

GP training in the South West region

There are three main placement sites in the South West region where you may be based during your GP training. These include: Charleville, Roma and St George.

The South West is a remote region in Queensland, covering over 319,808km².

There are 11 hospitals in the South West Hospital and Health Service, including eight multi-purpose health services, four outpatient clinics, two residential aged care facilities and two community health centres.

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

The South West region is home to the southern Queensland base of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in the town of Charleville.



Lifestyle



Experience life on a working outback station, relax in a rejuvenating mud bath or with a spot of fishing by a lazy river. The locals out this way sure know how to show you a good time.



The locals in outback Australia just love a party. The biggest, quirkiest, most unique and fun outback festivals and events can be found in South West Queensland.



As you explore the region, you'll uncover curious animals and rare plant species found nowhere else on earth.



Enjoy off-road driving, birdwatching, camping, farm stays, fishing and fantastic bush walks.



Go on an adventure as you travel through the outback along "The Adventure Way" route.



Attractions

EASTER IN THE COUNTRY

Roma's Easter in the Country festival is a five day celebration of all things country.

Now entering its 41st year, it is widely recognised as one of South West Queensland's premier Easter events, and brilliantly showcases the country lifestyle.

The festival offers a range of activities from bull rides and motocross, country music festivals and competitions, to historical examinations of the Maranoa region. There truly is something to catch the attention of anyone visiting the festival.

The event gives an opportunity for the residents of Roma to invite their relatives and friends to spend a long weekend in the country to enjoy the atmosphere and friendliness that Roma and the Maranoa has to offer.



CHARLEVILLE

Locals say once you drink the water from the Warrego river which runs through (and once every 100 years, all over) Charleville, you'll be hooked.

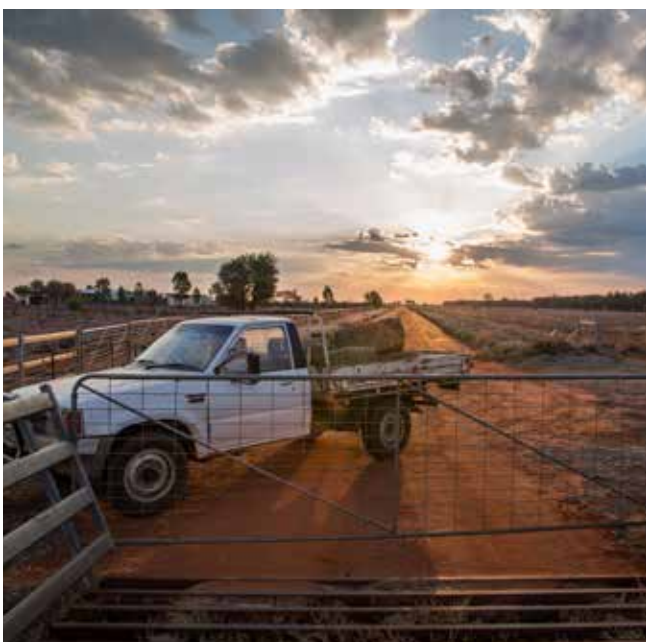
Charleville is known as the "hub" of the South West.

Charleville also lays claim, in 1922, to have provided the first freight service of a little airline called Qantas, delivering small freight and mail to Cloncurry.

Away from the name dropping, there is no doubt the most important planes to have taken off from Charleville Airport would be the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Charleville acts as the southern Queensland base for the R.F.D.S.

Charleville is another one of those outback towns where you can cram your itinerary full of events and attractions or simply lay back and unwind!

There are many interesting places to see and activities to do around Charleville. You can enjoy magical stargazing, jazz under the stars and relaxing by the banks of the Warrego River.





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I was drawn to St George for my Provisional Fellow training, because of its cohesive medical workforce, senior leadership, and warm and welcoming close-knit hospital community. I thoroughly enjoy practising across a wide range of clinical settings. Not only is my clinical learning and practice rewarding, but so too is the relaxed lifestyle of living in the picturesque ‘bush’ setting on the banks of the Balonne.

Dr Josephine Pearson
JCU GP Registrar, St George

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