

ABOUT Bourke NSW



RVTS TARGETED RECRUITMENT PILOT

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) assists the recruitment of doctors to targeted rural and remote communities with high medical workforce need, by including the RVTS GP Vocational Training program as a component of the doctor recruitment package. Since 2018, RVTS has successfully assisted the recruitment of 23 doctors to 26 rural and remote locations across Australia, including 10 Aboriginal Medical Services.

RVTS Training is a four-year GP and Rural Generalist training program delivered by Distance Education and Remote Supervision leading to Fellowship of the ACRRM and/or RACGP. RVTS Training is fully funded by the Australian Government.

The Targeted Recruitment model has brought workforce stability and enhanced continuity of care to the participating communities, as well as career progression to specialist qualifications for the recruited doctors. The RVTS Targeted Recruitment strategy is an Australian Government Initiative.



Location



The township of Bourke has a population of approximately 3,000 people including a large Aboriginal population of approximately 1000 people. Dubbo is 4 hours by road and can also be accessed by weekly Airlink flights.



Attractions



The Darling River runs through the town, surrounded by stunning scenery, including the red cliffs of the Narrows. Enjoy fishing, boating, and bird watching or explore surrounding outback. A variety of events and festivals, including the popular Outback Heritage Festival.



Housing



A house and a car are provided for this GP VMO role. The median price for a home in Bourke is around \$200,000.



Education



Bourke Public School caters Kindergarten to Year 12 and St. Joseph's Primary School offers Kindergarten to Year 6. There are also several preschools and day-care facilities available as well as options for distance education and home-schooling in the area.

ABOUT Ochre Health Practice



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Bourke is a town located in western New South Wales nestled on the Darling River. It has a rich history dating back to its establishment in the mid-19th century when it served as a hub for the wool trade and outback exploration. Today Bourke is an agricultural hub for the district that includes sheep (meat and wool), beef, goat and crops including cotton, citrus fruits, and table grapes. Tourism is also a growing industry.

The Ochre Health practice is equipped with 4 consultation rooms servicing over 2100 active patients in the community with high proportion of chronic disease management and geriatric care.

FAST FACTS



Referring Hospitals



The nearest Rural Referral and Trauma Centre is Dubbo Base Hospital, 4 hours by road.

The Bourke MPS has a 2 bed Emergency Department along 15 acute and 15 residential aged care beds.



Services



GP consultations with some telehealth and minor procedures. Radiology and Pathology services available at the Bourke Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) along with residential care, palliative care, and dialysis services.



Visiting Specialists



Visiting specialist services include psychiatry, endoscopy, ophthalmology, dermatology. Additional specialist advice is available via vCare.