

# ABOUT Rochester 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 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



Rochester is a rural town in central Victoria located 180 km north of Melbourne on the Campaspe River between Bendigo (65 km) and the Murray River port of Echuca (28 km).

Rochester is connected to Melbourne via train.



### Attractions



The flowing Campaspe River offers great opportunities for fishing and observing the local wildlife.

Rochester is well known for its many colorful murals on the grain silos in town depicting native animals and local culture.

The town boasts a rich sporting culture with 2 local golf courses.



### Housing



Rental property median price is \$450 per week.

The average house purchase price is \$423,000.

The practice has accommodation options located at the local hospital, 10 minutes walk from the practice.



### Education



Rochester Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School offers classes from Prep to Grade 6.

Rochester Secondary College offers classes from Year 7 to 12

There is also a variety of schooling options available in Bendigo.

# ABOUT Campaspe Medical Centre



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Rochester is picturesque rural town on the Campaspe River offering superb access to the natural beauty and wildlife of the region.

Agriculture plays an important part in the economy of Rochester including dairy, tomatoes, cattle and sheep along with grain and seed farms. There are also several other smaller industries supporting the communities 3000 residents.

Campaspe Medical Centre is a part of the larger St Anthony Family Medical Practice group with 7 practices across central Victoria. The practice is committed to providing the highest quality medical care to our patients to deliver ethical, consistent, timely and comprehensive medical care encompassing family medicine, emergency care and preventative health strategies.

We pride ourselves on education, hosting monthly sessions utilising specialists and services from around the area as well as an annual all day Clinical Conference. St Anthony's regularly has GP registrars working at its clinics and provides a supporting environment for the next generation of rural doctors.

## FAST FACTS



### Referring Hospitals



Rochester and Elmore District Health Services (REDHS) is collocated with the practice offers 24-hour Acute, Clinical and Allied Health Services with 10 acute and 60 residential beds.

The closest tertiary hospitals are Echuca Regional Health 28 km & Bendigo Health 65 km by road.



### Services



Comprehensive GP Services, Chronic Disease Management, Women's health, Men's Health, Paediatrics, Minor operations and procedures, Health Assessments, Pre-Employment medicals and Pathology service.



### Visiting Specialists



Rochester and Elmore District Health Services offers a comprehensive range of medical, nursing and allied health services to the community. This includes Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry Exercise Physiology, Dietitian, Social Work and visiting Audiology.



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