# ABOUT St Arnaud VIC

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### **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

St Arnaud is located approximately 300km (3 hours) by road from Melbourne.

The closest regional centres are Bendigo and Swan Hill are 75 and 100 minutes by road respectively from St Arnaud.



### Attractions

The town lies within the Grampians region close to the Pyrenees Wineries with beautiful bushland in every direction offering the opportunity for exhilarating bushwalks and exploration Other attractions include the beautiful Queen Mary Gardens, the Railway Hub Gallery, the Wax Gardens, the Silo Art Trail murals adorning town buildings.



The median sales price for units and houses in St Arnaud is \$275,000.

The median house rent is \$370 per week.

Connecting the Docs is seeking to provide accommodation in St Arnaud.

## Education

St Arnaud has 2 schools, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and St Arnaud Primary School along with St Arnaud Secondary College.



### ABOUT Charlton & Wycheproof Medical Centres

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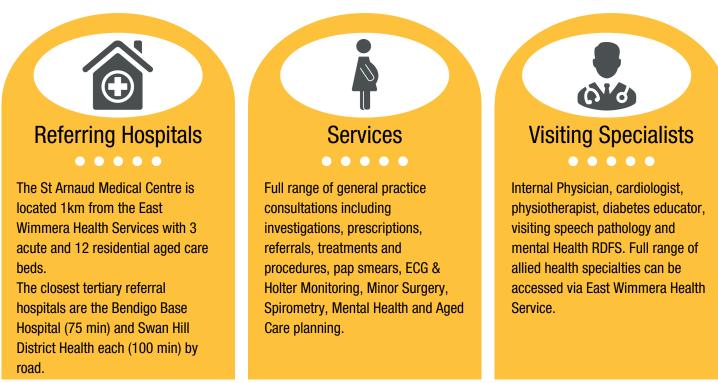
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The town of St Arnaud is nestled in the heart of the Wimmera region, a historic gold mining town which combines the charm of country living with strong community ties. There is beautiful bushland in every direction offering the opportunity for exhilarating bushwalks and exploration. The town of St Arnaud is a welcoming and supportive community.

The St Arnaud Medical Centre is run by a husband-and-wife team of doctors, Darko & Vesna Slipcevic and is within walking distance from the main town centre. We aim to provide the highest standard of patient care whilst incorporating a holistic approach toward diagnosis and management of illness. We are committed to promoting health, wellbeing and disease prevention to all patients. We do not discriminate in the provision of excellent care and aim to treat all patients with dignity and respect.

Our patient base consists of a primarily aging population within a small farming community of varying socio-economic levels. We have a close, supportive relationship with the local health service, East Wimmera Health Service and Western Victorian Primary Health Network along with GPs located in surrounding towns, with whom we collaborate, support and meet with on a regular basis.

### **FAST FACTS**



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