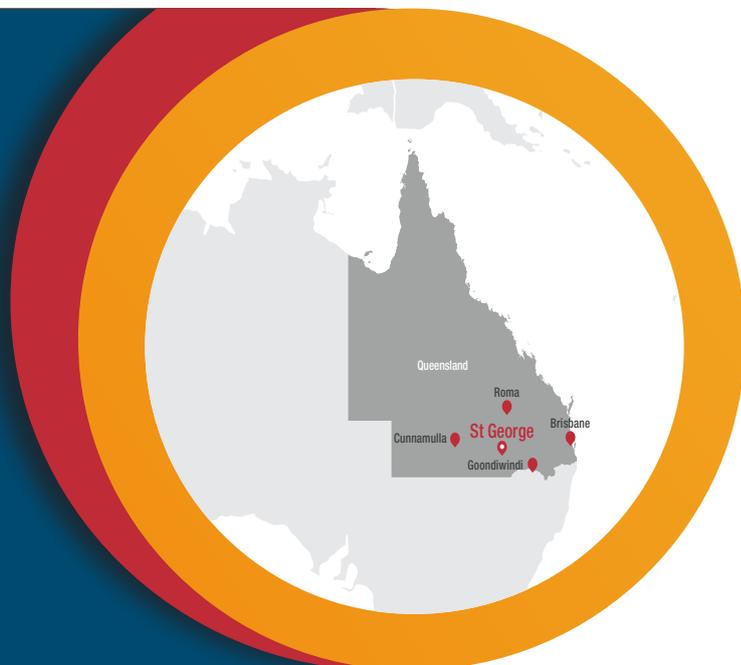


ABOUT ST GEORGE QLD



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



St George is 513km due west of Brisbane and the Gold Coast. It sits at the junction of the Castlereagh, Moonie, Carnarvon and the Balonne highways. It is located in the Balonne Shire. To find out more, go to balonne.qld.gov.au



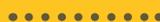
Attractions



St George is the main business centre for the Balonne Shire in Southern Inland Queensland. There are number of retail services to meet all needs. Many people who visit St George for the first time comment on the beauty of the town with its magnificent water views over the Balonne River.



Housing



St George has many housing options. The median house price is \$228,000 and the average rent is \$260 per week (\$250 for a three-bedroom house, \$300 per week for a four-bedroom house). Units average \$200 per week. *Source: realestate.com.au, March, 2019.*



Education



St George has great educational options. The State School is a government co-educational primary (P-6) school. St George State High School is a government co-educational secondary (Years 7-12) school.

ABOUT GOONDIR HEALTH SERVICE



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Goondir Health Services is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS) that was incorporated in 1994 and provides a rich high end model of care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations of St George, Dalby and Oakey. The word Goondir translates to 'Medicine Man', the local language of the Dalby area.

The Goondir St George Clinic has approximately 1100 patients living in St George, and around 22 patients travelling from Dirranbandi. Goondir also provides outreach services to small communities within the region through a fully equipped mobile clinic.

The Goondir team work to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people by providing quality primary health care; promoting physical and emotionly well-

being; and empowering people through education and support to improve their health and that of their families. Goondir has purpose built GP clinic facilities and provides a rich learning environment for medical practitioners and students.

The neighbouring St George Hospital is a 28-bed facility that offers medical and emergency services, including minor surgical services, plus retrievals with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Outreach allied health and medical specialists regularly visit the Goondir St George Clinic and the St George Hospital, including ophthalmologists, physicians, paediatricians, surgeons, gynaecologists and obstetricians, ear nose and throat specialists and ultrasonographers.

The Aboriginal and Torres St Islander population of St George is 17.8 per cent.

FAST FACTS



Referring hospitals

- Roma Hospital
194 km
- Toowoomba Hospital
385 km
- Princess Alexandra
Hospital 506km



Services

- Social and emotional
well-being counsellors
- Registered nurse
- Aboriginal health
workers/practitioners
- Big Buddy Youth Program
coordinator
- Healthy Lifestyle worker



Visiting services

- Respiratory physician
- Physiotherapist
- Cardiologist
- Speech therapist
- Indigenous diabetes eyes
and screening
- Podiatrist
- Psychologist

