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Tasmania's outstanding rural doctors and future doctors recognised in annual awards

RDAT Tasmanian Rural Health Awards

Outstanding contributions to rural healthcare, rural communities and the future of rural medicine have been recognised through the presentation of the Tasmanian Rural Health Awards 2026.

Four prestigious awards were presented during the Tasmanian Rural Health Conference (TRHC), recognising exceptional service, leadership and commitment to rural healthcare across Tasmania.

The annual awards are presented by the Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania (RDAT), with RDAT President Dr Ben Dodds saying the awards showcased the remarkable dedication of Tasmania's rural health workforce.

"We are fortunate to have an extraordinary group of rural doctors, doctors in training and medical students working across Tasmania, often in challenging and isolated environments," Dr Dodds said.

"The calibre of nominations this year was outstanding, and it was a privilege to recognise the recipients whose dedication and commitment are making a genuine difference in the lives of rural Tasmanians.

Tasmanian Rural Health Award 2026 recipients:

Rural Doctor of the Year:	Dr Lynne Davies	Flinders Island
JOINT AWARDEES	Dr Alex John	Flinders Island
Rural Doctor in Training:	Dr Fiona Black	Rosebery
Rural Medical Student:	Jasmine Campbell-Jones	Scottsdale placement
Recognition of Service:	Dr Kim Dobromilsky	Burnie/King Island



RDAT Rural Doctors of the Year 2026 – Dr Lynne Davies and Dr Alex John

"It was a privilege to recognise Dr Lynne Davies and Dr Alex John as our joint Rural Doctors of the Year for 2026," Dr Dodds said.

"Together, Lynne and Alex have made an extraordinary contribution to healthcare on Flinders Island and across the Furneaux Group, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to improving access to care for their community.

"Dr Lynne Davies is a tireless advocate for rural and Aboriginal health and consistently goes above and beyond to improve healthcare outcomes for island residents.

"She has established and supported women's health clinics and yarnning circles, helped coordinate community education initiatives, delivered outreach services to Cape Barren Island, and worked closely with Aboriginal Health Workers and local nurses to strengthen chronic disease management and preventative healthcare.

"Lynne is also a passionate advocate for improved access to specialist and allied health services, regularly working with healthcare providers, government agencies and community organisations to bring additional services to the islands.

"Her commitment extends to supervising medical students, mentoring new doctors and staff, and supporting multidisciplinary approaches to patient care.

"Alongside Lynne, Dr Alex John has been a devoted and dependable presence on Flinders Island for many years.

"Alex has provided comprehensive care across all aspects of rural general practice and has played a critical role in supporting outreach healthcare services to Cape Barren Island.

"Recognising the importance of building a sustainable future workforce, Alex has also stepped forward to supervise registrars, helping create training opportunities that will strengthen healthcare services for the community into the future.

"Together, Lynne and Alex embody the dedication, leadership and community spirit that define rural medicine, and we are delighted to recognise their outstanding contribution through this award."



RDAT Rural Doctor in Training of the Year 2026 – Dr Fiona Black

"Dr Fiona Black has provided exceptional care to the isolated West Coast community of Rosebery for the past three years and is a very deserving recipient of the Rural Doctor in Training of the Year Award," Dr Dodds said.

"Working largely independently, often with only intermittent locum support, Fiona has effectively served as the community's sole ongoing GP, managing a broad and complex scope of practice.

"She provides high-quality care across chronic disease management, mental health, emergency medicine and acute presentations, while ensuring continuity of care in a region where workforce challenges are significant.

"Fiona consistently demonstrates clinical judgement, resilience and adaptability beyond what would ordinarily be expected of a doctor in training.

"She has also shown strong leadership, supporting incoming locum doctors, maintaining clinical systems and helping ensure a stable and effective service for the community.

"Patients value her compassionate and approachable manner, while colleagues appreciate her commitment to teamwork and rural general practice.

"Fiona's dedication to her patients and her community exemplifies the very best of rural medicine, and we are proud to recognise her contribution through this award."



RDAT Rural Medical Student of the Year 2026 – Jasmine Campbell-Jones

"Jasmine Campbell-Jones is an exceptional medical student who has already demonstrated a strong commitment to rural medicine and improving health outcomes for rural communities," Dr Dodds said.

"During her placement in Scottsdale, Jasmine received glowing feedback from her supervisors and impressed with her ability to connect with patients and understand the unique challenges faced by rural communities.

"In a prize-winning submission for the Bill Jackson Award, she demonstrated excellent clinical insight and motivational interviewing skills, helping support positive lifestyle changes for a patient during her placement.

"Most importantly, Jasmine demonstrated a deep understanding of the rural context in which healthcare is delivered and a genuine commitment to pursuing a career in rural general practice.

"We are delighted to recognise Jasmine's achievements and look forward to seeing the contribution she will make to rural healthcare in Tasmania in the years ahead."

RDAT Recognition of Service Award – Dr Kim Dobromilsky

"It was a great pleasure to present the RDAT Recognition of Service Award to Dr Kim Dobromilsky," Dr Dodds said.

"Over many years, Kim has made an extraordinary contribution to women's health and rural healthcare across Tasmania's North West.

"She provided obstetric and gynaecology services throughout the region for eight years through both Tasmania Health Service and her private practice in Burnie, while also delivering outreach services to King Island.

"Kim has been a passionate educator and mentor throughout her career. She served as the RANZCOG Integrated Training Program Coordinator for Tasmania and later as the North West Tasmania training supervisor, helping guide and support the next generation of specialists.

"She has hosted countless medical students, mentored junior doctors and delivered educational sessions for a range of training programs.

"Importantly, she was also, for a period of time, the sole provider of surgical termination of pregnancy services in the region, ensuring women could access essential healthcare close to home.

"Her dedication to patient care, education and rural health advocacy has left a lasting legacy across Tasmania, and we are delighted to recognise her outstanding service."

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