

Saturday: sunny, 27 degrees Celsius (and it's winter!) Drove down to Cairns (only one hour away), took a boat out to the Great Barrier Reef and spent the day snorkelling.



Every year, thousands of tourists and backpackers visit the tropical paradise that is North Queensland, Australia.

There are now rural training opportunities for rural general practitioners, training registrars and general practice supervisors in two of the region's hospitals. **Atherton Hospital**, a 65-bed level 2 rural hospital, provides emergency, maternity, general medicine and surgical services and community health. A high dependency unit, satellite haemodialysis, oncology and endoscopy services are also provided. Nearby **Mareeba Hospital** provides emergency, maternity, general medicine and surgical services, plus community health.

Atherton Hospital provides a local integrated training program involving students, professional development programs and vocational training of rural registrars. The hospital has five full time generalists and specialists in medicine and surgery, supported by visiting specialists from Cairns and James Cook University. Shared posts means medical staff can enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle while practising interesting and challenging rural medicine (maximum one in 4 or 5 with guaranteed 2 days off in seven).

Work in Paradise!

Posts are available for:

- training rural doctors in emergency medicine, surgery and internal medicine
- registrars in basic and advanced general practice, advanced skills in internal medicine and surgery, and an option of obstetrics training in combination with the Cairns Base Hospital Department of Obstetrics.

There are also opportunities for working and training in medical administration.

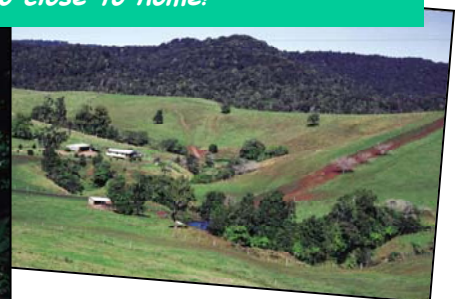
The hospitals offer a guaranteed teaching and education program with university and college support, in a high quality accredited training environment.

Full-time relievers are available, and holidays and other leave are guaranteed. Assistance with accommodation is available. Posts can be short or long term, full or part time, and migration sponsorship can be arranged. Procedural skills are an asset but are not essential. Supervision and procedural cover is always available.

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Sunday: sunny, 27 degrees Celsius. Spent the day exploring the Atherton Tablelands - rainforest, waterfalls, lakes. All this beautiful scenery so close to home!



(Photography by Tourism Queensland)