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Tropical Far North Queensland

Queensland's lifestyle is like no other, from tropical beaches to ancient rainforests.

Enjoy an unrivalled lifestyle, which is the envy of tourists from around the world. Our communities are nestled between two World Heritage sites – the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropic World Heritage Area.

You could be working in the thriving city of Cairns, the beautiful Port Douglas and Daintree region, or in the lush green Cassowary Coast, or picturesque Atherton Tablelands.

Enjoy our relaxed Queensland way of life while working in friendly and diverse communities with great services and facilities.

Explore the region's outstanding natural beauty and wildlife with easy getaways to the Reef, tropical islands, rainforest waterfalls and the savannah outback.

Each of our nine hospitals are within a two-hour drive of Cairns city and its international airport.



Relocation Incentive

We offer applicants relocation assistance including air and road travel, relocation of goods and vehicles as well as up to 21 nights accommodation.

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Cairns and Hinterland
Hospital and Health Service



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Rural opportunities

Mareeba Hospital

Mareeba Hospital is a 36-bed, Level 3 facility servicing 20,000 residents from a vast multicultural background. We provide care to the residents of Mareeba and outreach services to Dimbulah, Chillagoe, and Lotus Glen Correctional Centre. We believe in fostering a supportive and innovative environment for our Rural Generalists. Our SMOs have procedural skills in emergency, anaesthetics, obstetrics, and general practice and enjoy supporting our junior doctors and medical students. You will experience a wide variety of shifts depending on your skillset including emergency, ward rounds, theatre lists, anaesthetic and obstetric clinics, fracture clinic and general practice. Our monthly average is 2,000 ED presentations, 33 ATS Cat 1 presentations, 27 QAS and 11 RSQ transfers to Cairns Hospital and 17 births. We have a strong education roster where we provide catered weekly lunchtime education to all staff. Morning education is also conducted three mornings a week and our registrars have weekly education sessions with our ACRRM supervisors. Join us at Mareeba Hospital and make a lasting impact in the lives of our patients, and your career.

Atherton Hospital

Atherton Hospital is a 56-bed, Level 3 facility with a strong commitment to Rural Generalist training. The hospital provides training posts for Generalist Registrars with ACRRM and RACGP. We also support rotational PHOs from Cairns on 10-week terms in the ED, and intern terms on the wards. We provide care to residents of Atherton but also as far west as Georgetown, Forsyth and Croydon. Our SMOs have procedural skills in anaesthetics, obstetrics, and ED, and provide supervision, support and training for junior doctors and medical students within the facility. There is capacity within the hospital for SMOs to develop special interests such as minor surgery, paediatrics, anaesthetics and obstetrics, and education and training. Atherton has visiting Medical Officers in Surgery, Paediatrics, Haematology, Endocrinology, and Cardiology. Atherton Hospital has a simulation centre, utilised for multidisciplinary training within the hospital, as well as workshops with external providers. There is a James Cook University satellite campus co-located with the Hospital, and we support students in years two, four and six as part of their clinical rotations.

Innisfail Hospital

Innisfail Hospital is a 49-bed acute care Hospital including three High Dependency beds staffed by rural generalists. The Friends of the Hospital Foundation have generously supported acquisition of state-of-the-art resuscitation and critical care equipment for the Emergency Room, High Dependency Unit and Operating Theatre. Innisfail is an accredited hospital for GP and RG training with ACRRM and RACGP. Innisfail is accredited to provide ED AST training in whole or in collaboration with Cairns Hospital ED. Innisfail has successfully transitioned Provisional Fellows in OBS and ANAES to safe and successful procedural, emergency and inpatient SMOs. Innisfail has special interest SMOs in echocardiography, orthopaedics, endoscopy and medical education/simulation.



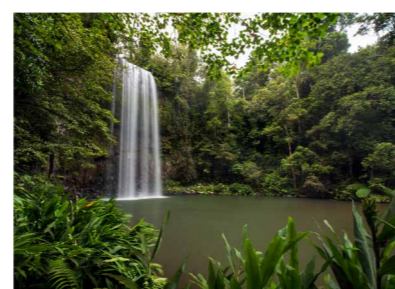
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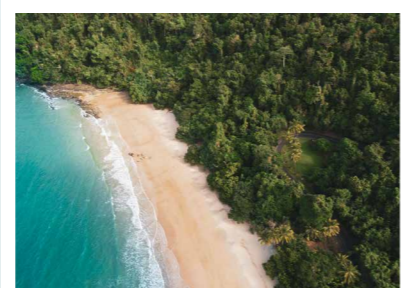
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Mareeba



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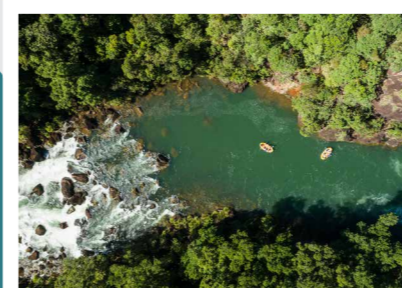
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Yarrabah



Babinda



Tully



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Mossman Multi-Purpose Health Service

Mossman Multi-Purpose Health Service is a 32-bed centre providing acute inpatient services, Residential Aged Care, accident and emergency, community and primary health care services, mental health, dental, and other outreach specialist services. Medical and allied health services also include outpatients, fracture, high-risk foot clinic, radiology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, dietetics, cardiac rehabilitation and social work services.

Yarrabah Emergency Services

Yarrabah is an Aboriginal community originally inhabited by the Gunggandji people but has other peoples brought to Yarrabah as part of the Stolen Generation. It's a picturesque 45-minute drive from Cairns, with a population of 3,000 residents. Yarrabah Emergency Service provides 24-hour Emergency Service to the township and catchment area of Yarrabah with 3.2FTE Senior Medical Officers. Health Services for the community of Yarrabah are consolidated under one roof, incorporating the Queensland Health Yarrabah Emergency Service, Queensland Ambulance Service, Satellite Renal Dialysis, Mental Health, Women's Health, Child Health and Gurriny Yealamucka Primary Health Care Centre. It has a monthly average of 700 presentations, 75 ATS Cat 1 and 2 presentations, 2 births and 52 transfers to Cairns Hospital.

Babinda Multi-Purpose Health Services

Babinda MPHS is a true 'non-proceduralist Rural Generalist' opportunity for SMOs and junior doctors. Providing a wide breadth of health care to the rural community: neonatal to palliative care, emergency, acute, sub-acute and primary health care, allied health, community and residential aged care. It is what makes this facility unique within the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service. Staff interested in higher acuity and Indigenous health have the possibility to work across the rosters of both Babinda and Yarrabah facilities. Babinda provides not only a varied and fulfilling career experience but is active in the education and training of James Cook University second, fourth and sixth year medical students, junior doctors and RACGP and ACRRM registrars. Education and training is rostered and supported through our local Emergency Medicine Education and Training (EMET) Team, RSQ and TEMSU Telehealth Education, and access to the Cairns Clinical Skills Centre.

Tully Hospital

Tully Hospital is a 20-bed facility that provides 24-hour Emergency Care, ward-based care (including palliative care), and Primary Care services. Supported by clinicians that provide Community Health, Oral Health, and Community Mental Health, Tully Hospital services a population of 12,000. Our SMOs are experienced GPs (ACRRM/RACGP) with advanced skills in Emergency Medicine. We take pride not only in our clinical work across the spectrum of acute and chronic care, but also enjoy supporting, teaching, and mentoring our junior doctors and medical students. Our PHOs rotate from Cairns, Townsville, or Brisbane, and often step up in their roles to be practicing more independently. This is particularly true on solo-shifts, being the only doctor looking after the entire hospital (including ED). Our junior doctors remain well supported by our SMOs and nurses alike. Our RMOs get a taste of what it is like to have a career as a rural generalist. They are rostered predominantly to Primary Care work (including our outreach clinic to the Indigenous settlement of Jumbun) with a good mix of ED and ward rounds too.

About our Health Service

The Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service includes 9 hospitals, 11 primary health sites and 9 community health centres, as well as mental health facilities and specialist services. Progress your career with plenty of opportunities to learn and grow, and the ability to build strong professional experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and tropical medicine. First Nations people make up 14% of our population and represent up to 30% of our occasions of service. We go as far as Tully in the south, Cow Bay in the north and Croydon in the west. Cairns Hospital is the only major referral hospital in Far North Queensland and also provides care for people from Cape York and the Torres Strait.

Employment conditions

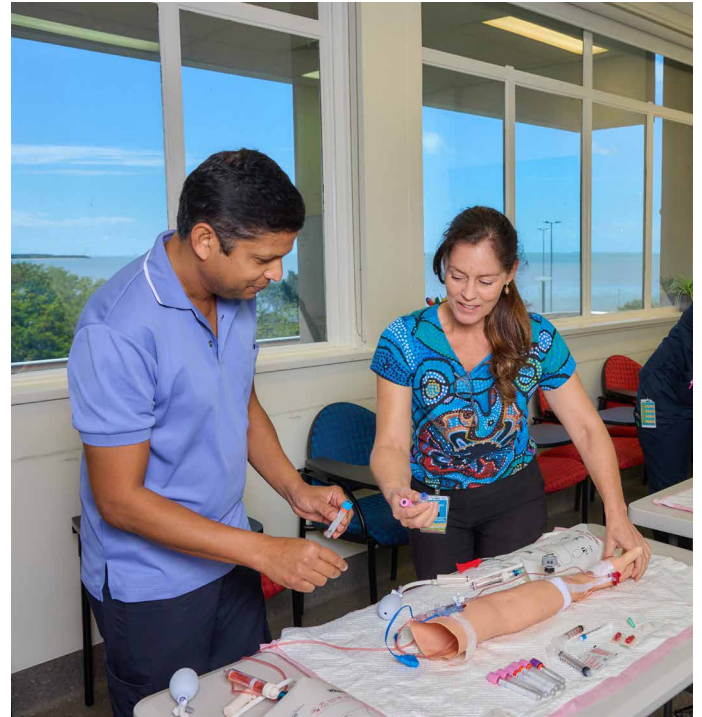
Medical Officers (Queensland Health) Award – State 2015 in conjunction with Medical Officers (Queensland Health) Certified Agreement (No.6) 2022 (MOCA 6)

- Flexible working conditions
– part-time and casual positions available
- Professional Development Allowance or Vocational Training Subsidy
- Minimum 5 weeks leave
- Inaccessibility allowance accrual
(Innisfail, Mareeba, Mossman, Tully)

Advanced rural skills posts

Complete your Advanced Skills training (AST) and Primary Rural and Remote training in Cairns Hospital with Emergency available in a rural setting. AST's are available in:

- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Emergency
- Internal Medicine
- Mental Health
- Extended Skills



Education and training opportunities

Kickstart your career with our unique training opportunities:

- Tropical diseases experience
- Research opportunities
- RMO rotations to Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service at Cooktown Hospital and Thursday Island Hospital
- Rural Rotations at PHO level
- Intern and RMO rotations with the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Intern GP rotation at Babinda
- Medical Registrar rotations to NWHHS at Mount Isa Hospital
- Critical Care Stream (level 3 ICU)
- Grand Rounds/Journal clubs
- Individual unit/department teaching
- Advanced Rural Clinical Skills (ARCS) training course
- Cairns Skills Centre
- Cairns RMO Society


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