

ABOUT Katherine 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 43 doctors to 46 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



The third largest town in the NT, situated on the banks of the Katherine River 320km south of Darwin in a place where “the outback meets the tropics”. It is the service centre for the Gulf Savannah region and the strategically important RAAF base, located nearby.



Attractions



Enjoy the great outdoors in the world famous Nitmiluk National Park, Cutta Caves Nature Park and the Mataranka hot springs. Camping, fishing, football codes, swimming, Active Feet (gymnastics), skate park and tennis are just some of the sports which can be enjoyed.



Housing



The median house price for Katherine is \$400,000 with the average house rental at \$550 per week.



Education



Katherine hosts four local government primary schools, one government high school and one Catholic school up to year 10.

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Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service



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The Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service delivers health care services to just over 4000 Aboriginal residents in Katherine and services approximately another 3000 transient Aboriginal clients from the wider Katherine region. These residents represent more than 15 Indigenous language groups.

Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service's vision is "to move forward as one, to heal our people and improve our health", and to relieve the poverty, sickness, destitution, distress, suffering, misfortune and helplessness of the Aboriginal people of the Katherine region.

Wurli delivers general and acute care at the Main Clinic in Third Street and provides treatment for clients with chronic conditions at Gudbinji, in Kintore Street. Focusing on the underlying determinants of health, Wurli has also established specialised programs for men's health, mental health and family wellbeing, alcohol and other drugs, tobacco control and others which are now delivered in Wurli facilities across Katherine.

FAST FACTS



Referring Hospitals



The Katherine District Hospital is located 5km from the clinic with 60 acute beds.

Royal Darwin Hospital (320km) is the closest tertiary hospital.



Services



Wurli-Wurlinjang delivers acute and general care, women's, children's and men's health, and the Gudbinji Chronic Conditions Clinic. In addition, Wurli delivers an after hours service, the Wurli-Wurlinjang Family Partnership Program, the Syphilis Enhanced Response Program and the Binjari Health Service.



Visiting Specialists



A range of allied health and specialist medical practitioners are accessible in Katherine or via tele-health.



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