

Mount Isa Hospital Profile

RMO Campaign 2023

Location information

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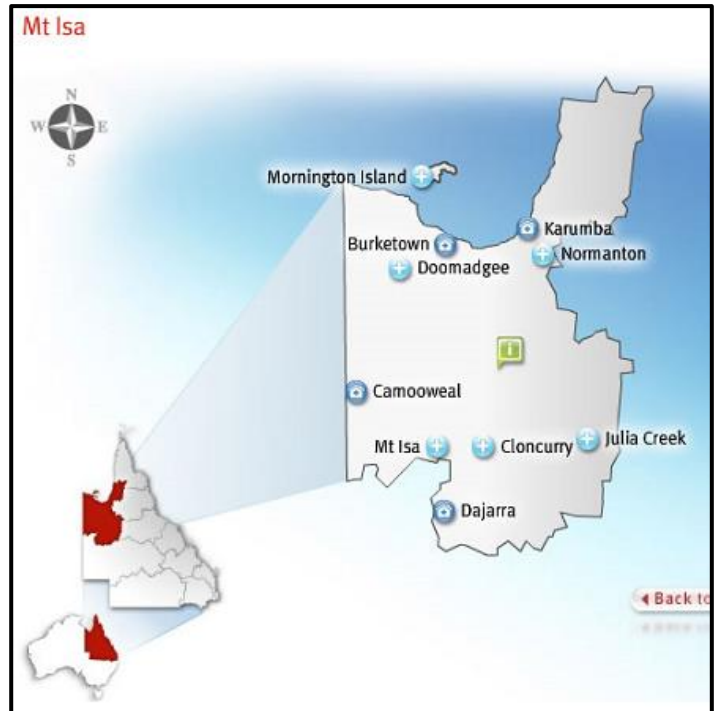
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Hospital facilities

Mount Isa is a CSCF Level 4 Specialist Service Base Hospital with a total of 80 beds. It is the referral hospital for the North West region, with remote country/community hospitals at Doomadgee, Normanton, Mornington Island, Cloncurry, Julia Creek and health centres at Dajarra, Camooweal, Karumba and Burketown.

Mount Isa also has a Royal Flying Doctor Service base providing rural retrievals, transfers and numerous primary health care activities including clinics at the health centres mentioned above. Mount Isa Hospital has undergone a redevelopment which included a new Emergency Department, new Outpatients Department, Mental Health (Outpatient) Unit, a Cancer Care Centre and a Paediatrics Unit.



The Emergency Department sees approximately 28,000 to 32,000 presentations per annum. An extremely varied mix of presentations gives clinical staff many opportunities to gain hands-on experience in procedural work and broad clinical experience. Our hospital is the major referral centre for nine other remote health facilities and clinics in the region. Therefore, our health facility is the primary facility for the treatment of

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for our North West communities

trauma including those caused by mining and farming accidents as well as road accidents. Medical staff will be exposed to a variety of medical, surgical, gynaecological and paediatric cases.

Clinical service profile

Services include - Accident and Emergency; Aged Care; Anaesthetics; Community Health; Day Surgery; Dental Care; Dietetics; Family Planning; General Medicine, General Surgery, Intensive Care, Maternity; Medical Imaging inc. CT, USS, Echo; Mental Health; Occupational Therapy; Oncology; Outpatients; Paediatrics; Palliative Care; Pathology; Pharmacy; Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Renal Unit; Sexual Health; Social Work; Speech Therapy; Multiple additional specialist services are provided on an outreach basis from Townsville, Cairns and Brisbane.

Clinical – Our resident population includes a large number of Aboriginal people. Mount Isa is a land of the Kalkadoon people. The Medical staff will become familiar with indigenous health issues and management, as well as rural and remote practice. Case management will include multiple chronic health problems such as Rheumatic Heart Disease, Diabetes and its associated complications (heart, liver and renal disease) as well as multiple other health problems including Mental Health, addiction, and many others.

RMO education and training opportunities

The Mount Isa Hospital provides two paid courses per year, typically ARC ALS and APLS that are accredited by all Colleges in Australia.

- An established link to James Cook University – Mound Isa Centre Rural & Remote Health (www.micrrh.jcu.edu.au)
- Regular in-services
- Simulation training in the ED Pocket Centre or at MICRRH
- Grand rounds sessions conducted by visiting and staff specialists weekly
- Telehealth – voice and video conference facilities
- Bi-weekly education sessions

Mount Isa is accredited for training with; Rural Generalist Pathway for both Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) & The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) with AST/ARST in:

- JCCA Anaesthetics
- DRANZCOG/advanced
- Internal Medicine AST
- Paediatrics AST
- Emergency Medicine
- ATSI Health
- Remote Medicine

The Medical Workforce Unit provides administrative and professional support to all medical staff and the Medical Education Officer and the Director of Clinical Training provides medical staff with career guidance and support.

There is an RMO lounge onsite which can be used at any time. Computers and internet access are provided for your convenience.

There is a Library onsite for you to access Medical Text books and journals. Computers and printers are available and the Library is open from 0830 to 1800 Monday to Friday.

It's possible to start in Mount Isa as an Intern or JHO and to leave Mount Isa with a Fellowship of the College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) as a Rural Generalist.

Employment conditions

- Inaccessibility Allowance - Rural and remote allowance of \$34,500 per annum (\$17,250 payable at the completion of each six months)!
- **Rent Free** furnished accommodation is provided for full contract period!
- Relocation for QH/Interstate Employees up to \$3500- vehicle and personal effects arranged through Hospital & Toll Transitions. Relocation for overseas candidates negotiated.
- **Free** on-site parking!
- 5 weeks annual leave!
- 76 hours per fortnight!
- Continuous, one on one support available from Directors, Staff Specialists, Senior Medical Officers and Executive Director of Medical Services!

Facility-specific recruitment requirements

Available positions

These numbers are subject to change, and applicants should always discuss employment opportunities with your preferred hospitals before submitting your application. Positions offered include Interns, Junior House Officer, Senior House Officer, Principal House Officer and Registrar positions. Training positions are offered in the following areas:

- Basic Physician Trainee (Rotations from Cairns Base Hospital)
- Advanced Paediatrics (Rotations from The Queensland Children's Hospital)
- Rural Generalist Pathway including ACRRM and RACGP
- DRANZCOG Adv.
- JCCA
- Internal Medicine AST
- Paediatrics AST
- Emergency
- Emergency (ACEM)

These positions are commonly filled with medical officers who started at Mount Isa in Intern/ RMO positions. Every effort is made to provide JHO/SHO staff with clinical rotations that match their vocational pathway or

career aspirations. Rotations are offered in Emergency, Anaesthetics/ICU, Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Palliative Care.



Senior Medical staff

- Executive Director of Medical Services
- 8 Clinical Directors
 - Director of Emergency
 - Director of Anaesthetics
 - Director of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
 - Director of Paediatrics
 - Director of Palliative Care
 - Director of Medicine
 - Director of Surgery
 - Clinical Director of Mental Health
- 4 Medical Superintendents
- 2 Medical Officers with Right of Private Practice
- 4 Rural and Remote Relievers
- 15 Senior Medical Officers/Staff Specialists
- Multiple Visiting Medical Specialists

Registrars

- ACEM Emergency
- AST Emergency Medicine
- PRRT (Primary Rural & Remote Training)/GPT in ED (2)
- PRRT with remote supervision (0.5 prov. SMO) (2)
- AST ATSI Health with remote supervision (0.5 prov. SMO) (1)
- AST Remote Medicine 0.5 prov. SMO (1)
- Advanced Paediatrics (1)
- Medicine (Basic Physician Trainee) (1)
- Renal (Basic Training Registrar) (1)
- AST DRANZCOG advanced (1)
- AST JCCA Anaesthetics (1)
- AST Internal Medicine (1)
- AST Paediatrics (1)

Principal House officers

- Emergency Medicine (up to 6)
- General Medicine (1)
- General Surgery (1)

Junior and Senior House officers

- Emergency Medicine (7)
- Palliative Care (1)
- General Medicine (1)
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (1)
- General Surgery (1)
- ANAE/ICU (accredited as PGY2/3 for CCT – RG Clinical Training) (1)
- Rural Generalist Interns (5)

Community and lifestyle

Mount Isa is a remote but robust community with friendly residents and a beautiful landscape. There are great schools including private schools, day care centres and many sporting clubs. Restaurants and clubs offer good opportunities for leisure and socialising. The hospital community offers an opportunity to make new friends for life. The rugged countryside offers ample opportunity for day and weekend trips, no matter whether you are interested in 4WD, camping or enjoy luxury hotels or motel accommodation. Lake Moondarra is a popular spot for water sports and fishing and a weekend trip to Adel's Grove and canoe through Lawn Hill Gorge is a must!

In Mount Isa, you are 5 minutes to anywhere! Experience the Outback Lifestyle while extending your knowledge of Rural and Remote Medicine!

Annual highlights

- April – Julia Creek Dirt in Dust Festival (triathlon, concert & PBR Bull Ride) www.dirtndust.com
- May – The Gregory River Canoe Race www.northwestcanooclub.org.au/thegregory.htm
- June – The Mount Isa Show & PBR Bull Ride www.mountisashow.com.au
- August – Mount Isa Rodeo and Mardi Gras street parade www.isarodeo.com.au



“Lawn Hill Gorge”

“Waterfalls at Lawn Hill”

“The Gregory River”

“Lake Moondarra”