

ABOUT Dover TAS



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 29 doctors to 29 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



Hobart is 70 minutes away by road, and Launceston 3.5 hours. Each offers direct flights to Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Adelaide and Perth, and Hobart offers direct international flights to New Zealand.



Attractions



Dover is the gateway to Tasmania's Southwest World Heritage Wilderness Area and the Hartz Mountains National Park. Hastings Caves and Thermal Springs provides access to thermal springs. Activities include fishing kayaking, diving, and local paddock to plate food experiences.



Housing



Rental accommodation is available in Dover with a median price of \$440/week for a 3BR home, or \$520k to purchase.



Education



Early learning to Year 12 is available at Dover. Daily bus services run north to public and private schools in Geeveston, Huonville and Cygnet, and further north to Hobart where education options are even more plentiful and weekly boarding is an option.

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The town of Dover (population 950) is a small fishing port 78 kilometres south of Hobart, where salmon, abalone and cray fishing, along with the region's abundance of apple orchards, are important industries.

The friendly local community are strong supporters of Dover Medical Centre, which holds full AGPAL accreditation, has a long history of training RACGP and ACRRM Registrars, and uses Best Practice software. The newly expanded practice offers five consulting rooms and a separate treatment room, providing a range of diagnostic and procedural equipment.

The Dover community hosts a local maker's market and family festivals such as the Dover Seafest and Dover Fun Run, and a weekly parkrun operates 20 minutes north in Geeveston.

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Referring Hospitals



The practice is co-located with Esperance Multi-Purpose Health Centre and Huon Regional Care, with 2 acute beds, 1 palliative care bed, and 24 residential aged care beds.

The closest tertiary referral hospital is Royal Hobart Hospital, 70 minutes by road.



Services



Comprehensive general practice services including skin checks, minor surgical procedures, occupational medicine, preventive health, and chronic disease management. The local hospital provides general medical and palliative inpatient care, and outpatient services for CAT 3, 4 and 5 presentations.



Visiting Specialists



Access to specialists is available via telehealth. Visiting services to the practice include psychology, exercise physiology, physiotherapy, massage therapy, and maternal and child health services.



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