

WACHS South West



South West of Western Australia

Regional Profile

The South West is located in the southern-western corner of Australia and covers an area of nearly 24,000 square kilometres. It is Western Australia's most popular tourist destination and has unique biodiversity and a rich natural environment.

Here in the South West you can easily enjoy natural beaches, beautiful vineyards, forests, caves and more, all within a short drive from Bunbury and Busselton. With 24 national parks, there's plenty of nature and wildlife to see and meet, while rich soils and fertile land provide foodies with the best in fresh produce and gourmet experiences. If you would like to live and work in this fantastic region of Western Australia, we would like to hear from you.

The Regional Health Service offers two (2) main health facilities at Bunbury and Busselton.

The Health Service is also widely supported with a network of smaller hospitals and Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) sites including:

Wellington District

- Collie
- Harvey
- Donnybrook

Blackwood Hospitals

- Bridgetown
- Warren (Manjimup)

Blackwood MPS

- Boyup Brook
- Nannup
- Pemberton / Northcliffe Nursing Post

Coastal

- Margaret River
- Augusta

South West Wine Region



Bunbury Regional Hospital



WACHS has secured a \$200.1M investment at the Bunbury Hospital for service planning and implementation and critical infrastructure works. This project is the next stage in a proud history that has seen Bunbury Hospital remain at the forefront of high quality regional healthcare for half a century.

The project combines an infrastructure program to increase critical capacity, critical care and theatre capability, education, plus planning and service development for Bunbury Hospital.

The Bunbury Hospital Redevelopment Project will support service change and improvement to increase person-centred care for the Bunbury and the greater South West community. It will also:

- Assure patients are *always* at the centre of our care – every admission, every decision.
- Ensure current and future needs of patients and the communities of Bunbury and the South-West are met, achieving alignment between strategy, planning and operations;
- Clarify governance and structural arrangements and ensure consistency of governance processes as the service development occurs; and
- Work with Bunbury staff and service partners to address culture, values and behaviours that will improve both patient and staff experience in a developing health service.

Our mission statement:

- Collaborative patient-centred, innovative and sustainable care.
- Kindness to our patients, partners and each other with transparency and purpose.
- Drive Continuous Improvement and process excellence culture

Busselton Hospital



The City of Busselton is a local government area in the South West region of Western Australia, approximately 230 km south of Perth, the state capital and 52 kms from the South West Health Campus located in Bunbury. The city covers an area of 1,455 km² and had a population of 36,686 as at the 2016 Census.

The area is serviced by Busselton Health Campus.

Facilities and Services:

- Busselton Hospital is a 52 (58) inpatient bed hospital across general ward, hospice, maternity ward – 3 labour wards and 6 short stay unit (SSU) beds and 15 acute bays in the 24 hour Emergency Department (ED).
- Allied and Primary Health - Comprising Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Dietetics, Continence, Social Work, Podiatry, Welfare, Child and School Health, Nurse Specialist Clinics and Mental Health Services.
- Cancer Care Services - Rural Cancer Nurse position that are supported by the WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network.
- Palliative Care- Community Palliative care comprising social work, clinical Nurse Consultant and Clinical nurses and Access to Palliative Care Specialist.
- Day Procedure and 2 x Operating Theatres and 1 x Procedure room - consultant Surgical and Anaesthetic services for the specialities of general surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, ophthalmology, urology, orthopaedic, plastics.
- Other services provided at Busselton Hospital; Pathwest, public dental, renal dialysis and private radiology.

Warren Hospital



Manjimup is a town in Western Australia, 307 km south of the state capital, Perth. The town of Manjimup is a regional centre for the largest shire in the South West region of Western Australia. Has a population across 4 towns and 5 settlements of 9,995 and a land mass of some 7,028 square km.

The area is serviced by Warren Health Service which is a 19 bed facility. It offers emergency, maternity, surgical, Palliative and medical care to the local community.

Facilities and Services:

- 18 bed hospital
- 6 bay emergency department
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- Maternity including birthing suite
- Palliative Care
- Theatre
- PathWest
- Ambulatory Care Services are located at Manjimup and provide outreach services to Warren - Blackwood Community Sites.

Boyup Brook Hospital



Boyup Brook is a town in the South West region of Western Australia, about 270 km South East of the state capital Perth, 31 km northeast of Bridgetown. The Shire covers an area of 2,829 square km. With a total population over 1500 people and the main population and administrative centre is the town of Boyup Brook, which has a population of approximately 500.

The area is serviced by Boyup Brook Soldiers Memorial Hospital - Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Unit which is a 12 bed facility.

Facilities and Services:

- 12 bed hospital. 7 beds are high care. 5 are considered flexible Acute / palliative / respite under our multipurpose service agreement
- 2 bay 24 hour Emergency Department
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- Caters for Nursing Home Type Patients
- Citizens Lodge (a 17 bed low-care facility)
- Meals on Wheels service
- Nursing support to the Boyup Brook Lodge
- Palliative Care and Cancer Support Service
- Primary Health services provided by Community Health

Collie Hospital



The Shire of Collie is a local government area in the South West region of Western Australia about 58 km from the South West Health Campus located in Bunbury and about 201 km from the state capital, Perth. The Shire covers an area of 1685 square km with a population of approximately 9,750.

The area is serviced by Collie Health Service which is a 25 bed Acute care patient facility.

Facilities and Services:

- 25 bed hospital
- 5 bay emergency/outpatient department
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- Maternity / labour and birth suite
- Theatre suite
- Palliative care
- Allied Health Services including: Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Dietetics
- School Health Services
- Immunisation clinics
- Aboriginal Liaison officers
- Radiology
- External on-site services: PathWest and Silver Chain
- Community Mental health appointments

Bridgetown Hospital



The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is a local government area in the South West region of Western Australia about 80 km South East of Bunbury and about 260 km south of the state capital, Perth. The Shire covers an area of 1,340 square kms with a population of approximately 4,500.

The area is serviced by Bridgetown District Hospital which is a 24 bed facility.

Facilities and Services:

- 24 bed hospital
- 24 hour emergency/outpatient department
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- Maternity/labour and birth suite
- Three visiting surgeons providing general surgery, dentals and gynaecology
- Palliative care service
- Outpatient or day stay infusions
- Allied Health Services are provided by Manjimup - Physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, dietician Radiologist, Pathology, Podiatry.
- Laundry supplies services to the Wellington and Warren Blackwood Health Services.
- Kitchen supplies the meals for the Community Meals on Wheels program and the local residential care facility

Nannup Hospital



Nannup is situated approximately 280km south of Perth on the Blackwood River. The shire of Nannup is the second largest in the South West and includes the localities of Scott River, Donnelly River, Barrabup, Biddelia, Carlotta, Darradup, Lake Jasper and Cundinup. It has a population of about 1300 residents, with less than half of those living within the town site of Nannup.

Nannup Health Service is a rural Multi-Purpose Site (MPS). It has 11 beds providing services for permanent residential care, palliative care, short stay and respite care.

Facilities and Services

- 11 bed hospital
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- 2 bed Emergency Department
- Allied Health Services are provided from Bunbury and Manjimup.

Pemberton Hospital



Pemberton is a multi-purpose service (MPS) site, operating a 14 bed Acute/Nursing Home Type care facility.

Facilities and Services:

- 14 beds providing acute/nursing home type care services
- Palliative Care
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service or medical staff covering the Warren (Manjimup) District Hospital.
- Diagnostic services
- X-ray
- Allied Health Services are provided by the Warren community health team.
- Home and Community Care (HACC) provides services to both Pemberton and Northcliffe.

Northcliffe Nursing Post

The Northcliffe Nurse Post services the communities of Northcliffe and Windy Harbor Mon – Fri 0900 – 1630 hrs.

There is an onsite Nurse Practitioner supported by Emergency Telehealth Service (ETS). Visiting services include General Practitioner, pathology and child health.

Harvey Hospital



Harvey is a town in the South West region of Western Australia, about 140 km south of the state capital, Perth, and 47 km from the South West Health Campus located in Bunbury. The Shire covers an area of 1,766 square km. Harvey District has a total population of approximately 25,000 with the inland areas of the Shire having a population of 9,000.

The area is serviced by Harvey Health Service which is a 20 bed facility.

Facility and Services:

- 20 bed general medical ward.
- 2 bay 24 hour Emergency Department with 1 treatment room
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- Palliative Care
- Allied Health Services including: Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Dietetics
- Outpatient Services
- Primary Health services provided by Community Health
- Radiology including Ultrasound
- External on-site services: PathWest and Silver Chain
- Community Mental Health Appointments

Donnybrook Hospital



The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup is situated in the South West of Western Australia 206 km south of Perth and 36km from South West Health Campus in Bunbury. The Shire covers an area of 1685 square km, with a population of approximately 5100 persons, with approximately 2600 living in Donnybrook.

The area is serviced by Donnybrook Hospital which is a 12 bed Acute Care patient facility.

Facilities and Services:

- 12 bed general medical ward
- 2 bay emergency/outpatient department
- Medical Services are provided by visiting GP's and support provided by the Emergency Telehealth Service
- Radiology
- Palliative Care
- Silver Chain Dressing Clinic
- Visiting Allied Health services
- **Wine Region of WA**

Margaret River Hospital



Facilities and Services

- Margaret River Hospital is a 12 bed hospital across general ward including obstetrics and 24 hour Emergency Department (ED).
- Nursing Staff – Ward 4:4:2 roster including ED cover. FTE is managed to activity
- Permanent Nursing FTE 18.4 (40 nursing employees' permanent and casual); Admin 3.4 FTE (4 employees' permanent and casual); Support Services 11.3 FTE (21 employees' permanent and casual).
- Medical Services: 3 x General Practitioner (GP) practices in Margaret River with 29 x Visiting Medical Practitioners (VMP's) and 24/7 Emergency Telehealth. ED is staffed until 2000 hours and then a doctor is on-call until 0800 hrs.
- Ambulatory Care services include; Physiotherapy, Occupation Therapy, Speech Therapy, Dietetics, Podiatry, Social Worker, community Palliative care, Continence Management,
- Outpatient services include: Ophthalmology and audiology.
- Other services provided at Margaret River Hospital; Pathwest, radiology.

Augusta MPS



Facilities and Services

- Augusta MPS has an 18 bed hospital which includes 7 acute beds, 10 permanent aged care beds, 1 palliative care. A 24 hour Emergency Department (ED), with 2 bays. Leeuwin Lodge is a 15 bed low care Residential aged care facility.
- Nursing Staff – Ward 4:4:2 roster including ED cover. FTE is managed to activity.
- Permanent Nursing (RN, EN & AIN) FTE 18.5 (35 nursing employees' permanent and casual); Admin 2.4 FTE (4 employees' permanent and casual); Support Services 17.1 FTE (20 employees' permanent and casual).
- Medical Services: 1 General Practitioner (GP) practice in Augusta with 15 doctors providing inpatient and ED care. 24/7 Emergency Telehealth is utilised.
- Ambulatory Care services include; Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Dietetics, Podiatry, Social Worker, Palliative care, Continence Management and clinics

Essential Criteria

In order to be eligible for these exciting roles, you must currently hold or be eligible to apply for registration as a nurse or midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Midwifery Group Practice.

Within the WACHS SW districts there is a Midwifery Group Practice model in place for midwives who enjoy continuity of care throughout pregnancy, during labour and birth, and postnatally. A midwife or small team of midwives will provide all the primary care supported by medical practitioners.

Accommodation

Support with accommodation will be discussed at interview. Please indicate your needs on the application letter.

Travel and Access

The Kwinana Freeway and Forrest Highway will link you from Perth to Bunbury and the South West in approx. 2-3 hours. In terms of public transport, you will find Trans Regional buses operate across all inland regional towns.

Climate

The South West has a Mediterranean climate, classified as warm and temperate. There is more rainfall in the Winter than in the Summer so you can enjoy the beautiful outdoors with warm to hot Summers, rather pleasant weather for the rest of the year and most rainfall received in the form of cold-fronts during the Winter season. From December to February (Summer) the average maximum temperature is an enjoyable 28°C with the average minimum at 14°C. Throughout June, July and August, the Winter months will average an average maximum temperature of 19°C with an average minimum of 9°C.

Education

A range of education facilities are available in the South West to support all needs.

Sport

The South West with its Mediterranean type climate is perfect for all sporting and outdoor activities. There is access to all types of adventures for every age group.

Food and entertainment

The South West is noted for its excellence in food and wines. The local produce is world class and the varieties available are enviable. Many local markets are open across the South West every weekend.

In addition, there are numerous entertainment activities throughout the year to delight all age groups.

All in all the South West of Western Australia is a fantastic place to live and work for the whole family.

Pemberton Pool



Blackwood River (Bridgetown)



Bridgetown



Donnybrook Apple fun Park



Nannup



Manjimup



Collie Dam



Boyup Brook



Harvey



Margaret River



Augusta

