

# GP training in the Mackay region

There are seven main placement sites in the Mackay region where you may be based during your GP training. These include: Airlie Beach, Bowen, Collinsville, Dysart, Mackay, Proserpine and Sarina.

The Mackay region is home to a diverse and vibrant community with rural and coastal living opportunities in 30 townships, small rural settlements, and rural residential areas.

The Mackay region is one of the fastest growing in Queensland, with a population of about 115,000 people.

The Mackay Hospital and Health Service is comprised of eight hospitals. Major hospitals are located in Bowen, Mackay, Moranbah, Proserpine, and Sarina. These hospitals offer a range of visiting specialists, ensuring training posts are well supported.

Registrars working in the Mackay region can enjoy opportunities in the varied specialties including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.



## Lifestyle



When living in the Mackay region you get to experience an idyllic lifestyle, with unique wildlife and breathtaking landscapes.



There is plenty to do and see from beaches, rainforests, rockpools, wildlife, fishing, water sports, bushwalking, shopping and adventure activities.



The region has a diverse landscape from beaches, islands, mountains, pristine rainforests, to country mining and farming towns.



Within the Mackay region is Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsundays which is made up of 74 Island wonders in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef.



Explore an ancient rainforest in the Finch Hatton Gorge where you can take a walk or zip line through the tree tops, and experience a landscape of waterfalls, lush flora and volcanic boulder formations.



## Attractions

### AIRLIE BEACH

Airlie Beach is the largest town of the Whitsunday Coast and is the main point of access to the Whitsundays. The town overlooks the bays and islands of the Whitsundays. Whether it be sailing, kayaking, jet skiing, scenic flights, snorkelling, scuba diving, 4WD tours, mountain biking, bushwalking, golfing, camping, shopping or relaxation, Airlie Beach has something for everyone.

The Whitsundays is a must see with 74 islands right in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef where you can explore secluded and crystal clear beaches.

### CAPE HILLSBOROUGH

Approximately 50km north of Mackay is Cape Hillsborough National Park where dense rainforest meets the ocean with volcanic rock formations.

You will discover the Eastern Grey kangaroos fossicking in the morning tides at sunrise and be able to explore a range of bush walks through the rainforest.

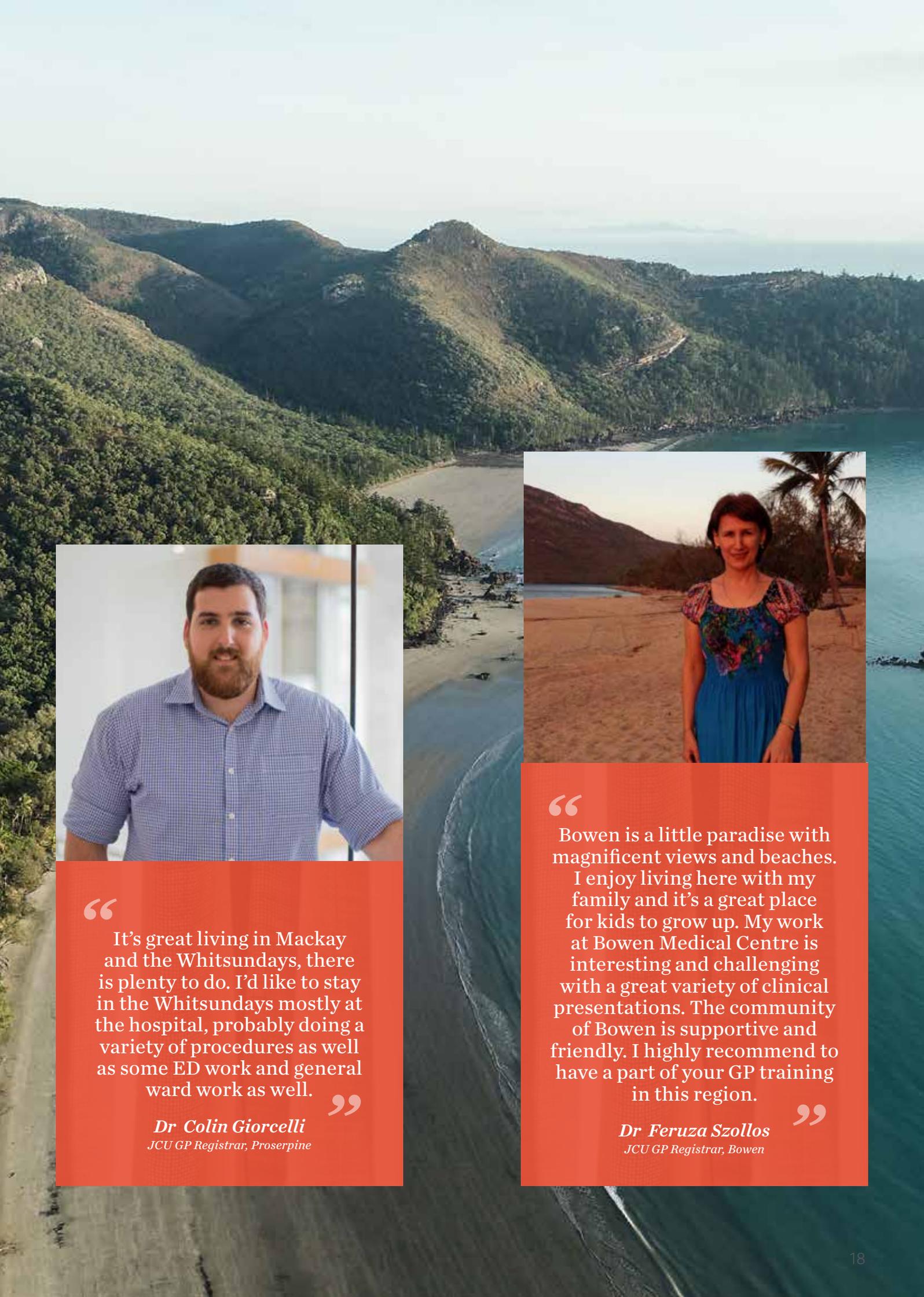


### SARINA

Sarina is located approximately 36km south of Mackay where you can enjoy a coastal lifestyle within a rural setting. Here you can enjoy hospitality, beautiful beaches, scenic mountain ranges, fishing and prawning.

### CLERMONT

Clermont is one of the most historic towns in northern Australia. Theresa Creek Dam is an ideal place to go fishing or for a relaxing picnic. Travel the 300km Mining Trail from Clermont to Mackay.



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It's great living in Mackay and the Whitsundays, there is plenty to do. I'd like to stay in the Whitsundays mostly at the hospital, probably doing a variety of procedures as well as some ED work and general ward work as well.

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**Dr. Colin Giorcelli**  
JCU GP Registrar, Proserpine



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Bowen is a little paradise with magnificent views and beaches. I enjoy living here with my family and it's a great place for kids to grow up. My work at Bowen Medical Centre is interesting and challenging with a great variety of clinical presentations. The community of Bowen is supportive and friendly. I highly recommend to have a part of your GP training in this region.

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**Dr. Feruza Szollos**  
JCU GP Registrar, Bowen