

Life Made Easy for Narelle – Thanks to Sovereign Hills Scholarship

Sovereign Hills has awarded a scholarship to a student from Newcastle University through 'The Lewis Land Group Sovereign Hills Scholarship Program'. The Sovereign Hills scholarship has helped five students fulfill their dreams in the three years the scholarship has been running.

Narelle Claes is undergoing a Bachelor of Nursing and midwifery at the Port Macquarie campus of Newcastle University, and will use the scholarship to assist with the successful completion of her studies.

Narelle is in her final semester at university and is hoping to fulfill her dreams of becoming a registered nurse.

"I have been working hard to complete this course to become a registered nurse. Once I graduate, I plan to travel around Australia working in the field of rural nursing," she said.

As a single parent Narelle has been working hard to juggle both her professional and home life, a task which will become increasingly difficult as she completes her final semester where she is required to partake in 18 weeks unpaid work.

Narelle said the scholarship will help with the financial burden placed on her and her family during this time and allow her to concentrate on finishing her degree.

"This scholarship has given me the opportunity to finish my degree stress-free. I'm no longer concerned with my bank balance and how to manage my two children while I'm away. I'm chuffed that I was offered this opportunity, it's been a tremendous help," said Narelle.

Mr Robert Yandell, Director of the Lewis Land Group, said the Sovereign Hills team were thrilled to help Narelle accomplish her goals.

“We want to make learning accessible to those who have extenuating circumstances and may not have the financial means to juggle both home and study life. It is fantastic that we could do this for Narelle,” said Mr Yandell.

Graduates from Port Macquarie are likely to work at Sovereign Hills in the future as the town centre will provide many employment opportunities. Sovereign Hills will include a range of residential dwelling types, a commercial precinct, a town centre with convenience retail, an aged care centre of excellence and educational and recreational facilities to support the new community.