

GP training in the Wide Bay region

There are six main placement sites in the Wide Bay region where you may be based during your GP training. These include Biggenden, Bundaberg, Childers, Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Monto.

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service comprises 11 hospitals and service providers. The Bundaberg and Hervey Bay hospitals are the major hospitals in the Wide Bay region, providing intensive care, obstetrics, paediatrics, general surgery, emergency medicine, medical imaging, pathology and a range of other allied health services.

Hervey Bay offers an acute facility and works closely with the Maryborough Hospital to deliver health care to communities.

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

The Wide Bay region is just over four hours' drive from Brisbane and includes beaches, coastline, small towns, and villages and stunning mountain ranges.



Lifestyle



The Wide Bay region is complemented by a stunning coastline of pristine, white sandy beaches and stunning mountain ranges.



You will find an affordable oasis away from the hustle and bustle and at a pace that many will envy. Residents can access all of the necessary educational, medical, sporting and recreational facilities while enjoying a relaxed lifestyle and a low cost of living.



The splendour is certainly not confined to the coast, with wide open country side and inspiring heritage towns along with national parks, native woodlands, dense rainforest and the beautiful Mary and Burnett Rivers.



Rolling hills and national parks offer a diverse range of outdoor activities such as camping, canoeing, water skiing, four-wheel driving and horse riding.



Attractions

MYSTERY CRATERS

Visiting the Mystery Craters is a journey of discovery! Halfway between Bundaberg and Gin Gin, 100m off the main road, is Australia's most baffling phenomenon. Since their discovery in 1971, the origins of the 35 oddly shaped craters have remained the subject of controversy.

Mystery Craters have been featured on many documentaries including Unsolved Mysteries of the World, Getaway, Ripley's Believe It Or Not, Great South East, Creek to Coast, Caravan and Motor Home magazine, and more!

BUNDABERG RUM DISTILLERY

Sunny Bundaberg is the perfect choice for a memorable getaway. They're famous Australia wide for their subtropical weather, friendly locals, and of course delicious Bundaberg Rum.

Book a tour at the iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery. Come and discover firsthand why it is the most awarded rum distillery in the country. The moment you set foot inside you're in for an immersive experience like no other.

MT WALSH UTOPIA ROCK POOLS

Visit the Mt Walsh Utopia Rock Pools just outside of Biggenden. The rock pools are a 1.5km walk located in a section of the Mt Walsh National Park.

Climb up and over the rocks to see Waterfall Creek and the rock pools. Walk a short way along the creek in each direction exploring the bush and hillsides, or simply sit and enjoy the sounds of the bush. The pools are very inviting and full of crystal clear water.

CHILDERS

Childers is the southernmost township of the Bundaberg region and the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, only three and a half hours by car from Brisbane. This historical town is set on top of rolling hills of red soil framed by vivid green sugarcane, avocados and macadamias.

Ohana Winery and Exotic Fruits is a must-see. Drop in and taste varieties of both red and white wines made from both grapes and exotic fruits. The exotic fruits that aren't successful in the making of wine are then turned into exotic fruit jams.

On the last weekend of July, the town delivers a weekend of festivities, with non-stop multicultural music and entertainment, hundreds of market stalls and a smorgasbord of food.

WHALE WATCHING

Hervey Bay is blessed with being the favourite stopover for humpback whales migrating between their main feeding grounds in the Antarctic and breeding grounds of the Great Barrier Reef.





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Bundaberg has huge potential, I think it's really undiscovered and beautiful. It's a great place to raise the kids, there are good schools and everything is close by.

Dr. Amanda Kasper
Medical Educator, Bundaberg

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