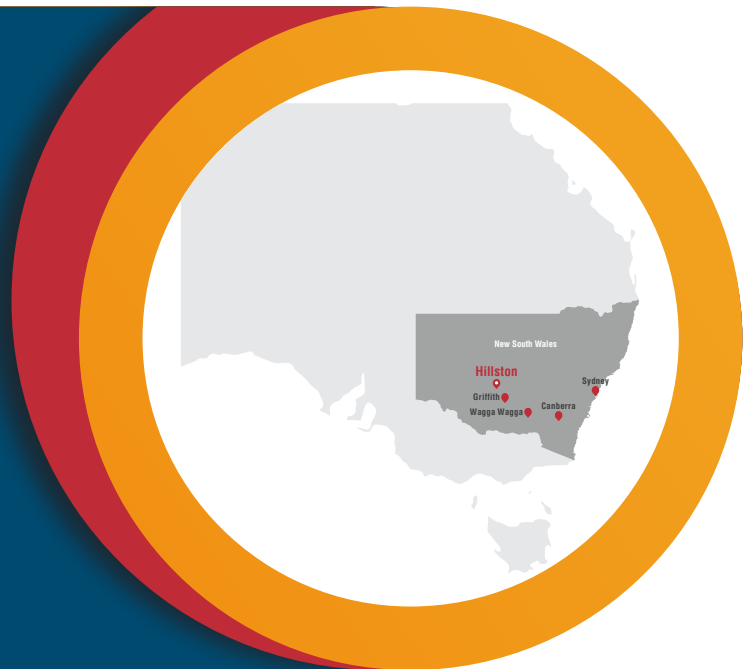


ABOUT HILLSTON NSW



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



On the banks of the Lachlan River, Hillston is now a major fruit and vegetable producing region.

The town is 683km west of Sydney and 110km north of Griffith, where rail and air links to most of Australia's capital cities are located.

For more information go to: <https://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/>



Attractions



Lake Woorabinda is a man-made lake for water-skiing encircled by a scenic walking track.

Willandra National Park features the historical Willandra Homestead, Woolshed and Ram Shed and is a great place to view native flora and fauna.

The Hillston Cotton Gin is an interesting visit for all ages.



Housing



While housing can be in demand in the Hillston area, real estate agents are active and short-term housing for a health professional relocating to Hillston can be negotiated for the settling-in period. Prices for rentals range from \$200 to \$350 per week and purchase prices are favourable compared to cities.



Education



Hillston has two schools. Hillston Central School caters for children from Kindergarten to Year 12 while St Joseph's Primary School offers a Catholic education for children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

ABOUT HILLSTON MEDICAL CENTRE AND MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE

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Hillston Medical Centre is a small, vibrant general practice servicing the population of Hillston and surrounds. It is supported both by the Carathool Shire Council and the Griffith Base Hospital as well as by the community in the area. Currently one doctor provides the range of GP and small hospital services, but there is ample capacity for another to share both the patient and hospital load. Supervision for an incoming RVTS trainee can be from Griffith. The centre, which is co-located with the Hillston Multi-Purpose Service (www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-facilities/hillston-multipurpose-service) is a mixed billing facility that aims to provide holistic and patient-centred care and the doctors work closely with the care team and services providers at the MPS. Hillston has a full-time pharmacist.

Doctors at the Hillston Medical Centre use their skills to diagnose, manage and treat chronic illness such as asthma, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, musculo-skeletal conditions and stroke.

The doctors provide the Visiting Medical Officer services for Hillston MPS covering accident and emergency, acute care, respite, residential aged care and palliative care.

Hillston MPS staff are warm and welcoming skilled and diverse health professionals who aim to provide the community with a high standard of collaborative health care.

The MPs was constructed in 2015 and is a 15-bed facility with five acute care beds and 10 residential aged care beds and an emergency department.

FAST FACTS



Referring hospitals

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- Griffith Base Hospital, 100km
 - The Hillston MPS has 24-hour Emergency Department with telehealth cameras to connect the care team with specialists.



Services

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- General practice services
 - Accident and Emergency
 - Acute care
 - Residential aged care
 - Minor surgical procedures
 - Physiotherapy
 - Occupational therapy
 - Antenatal support



Visiting specialists

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- Health professionals specialising in
- Speech therapy
 - Dietetics
 - Dentistry
 - Podiatry
 - Counselling
 - Mental health
 - Sexual assault



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