



Consultant Physician – Palliative Care



Landscape Photo: Tourism Western Australia

WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is in an exciting phase of growing regional services to better provide patient-centred palliative care closer to home. These regional teams will be supported by a strong network of palliative care medical specialists working within WACHS. We are seeking a caring and compassionate Consultant Physician – Palliative Care who has experience and knowledge in caring for patients with complex care needs in the South West Region.

This is a Fixed Term 0.80 FTE appointment for up to 5 years.

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) multidisciplinary palliative team provides consultation services and some direct patient care across the patients' own home, hospitals in the region and residential aged care facilities. Specialist services delivered as part of this role may occur in person, regional visits, telehealth consultations, email and telephone support.

The Regional Palliative Care team is a nurse-led team, supported by Social Work, GPs and Aboriginal Health Workers. The South West region consists of 4 x palliative care hubs, servicing 260 clients. 413 new referrals have been received over the past 12 months. This position services 4 x hospice beds within Busselton Health Campus, plus an inpatient consultancy service to Bunbury hospital and the wider region.

The position will work closely with the Director, Palliative Care WACHS in ensuring appropriate governance of regional palliative care services as well as undertake the following:

- Provide clinical leadership in the provision of comprehensive palliative care services within the South West region.
- Provide direct supervision and mentoring to the regional palliative care medical officers
- Work closely with the local General Practitioners and the regional palliative care team in developing care plans for palliative care patients with complex needs through the provision of specialist advice.
- Develop capacity in the regional palliative care team in the delivery of high-quality palliative care.
- Support colleagues in the performance of their clinical duties by providing outreach and remote support using telephone and videoconferencing (Telehealth) facilities.
- Assist in other team activities across teaching, supervision and quality improvement.
- Maintain a close and ongoing working relationship with SJOG hospital Bunbury, who provide public inpatient palliative care beds as part of an ongoing contract.

About the Region

Bunbury is a growing city of around 31,000 people situated on Western Australia's beautiful South West Coast. It sits within the Greater Bunbury Region encompassing Capel, Dardanup and Boyanup with easy access to numerous family friendly communities and a plethora of sporting facilities and a busy calendar of events.

As the WA Country Health Service flagship Hospital, the Bunbury Regional Health Campus employs approximately 1300 staff from diverse cultural backgrounds. Bunbury is located approximately 170km south of the State Capital Perth and 100km north of the world renowned wine region of Margaret River and it sits on a beautiful and highly accessible coastline. Seen as the tourism gateway to the beautiful South West, it is also an important regional business hub and offers numerous career options outside of Medicine.

Bunbury offers a wide range of community and shopping facilities as well as all the core infrastructure and services you would expect from a small city. The lifestyle is relaxed and its location on the ocean provides for a variety of leisure activities. It is also home to the recently refurbished Dolphin Centre.

The choice of recreational pursuits is wide. Any weekend could find you golfing at one of many highly rated courses, kite surfing in the estuary, wine tasting in the Ferguson Valley (don't forget to visit [Gnomesville](#), fun for big and little kids), watching Superbikes race at Collie Motorplex or getting dressed up for a day at the races. Of course you might be busy standing on the sidelines watching the kids at the Sports Complex or Footy Oval. There are direct train and coach links to the Perth or Mandurah while Busselton and the famous Jetty are just over half an hour drive away. If cuddling a Quokka is more your style. Bunbury Airport offers direct flights to Rottnest Island.

The Package and How to Apply

The salary as per WA Health System Medical Practitioners AMA Industrial Agreement 2016:
Shown as Fixed Term Fulltime (80 hours per fortnight) requires pro rata to 0.8 FTE

Consultant Year 1 –9 \$357,253 - \$454,841 per annum*

*Includes Arrangement A base salary \$296,757—\$385,515 p.a, 10% superannuation and professional development allowance \$30,814 p.a.

In addition (in line with operational requirements) access to salary packaging up to \$19,000 p.a., professional development opportunities and study leave/assistance, flexible leave arrangements.

Suitable candidates must be eligible for registration with the Medical Board of Australia (AHPRA), Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Physicians (RACP) or Royal Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (FRAChMP). You will have demonstrated highly developed clinical skills and experience working with people with complex conditions.

Please apply online by providing the following documents:

1. A 2-3 pages statement addressing each of the Selection Criteria found in the attached Job Description Form and how you are able to meet the position requirements.
2. A **detailed Curriculum Vitae** which summarises your experience and how you are able to meet the position requirements. Please include contact details for clinical work-related referees (It is preferable for one of your referees to be a current clinical supervisor or manager).

***Applications must be lodged online by 4pm (WST) 20/07/2021,
Late submissions will not be accepted.***

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