

ABOUT Heywood VIC



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 27 doctors to 28 rural and remote locations across Australia, including 11 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



A small rural community with a population of 2000 close to the magnificent Southern Ocean coastline. Portland and Hamilton are just 20 min and 45 min by road while the larger regional centres Warrnambool and Mt Gambier are 1 hour by road.



Attractions



Pristine coastline for swimming and fishing at Narrawong, Portland, and Nelson. UNESCO listed Budj Bim National Park and Cultural Landscape at Mt Eccles and the famous Great South West Hiking Trail. The community also hosts the Heywood Wood Wine and Roses Festival.



Housing



Heywood Rural Health owns a 3-bedroom house that is closely located to the Health Service. Accommodation support may also be provided. Alternatively, there is a wide variety housing and rental options available in Portland, Hamilton and Port Fairy.



Education



Heywood has a childcare centre, kindergarten, primary school, and secondary college. In addition, there are school bus runs to 3 private colleges in Hamilton - Good Shepard, Hamilton, and Alexandra, and Monivae College.

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Heywood Rural Health is a small Rural Health Service funded by the Victorian Department of Health. Heywood Rural Health operates a GP clinic, a suite of allied health services and a 45 bed residential aged care service combined with 5 acute hospital beds and a nurse-led Urgent Care Centre.

The GP Clinic has 2 modern and equipped consultation rooms with an additional treatment room. The facility is currently staffed by a GP 4 days a week, Practice Nurse 4 days a week, Practice Manager 7 days a fortnight and Admin/Reception staff 5 days a week.

The clinic has approximately 800 active patients predominantly aged between 60-85 years with a focus on chronic disease management, diabetes, and musculoskeletal medicine.

FAST FACTS



Referring Hospitals



Portland District Health (20 minutes by road) provides a number of visiting specialists, acute and sub-acute services, theatre, midwifery, and a 24-hour Urgent Care Centre.



Services



Allied health services include physiotherapy, dietetics, diabetes education, podiatry plus a community based district nursing and home care service. Visiting services from Dorevitch Pathology, Royal Flying Doctor Service, a Mental Health Clinician and a Maternal and Child Health Nurse.



Visiting Specialists



Flying Doctor Wellbeing, offered by the Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria, provides access to free mental health and wellbeing services. Specialist medical services are available nearby at Portland Hospital.