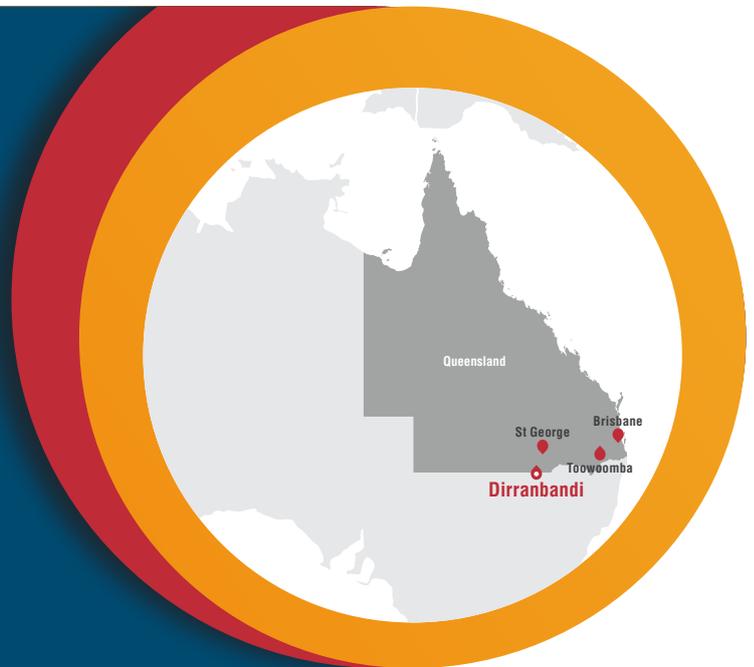


# ABOUT DIRRANBANDI QLD



## 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

Dirranbandi is a small rural town located in the Balonne Shire in south-west Queensland and is a 1.5 hour drive from the nearest major town of St George. Dirranbandi sits on the beautiful Narran River, a tributary of the Balonne River. Dirranbandi is located 600km south west of Brisbane.



### Attractions

Dirranbandi is the gateway to the majestic Culgoa Flood Plains National Park, revered for its bird watching. Camping within the National Park is a popular activity for tourists and locals with magical bushwalking and an abundance of wildlife. The town has a rich history and this has been retained in the architecture.



### Housing

Real estate in Dirranbandi is very affordable, with four-bedroom houses selling for less than \$150,000 and three-bedroom houses for around \$120,000. The infrastructure within the town is impressive with a range of shops and rural services, hotels and a civic centre. *Source: realestatesales.com.au, March, 2019.*



### Education

Dirranbandi P-10 State School is fully equipped with prep, primary and secondary education classrooms, a library resource centre, administration facilities, covered play areas, kitchen and garden facilities, arts centre, canteen, manual arts centre, covered multipurpose court and oval.

# ABOUT DIRRANBANDI MEDICAL SERVICE



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The Dirranbandi Medical Practice strives to provide comprehensive and holistic patient care to each of its patients. The busy practice provides standard or long consultations to cater for patients with multiple health needs.

Doctors at the practice conduct minor surgical procedures, which can include cryotherapy and the removal of any skin lesions.

Pregnant women can take advantage of the shared antenatal care available.

The practice works closely with the neighbouring Dirranbandi Multi-Purpose Health Service.

The Dirranbandi Multi-Purpose Health Service is a 13-bed facility that provides accident and emergency services.

It is staffed by one full-time senior medical officer and a director

of nursing, as well as nursing, administration and operational staff members.

A specialist paediatric service is also provided in partnership with Lady Cilento Children's Hospital on a six-weekly basis, and a specialist cardiology service is provided on a quarterly basis. There is a dedicated pathology service operating out of Dirranbandi with samples sent to Toowoomba daily.

Doctors at Dirranbandi can take advantage of the telehealth service that helps to connect them with doctors in Toowoomba to discuss non-critical emergency presentations.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in Dirranbandi is 11.9 per cent.

The Queensland Health position available at Dirranbandi is for a Medical superintendent with right of private practice (MSRPP).

## FAST FACTS



### Referring hospitals

- St George Hospital 95km
- Toowoomba Base Hospital 470km
- Princess Alexandra Hospital Brisbane 591km



### Services

- Accident and emergency
- Outpatient care
- Respite care
- Long-term residential care
- Acute inpatient care
- Minor operations
- Indigenous health care
- Palliative care and more



### Visiting specialists

- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Social work
- Podiatry
- Dietetics and nutrition
- Dentistry
- And more

