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CSU welcomes international research student

Charles Sturt University has welcomed Swedish international student Jenny Granmyr who has undertaken an overseas research elective at CSU's Wagga Wagga Campus.

Jenny is a Pharmacy student from the University of Uppsala in Sweden, choosing to study in Wagga Wagga until December this year. Currently in the 5th year of her degree, she is working on a project which is looking into the management of patients with high blood pressure in the Wagga Wagga area.

"Data generated in this University suggests that many patients with high blood pressure in the local area do not achieve the ideal target reduction in blood pressure despite receiving treatment," Jenny said.

"We are trying to get some leads on why this is occurring," she said.

This international visit is the result of a contact made in Sweden by Professor Patrick Ball last year, and it is hoped it will form part of ongoing associations with the Swedish Schools of Pharmacy in Uppsala and Gothenburg.

"Sweden has some very similar issues to Australia in terms of rural and remote healthcare, with many small communities separated by large distances in the far North, but very different models of pharmacy service provision with a state-run monopoly provider company," Professor Ball said.

"It is felt that we will have a lot to teach each other as we progress with developing services to such rural areas," he added.

Patrick Ball will be visiting Sweden again in early September to take collaborations a stage further.

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