarship.

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Family Name: Trethewey.....

Given Names: Isaac Thomas.....

Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss Others

Home Address: 890 Hickmans Rd, Seddon, Kangaroo Island.....

..... P/C

Contact Address – RCS 890 Hickmans Rd, Seddon, Kangaroo Island, PO Box 58...

..... P/C

Phone: 0427902455.....

Mobile:

Fax:

Email: Isaactrethewey1234@gmail.com.....

Date of Birth: 20/04/2004

Australian Citizen: YES NO

Student Number: a1851513.....

University Attending: Adelaide University.....

Rural Clinical School Attending: Port Lincoln/Ceduna.....

Program Details: In which year are you enrolled in 2026?

(e.g. Medicine 3rd Year) 5th Year Medicine 2026.....

Expected Year of Completion of course: 2027.....

Are you in receipt of any other Scholarship/Grant?
If **YES**, please state name, amount and term of Scholarship.

No.....

CURRICULUM VITAE:  (Attachment)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:  (Attachment)

Transcripts of all tertiary studies currently and previously undertaken to support your Curriculum Vitae

ESSAY:  (Attachment)

Complete a 500-word (maximum) essay, double spaced and single sided, addressing the following topic: **"How would the Australian Rotary Health Rural Health Scholarship help with my studies at the Rural Clinical School?"**

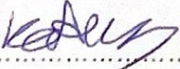
REFEREES:  (Attachment)


- Please nominate **TWO** referees who may be contacted on your behalf.
Your referee should comment on your work and/or academic study
Written Referee Reports may be requested for the preferred applicant(s)

DECLARATION – Applicant must sign

I declare that:

- I declare that the information provided above is true and correct and authorise the University I am attending to obtain any documentation and/or results referred to for the purpose of this application.

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 13/11/2025...

Signature of Witness:  Date: 13/11/2025...

Name of Witness (Please Print): DAMIEN TRETHEWEY

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Essay

Growing up on Kangaroo Island has given me a strong appreciation for the challenges faced by rural communities, especially when it comes to access to healthcare. Living in a small, close-knit community has shaped my values and my determination to pursue a career in rural medicine. I have seen first-hand the importance of continuity of care, the value of community connection, and the impact that dedicated rural doctors can have on the lives of their patients. Studying at the Rural Clinical School in Port Lincoln/Ceduna is an important step towards my goal of becoming a rural generalist and giving back to communities like my own.

The Australian Rotary Health Rural Health Scholarship would greatly assist me in managing the financial pressures associated with living and studying away from home. My father is a farmer on Kangaroo Island, and over the past few years our family has faced significant financial hardship. Our property was first hit by the bushfires that devastated the island, and now currently experiencing a drought. These events have impacted my family's livelihood and my ability to receive financial support during my studies. When I moved to Adelaide for university, I began covering all my own living expenses, including rent, food, travel back to the island, etc.

Each summer, I return home to work full-time in shearing sheds as a shearer and wool presser. The work is physically demanding but has taught me the value of hard work and resilience. The income I earn during those months helps me get through most of the academic year, but towards the end of each year my financial situation becomes very tight. The support from this scholarship would relieve a lot of that pressure and allow me to focus more fully on my studies and community involvement rather than worrying about making ends meet.

Beyond the financial support, I see great value in being connected with Rotary. The organisation's focus on service, leadership, and community aligns closely with my own values. I would be proud to represent Rotary in the community, share my experiences, and contribute to local events during my rural placement. I feel as if this scholarship will help me relationships with leaders in rural health which will future benefit my career.

Receiving the Australian Rotary Health Rural Health Scholarship would make a meaningful difference to my ability to complete my studies and continue pursuing a career in rural medicine. It would allow me to dedicate more time to my clinical learning and community involvement, rather than the financial stress that often comes with rural placements. I am passionate about returning to rural Australia as a doctor and helping to ensure that people in communities like Kangaroo Island have access to the high-quality healthcare they deserve.

Curriculum Vitae – Isaac Thomas Trethewey

Contact Details

Address: 890 Hickmans Road, Seddon, Kangaroo Island SA 5223

Email: isaactrethewey1234@gmail.com

Phone: 0427 902 455

Education

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

University of Adelaide — 2022–2027 (expected)

Currently in 5th Year (2026), undertaking studies through the Rural Clinical School.

Year 12 (SACE) — Kangaroo Island Community Education, 2021

Awarded the **Leon Bignell Citizenship Award (2021)** for outstanding community contribution and leadership.

Clinical Experience

4th Year Surgical Rotation – Port Lincoln Hospital (8 weeks)

Assisted in theatre, ward rounds, and outpatient clinics as part of a rural surgical team.

Gained hands-on experience and insight into the challenges and rewards of rural health care.

Community Involvement

Vice President – Kangaroo Island Surf Club

Helped lead community surf safety programs and organise local events.

Mentored younger members and promoted health and wellbeing through community sport.

Junior Football and Cricket Coach – Kangaroo Island

Coached junior teams for several years, encouraging participation and teamwork.

Supported young players' development both on and off the field.

Bushfire Recovery Volunteer – Kangaroo Island (2020)

Assisted with fencing and property restoration after the devastating bushfires.

After our own property was burnt, I wanted to give back and help others who had supported us.

Skills and Interests

Strong communication, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Passionate about rural and community health.

Enjoy surfing, sport, and spending time outdoors.

REFEREES:

Jay Peters: Kangaroo Island Community Education teacher, president of Kangaroo Island Surf Club

Contact number: 0410526166

Dr Rory Vander-Linden: Rural Generalist Registrar, Kangaroo Island resident

Contact number: 0490383978



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**Leon Bignell
Citizenship Award 2021**

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Presented to

Isaac Trethewey

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Name: Isaac Thomas Trethewey
 Student ID: 1851513
 Issue Date: 25 November 2025

Program Summary	Code	Status	GPA
Doctor of Medicine	DMEDI	In progress	Not Available
Bachelor of Medical Studies	BMS	Completed on 29 November 2024	Not Available

Enrolment Summary				Units	Mark	Grade
2025	DMEDI	MEDIC ST 7402HO	Surgery and Musculoskeletal Medicine	12.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
	DMEDI	MEDIC ST 7401HO	Medicine, Cancer & Palliative Care and Psychiatry	12.00		
2024	BMS	MEDIC ST 3501	Medical Studies 3	12.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
	BMS	MEDIC ST 3503	Research Skills Development	3.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
	BMS	MEDIC ST 3502	Transition to Clinical Studies	9.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
2023	BMS	MEDIC ST 2501	Medical Studies 2A	12.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
	BMS	MEDIC ST 2502	Medical Studies 2B	12.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
2022	BMS	MEDIC ST 1501	Foundations of Medicine	12.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass
	BMS	MEDIC ST 1502	Medical Studies 1	12.00	NGP	Non-Graded Pass

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