

# ABOUT Cooktown QLD



## 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 38 doctors to 41 rural and remote locations across Australia, including 12 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



Cooktown is situated at the mouth of the Endeavour River on Cape York Peninsula.

Cairns is the closest regional city located 325km to the south. Cairns airport offers flights to most Capital Cities and to many communities across Far North Queensland.



### Attractions



Cooktown is a short 10 minute boat ride from the spectacular Great Barrier Reef offering a full spectrum of water sports and fishing opportunities.

The region is rich in Indigenous culture and features many hiking and bike trails along with freshwater swimming sites.



### Housing



Rental property median price is from \$280 to \$400 per week.

The average house purchase price is \$420,000.

The practice has accommodation options including an onsite apartment and a duplex 1 km away.



### Education



The Cooktown State school and Endeavour Christian College both offer classes from Prep to Year 12.

Holy Spirit College is a Catholic Secondary School offering classes from Year 7 to 12.

# ABOUT Cooktown Medical Centre



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Cooktown is a unique and rich tapestry of adventure, nature, wildlife, historical significance, and Indigenous culture.

The town is famous as the location where Captain James Cook beached his ship for repairs in 1770 and is today one of the largest population centres on the Cape York Peninsula with around 3000 residents.

Cooktown has a tropical savannah climate with a hot, humid wet season from December to April and a very warm, less humid dry season from May to November.

The Cooktown Medical Centre provides primary care services for Cooktown and surrounding communities and is well supported by the Cooktown MPH to train and support GP registrars.

## FAST FACTS



### Referring Hospitals



Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service located 5km away operates 24 hours a day, providing specialised care to patients with serious illnesses or injuries.

Cairns Hospital is the closest tertiary hospital, located 325km by road offers a broad range of clinical and community services.



### Services



Chronic Disease Management, Preventative Health Assessments, Family planning, Pap smears, Pregnancy tests, Ante-natal care, ECG: heart check, Spirometry: lung test, Counselling, Blood tests, Skin checks, Minor surgery & excisions, 'Freezing' for sunspots, warts, Weight control, Nutrition advice and Indigenous Health.



### Visiting Specialists



The Cooktown Multipurpose Health Service offers a comprehensive range of medical, nursing and allied health services to the community.



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