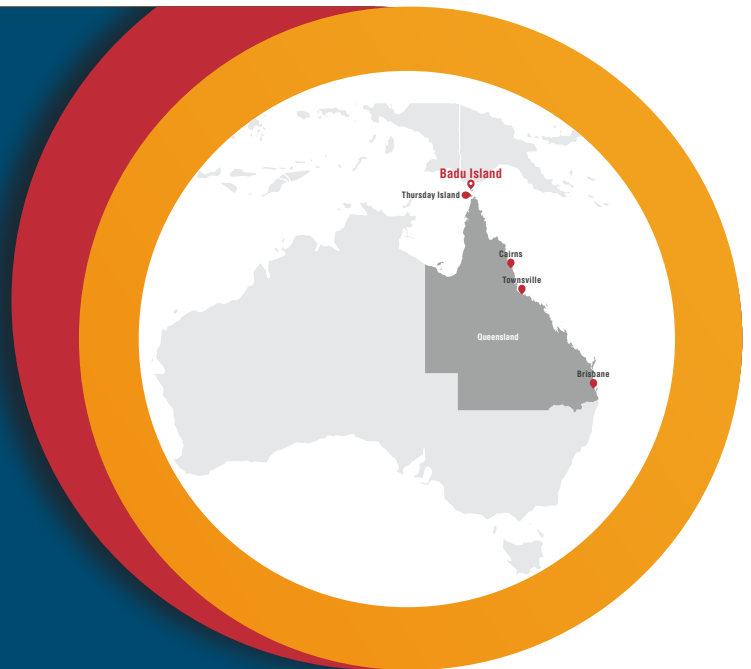


ABOUT BADU ISLAND QLD



RVTS ENHANCED TARGETED RECRUITMENT PILOT

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) is assisting the recruitment of doctors to targeted remote communities with high medical workforce need by including the RVTS GP Vocational Training program as a component of the doctor recruitment package.

The RVTS Targeted Recruitment strategy is an Australian Government Initiative. Since the first appointment under the RVTS Targeted Recruitment pilot in 2018, RVTS has successfully assisted the recruitment of 14 doctors to locations with high medical workforce need across Australia, supporting 18 communities, including five Aboriginal Medical Services.

RVTS Training is a four-year GP 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. Targeted Recruitment locations may also be eligible for Salary Support funding from the Australian Government.



Location



Badu Island is a small island in the Torres Strait, 55km north of Thursday Island. Badu is 20km in diameter and has direct flights to Horn Island which then connect to Cairns. It is dotted with granite hills and has many stunning beaches to explore with permission of the native title holders living on Badu. Boating, Camping and fishing are popular.



Attractions



The Badu Arts Centre produces a gorgeous range of printmaking, etching, jewellery, textiles and carving. Visitors can tour through the facility and watch the wares being made by Badu Island locals. Badu Island also has its own Bronze Casting Foundry. Fishing on Badu Island is a popular activity.



Housing



With a population of 816, 91.74% of the population live in rental accommodation. Badu Island has impressive infrastructure with a health centre, two grocery stores, a post office, Centrelink office, football field and a regional council.
Source: realestatesales.com.au, March, 2019.



Education



Badu has its own newly built Child Care Centre for children aged up from one to four years. Tagai College runs a Prep year in its own recently renovated grounds for 4-5 year olds plus a Primary school. All secondary education takes place on Thursday Island. In addition children can attend boarding school Brisbane and Cairns, which is accessible by plane.

ABOUT BADU ISLAND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

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The Badu Island Primary Health Care Centre operates under the umbrella of the Torres and Cape Hospital Health Service. The Centre provides health services to the 816-resident population of Badu Island.

A total of 86.3% of the Badu Island population identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The Badu Island clinic has an Indigenous health service manager, remote area nurses, GP, advanced health workers, senior health worker, receptionist, administration staff, cleaner, and project health workers and has an emergency room treatment centre and equipment for primary emergencies on the island. The position is well supported by the existing GP on Badu Island as well as SMOs of the Torres and Cape Health team, based at Thursday Island, for administration and continuing professional education. It is further supported by several visiting medical services and health project workers.

The centre has telehealth services which give residents access to specialist services without them having to leave their local community. It can assist eligible patients who need to travel for treatment through the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme.

FAST FACTS



Referring hospitals

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- Thursday Island Hospital, 60km by sea or a 1.5 hour plane ride to Horn Island then ferry to Thursday Island
- Cairns Hospital, about two hours by air



Services

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- Visiting medical officers
- Child health
- Immunisation clinics
- Home visits to aged care clients
- Dental clinics
- Community health clinics
- Health education and more



Visiting specialists

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- Paediatrician
- Mental health team
- Breast screening
- Men's and women's health
- Social and emotional health support services
- Family support services
- Dieticians, nutrition



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