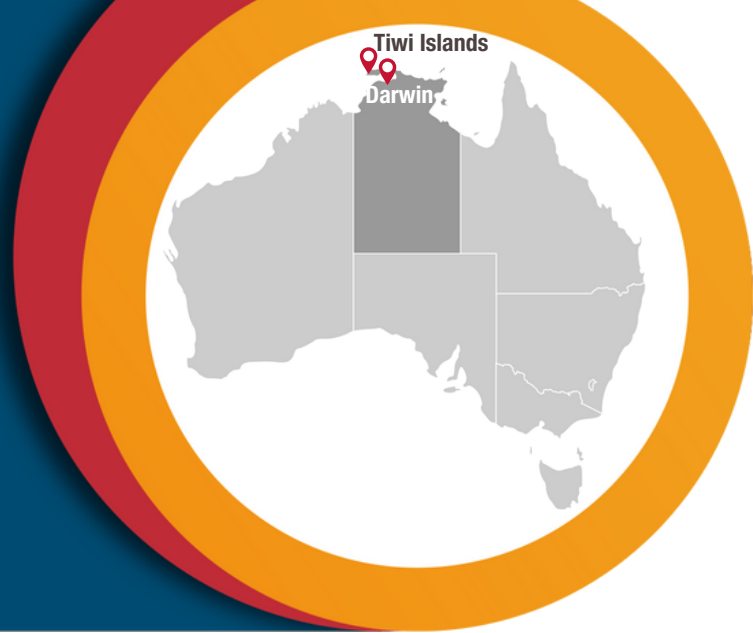


ABOUT Tiwi Islands NT



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



An inter-island ferry connects to Melville Island & a freight barge comes from Darwin twice a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Daily 20-minute flights to Darwin and a 2.5-hour passenger ferry to Darwin on Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and Mondays (only in the dry season).



Attractions



Paintings, sculptures, ceramics, etching & jewellery at 5 art centres on the islands. Fishing, Tiwi AFL Grand Final & Art Fair. Great spots for camping & fishing (seek permission from Traditional Owners). Nguuu Club is open 4 nights a week. A fantastic museum.



Housing



Housing will be provided for the position in the community.



Education



Wurrumiyanga has the Murrupurtinvulu Catholic Primary School and the Xavier Catholic College.

ABOUT Jalanimawu Health Centre



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Wurrumiyanga (also known as Nguiu and Bathurst Island) is an Aboriginal community of approximately 2000 people, located on the southeast corner of Bathurst Island, part of the Tiwi Islands, 80 kilometres northwest of Darwin.

Jalanimawu Clinic is the only health service on the island and is located on the capital of the Tiwi Islands that houses the main administrative and finance divisions of Tiwi Islands Local Government.

Jalanimawu is a primary care service also provides all emergency care for the community. Remote Area Nurses (RANs) alongside Tiwi drivers and AHP provide the after-hours on-call service with support from the DMO (district medical officer) on-call. Patients requiring admission are evacuated via Careflight to Royal Darwin Hospital.

The clinic provides acute and chronic disease services, along with programs including child health, palliative care, hospital-in-the-home, rheumatic heart disease program, women's health, midwifery services and mental health. There is a significant burden of disease in the community with many patients with complex care requirements – there are no boring days! Residential doctors are not on-call but if available may be called in for only significant emergencies.

FAST FACTS



Referring Hospitals



Royal Darwin Hospital is accessible by air and ferry.



Services



Visiting services: AOD, dietician, diabetes educator, sexual health, sonographer, physiotherapist, podiatrist. Support of training of AHPs. Haemodialysis unit & a flexible aged care service. Significant burden of chronic disease and role of the doctor includes acute and chronic disease management as well as advocacy and supporting RANs and AHPs.



Visiting Specialists



Well supported by specialist services from RDH including cardiology, respiratory, renal, O&G, psychiatry and endocrinology.



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