

ABOUT Fitzroy Crossing WA



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



Small town in the Kimberley region of WA, 2500 kms north of Perth and 400km north of Broome. The town came about because it was a suitable place to cross the enormous Fitzroy River during the wet season. Tourism, cattle stations and mining are the main industries.



Attractions



Geikie National Park is an 'ancient barrier reef', more than 20km wide and over 1000km long. The water has cut significant gorges in the rock faces providing spectacular scenery. Geike Gorge is a boating location and Bell Gorge contains pristine freshwater pools for swimming.



Housing



An accommodation subsidy is available from WACHS.



Education



Fitzroy Valley District High School is a government run and co-educational school for students from Prep to Year 12. There are numerous public and private primary and secondary schools in Broome including a campus of the University of Western Australia.

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The Fitzroy Crossing Hospital opened in 2008 and is staffed by four doctors and 15 nurses and 13 primary health staff including nine community health nurses. The community health nurses use the hospital as their base and go into the community for home visits.

An undercover ambulance bay has been built at the hospital as well as a mortuary with a private grieving courtyard. The hospital features a transit lounge where patients can rest before they travel to other health services or to their outlying community that can be some distance.

The emergency bay has two treatments areas including a dedicated resuscitation room and five consulting rooms for outpatient clinics. The consulting rooms can be used by general practitioners for consultations as well as visiting specialists who fly into the area on a cyclical basis.

This GP / Rural Generalist Training Position is also supported by WACHS Broome Hospital with the opportunity complete a significant portion of the training in Broome.

FAST FACTS



Referring Hospitals



Provides hospital services and indigenous health care to residents of the town as well as 40 outlying communities. The hospital has 12 acute inpatient beds, 2 boarder beds, emergency care facilities, primary health and a public dental service. The nearest referring hospital is Broome Hospital 400km away.



Services



The hospital is co-located with the Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service offering Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Centre. A two-chair dental facility staffed by a full-time dentist and clinic assistant.



Visiting Specialists



Visiting services include Cardiology, Orthopaedics, Paediatric, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics and Mental Health.



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