

# Media Release

Australian Dental Health Foundation



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## Indigenous oral health study grant recipients announced for 2018

The Australian Dental Health Foundation (ADHF) and Dental Hygienists Association of Australia (DHAA) are delighted to announce that they have awarded five study grants to support undergraduate Indigenous oral health therapy and dental hygienist students in their studies for 2018.

This year, each of the successful study grant recipients receive \$5000 plus mentoring services by DHAA.

Chloe Kitchingman, who is studying at Central Queensland University, is excited to be one of this year's recipients. Chloe accepted her grant, saying "I have always wanted to help make a difference. I am so grateful to receive this grant. It will provide the assistance I need to enable me to complete my studies. I am confident that the funding and mentoring made available will enhance my ability to deliver care to the community."

Chair of the ADHF, Mr David Owen, extended his congratulations to the five recipients saying, "The Foundation hopes that the grants will provide these recipients with valuable assistance to help them complete their courses and then embark on delivery of care to help reduce the inequality that exists between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. We know that the delivery of dental care to Indigenous Australians is enhanced if that care is provided by an Indigenous practitioner."

CEO of the DHAA, Dr Melanie Hayes, also congratulated the recipients saying, "The DHAA is proud to be able to help provide study grants and support to the undergraduate students in their university journey. University can be a challenging time, particularly financially, so these grants are there to make the experience that little bit easier. We wish the recipients well for their future studies."

### Interviews available with:

- Mr David Owen, Chair of the Australian Dental Health Foundation
- Dr Melanie Hayes, CEO of the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia

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