

# Japanese University delegation visits Flinders University Barossa campus



*Back: Amy Schulz, FRHSA programme administrator; Kiara Hoffmann, FRHSA Riverland programme administrator; Talia Blythman, FRHSA project officer; Jennene Greenhill, director of Flinders Rural Health South Australia, and Jacqui Will, FRHSA administration assistant. Front: Elena Rudnik, FRHSA researcher; Shuji Hashimoto, MD and assistant professor for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Mie University, Japan; Yuta Esumi, MD, supervisor and physician at Shima City Hospital; and Young-Jae Hong, MD, family medicine at Ichishi Hospital, and assistant professor of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Mie University, Japan.*

**By Kat Cameron**

Staff and students from the Flinders University's Rural Health South Australia (FURHSA) campus in Nuriootpa welcomed a delegation from Mie University in Japan on March 20, to discuss community based medical education, community engagement and research in our region.

This is the second time that a delegation from Mie University has visited the Barossa Valley, with Dr Shuji Hashimoto, Dr Young-Jae Hong, and Dr Yuta Esumi spending the day at the Nuriootpa Campus, accompanied by the Director of FURHSA, Professor Jennene Greenhill.

The three doctors met Senior Lecturer

in Rural Clinical Education, Dr Elena Rudnik, and Associate Lecturer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Doug Turner, both based in the Barossa campus, who gave presentations on their research and teaching in the local area.

They were particularly interested in the presentation by Mr Turner, who explained the symbolism behind Aboriginal art, and gave the visitors a demonstration of his didgeridoo.

Professor Greenhill highlighted the importance of visits from overseas medical professionals looking to learn more about the internationally recognised Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC)

programme, which operates in the Barossa Valley and other Flinders University rural campus locations around South Australia.

"The programme is hugely successful and we are very proud to showcase its value and positive impact not only on rural and regional communities here in Australia, but in the many countries around the world that have successfully adopted this model," said Professor Greenhill.

The delegation enjoyed a lunch with Barossa Valley FURHSA staff and students, before continuing their tour to Murray Bridge, Kangaroo Island, Victor Harbor and Flinders University's Bedford Park campus.