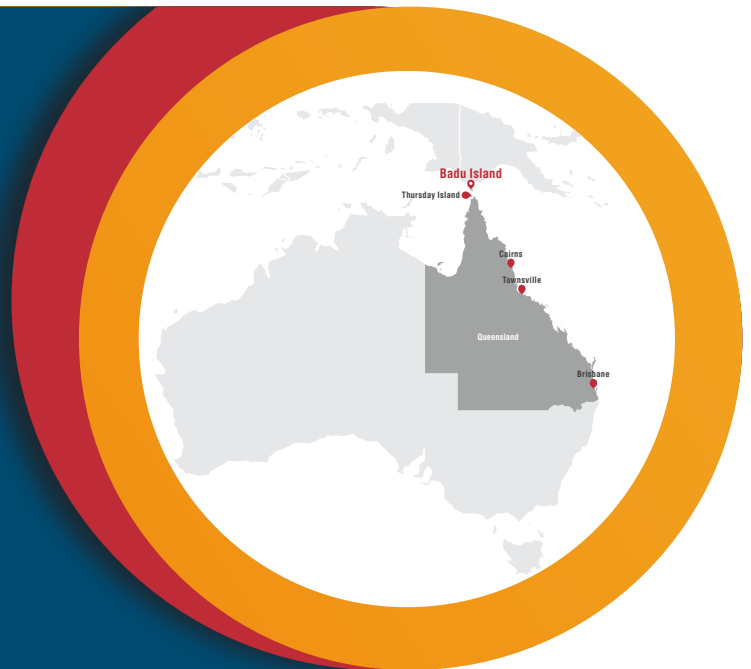


# ABOUT BADU ISLAND QLD



## ABOUT TARGETED RECRUITMENT

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) has expanded its traditional workforce retention and training model by recruiting doctors to targeted remote communities with high medical workforce need. The aim is to enhance the attractiveness of rural and remote posts to high quality applicants to provide communities with a well-supported and sustainable GP workforce.

The initial pilot of the program in 2018-19 has successfully secured the services of six full-time doctors to six rural and remote communities across Australia.

Targeted recruitment positions utilise existing RVTS training positions and infrastructure. The training is fully funded by the Australian Government and is a four-year GP training program delivered by Distance Education and Remote Supervision to Fellowship of the ACRRM and/or RACGP.



### Location



Badu Island is a small island in the Torres Strait, 55km north of Thursday Island. Badu is 20km in diameter and has direct flights to Horn Island which then connect to Cairns. It is dotted with granite hills and has many stunning beaches to explore with permission of the native title holders living on Badu. Boating, Camping and fishing are popular.



### Attractions



The Badu Arts Centre produces a gorgeous range of printmaking, etching, jewellery, textiles and carving. Visitors can tour through the facility and watch the wares being made by Badu Island locals. Badu Island also has its own Bronze Casting Foundry. Fishing on Badu Island is a popular activity.



### Housing



With a population of 816, 91.74% of the population live in rental accommodation. Badu Island has impressive infrastructure with a health centre, two grocery stores, a post office, Centrelink office, football field and a regional council.  
*Source: realestatesales.com.au, March, 2019.*



### Education



Badu has its own newly built Child Care Centre for children aged up from one to four years. Tagai College runs a Prep year in its own recently renovated grounds for 4-5 year olds plus a Primary school. All secondary education takes place on Thursday Island. In addition children can attend boarding school Brisbane and Cairns, which is accessible by plane.

# ABOUT BADU ISLAND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

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The Badu Island Primary Health Care Centre operates under the umbrella of the Torres and Cape Hospital Health Service. The centre provides health services to the 816-resident population of Badu Island, as well as fortnightly GP visits to the nearby island communities on Mabuiag Island and St Paul's and Kubin on Moa Island.

A total of 86.3% of the Badu Island population identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The Badu Island clinic has an Indigenous health service manager, remote area nurses, GP, advanced health workers, senior health worker, receptionist, administration staff, cleaner, and project health workers and has an emergency room treatment centre and equipment for primary emergencies on the island.

The GP position is well supported by SMOs of the Torres and

Cape Health team, based at Thursday Island, for administration and continuing professional education. It is further supported by several visiting medical services and health project workers.

The centre has access to telehealth services which give residents access to specialist services without them having to leave their local community and support networks. It can assist eligible patients with financial help through the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme for those who need to travel to other hospitals, usually Thursday Island or Cairns, for procedures and tests not available on Badu Island.

The Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service is the largest provider of public healthcare services across the most northern remote areas of Queensland. The service provides health care to more than 26,000 residents, with 67 per cent of them identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

## FAST FACTS



### Referring hospitals

- Thursday Island Hospital, 60km by sea or a 1.5 hour plane ride to Horn Island then ferry to Thursday Island
- Cairns Hospital, about two hours by air



### Services

- Visiting medical officers
- Child health
- Immunisation clinics
- Home visits to aged care clients
- Dental clinics
- Community health clinics
- Health education and more



### Visiting specialists

- Paediatrician
- Mental health team
- Breast screening
- Men's and women's health
- Social and emotional health support services
- Family support services
- Dieticians, nutrition



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