

ABOUT Mutitjulu/Anangu Regional Health Service 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 27 doctors to 28 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



Mutitjulu is the Aboriginal community located at the eastern end of Uluru in the Northern Territory. The population is also serviced by the Yulara Township 25 km away. Connellan Airport near Yulara has direct flights to Sydney, Melbourne, Alice Springs, Cairns, Adelaide or Darwin. Alice Springs is 450km (4.5 hours) by road.



Attractions



A deeply cultural environment which maintains a close connection to traditional languages & practices & is home to an abundance of springs, waterholes, rock caves and ancient paintings. Staff are involved in the musical and arts scene in the region. New doctors are encouraged to bring their musical instrument.



Housing



Central Australian Aboriginal Congress will provide housing for medical practitioners in Yulara.



Education



There are 3 schools. Mutitjulu Primary caters for students Prep to Grade 6. Yulara School provides education from Prep to Year 12.

Nyangatjatjara College caters for Prep to Year 12 students who speak Pitjantjatjara as their first language.

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Central Australian Aboriginal Congress is a large community-controlled health service providing care to the community of Mutitjulu (420 residents) at the eastern end of Uluru, Imanpa (80 residents) 200kms to the east, Docker River (450 residents) 180 kms to the west, and to the Ayres Rock Resort at Yulara (1500 residents) and up to 5000 visitors.

The Anangu people have always lived in this area and move between all these locations. There are 400 or so Indigenous employees at the resort and a large number of Fijians and migrant workers. The clinics are open Monday to Friday 8.30am -5.00pm and have Thu PM for emergency only attendances.

The team for the region includes 4 doctors, 12 remote area nurses and nurse managers, one Aboriginal Health Practitioner, as well as drivers, counsellors, administration staff and Aboriginal liaison officers. Many members of the lively and committed team have worked in this setting for many years.

The region has a semi-arid climate and experiences four seasons. In summer, December to February, the average temperature ranges from 20 to 40 degrees Celsius. In winter, June to August, the average temperature range is 0 to 20 degrees Celsius. Spring and autumn have almost perfect weather with warm days, clear skies, and cool evenings.

FAST FACTS



Referring Hospitals



Alice Springs hospital is 450km (4.5 hours) by road. Alice Springs Hospital has 160 acute beds and provides an extensive range of medical specialist, nursing and allied health services.

A high-quality evacuation and emergency support service is provided by the hospital and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Services



The clinic provides a range of service including primary health care, dialysis clinic, alcohol and other drugs services, social emotional and wellbeing counselling services, exercise physiologist services and chronic disease education.

Nurse-on call services are provided after-hours and weekends.



Visiting Specialists



The health centre receives regular visits from visiting allied health staff (dietitian, optometrist, podiatrist, diabetes nurse and psychologist) and a range of other medical specialists.



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