



2026 REGISTRAR PAEDIATRIC ADVANCED TRAINEE



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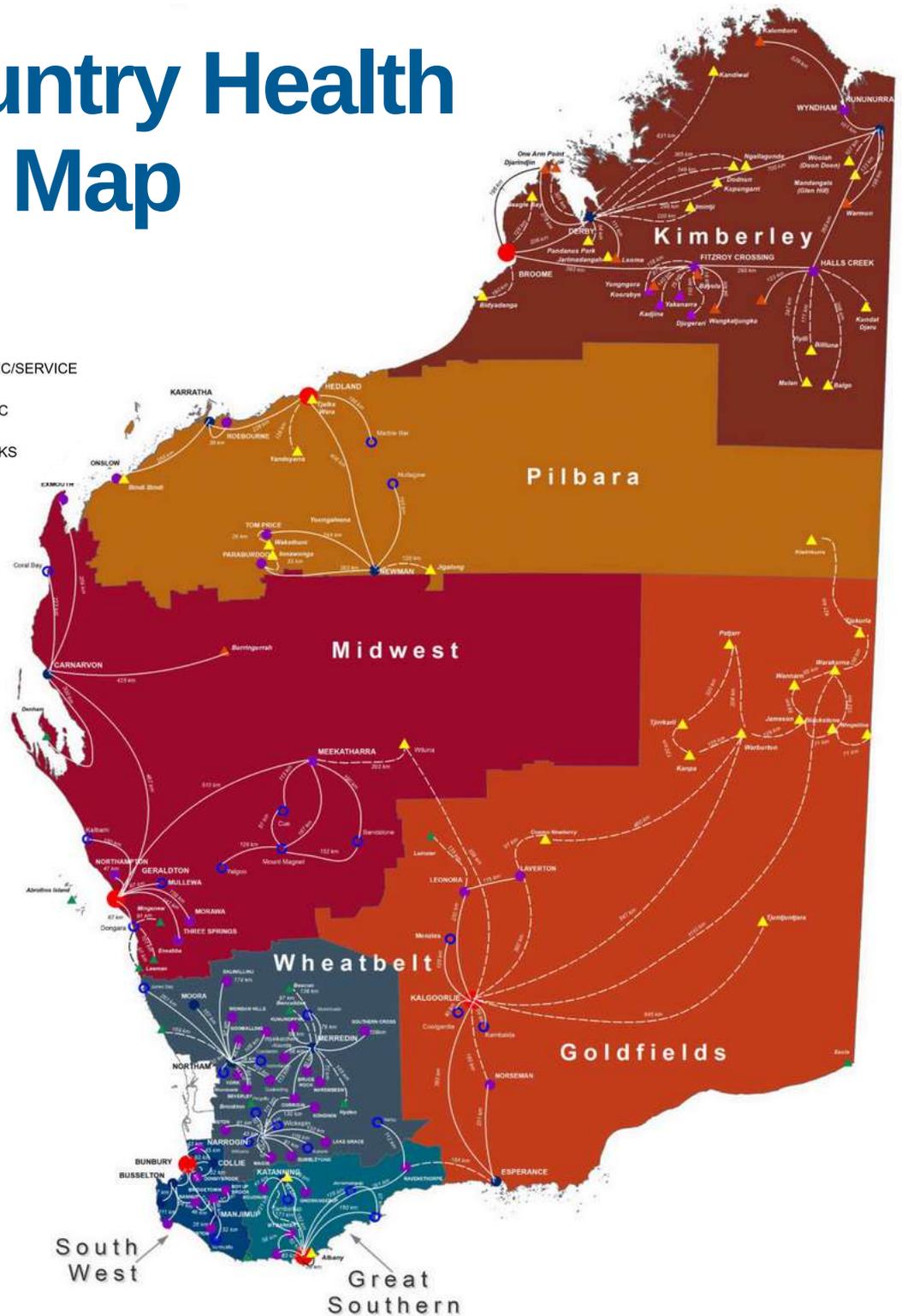
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WA Country Health Service Map

LEGEND

- WACHS REGIONAL HOSPITAL
- WACHS DISTRICT HOSPITAL
- WACHS SMALL HOSPITAL
- WACHS HEALTH CENTRE
- ▲ ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC/SERVICE
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- ▲ RFDS PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC
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Acknowledgement

WA Country Health Service acknowledges the Aboriginal people of the many traditional lands and language groups of Western Australia. We acknowledge the wisdom of Aboriginal Elders past and present and pay respect to Aboriginal communities of today.



Salary and Fixed Terms

Salary indicated below is based on the WA Health System Medical Practitioners AMA Industrial Agreement 2022
Note: Superannuation is 12% from 1 July 2025. Salary rates as 3 September 2024.

South 26th Parallel

Registrar Yr 1-7

\$146,579 - \$195,662 p.a.*

Hospital Site: Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie

* Includes base salary \$120,492 to \$164,513 pa, professional development allowance \$10,969 pa and 11.5% employer contributed superannuation.

Senior Registrar Yr 1-2

\$214,484- \$224,214 p.a.*

Hospital Site: Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie

* Includes base salary \$176,691 to \$185,418 pa, professional development allowance \$15,671 pa and 11.5% employer contributed superannuation.

North 26th Parallel

Registrar Yr 1-3

\$171,015 - \$187,042 p.a.*

Hospital Site: Broome, Karratha, Hedland

* Includes base salary \$142,408 to \$156,782 pa, professional development allowance \$10,969 pa and 11.5% employer contributed superannuation.

HSMP Yr 1-6

\$350,115 - \$442,065 p.a.*

Hospital Site: Broome, Karratha, Hedland

* Includes base salary \$218,634 to \$282,953 pa, professional development allowance \$33,442 pa and 11.5% employer contributed superannuation.

Six- or 12-months Fixed Term, Full time or Fixed Term, Part Time appointments commencing February and August 2025.

Please note, employees who move between different WA Department of Health entities retain their leave entitlements (annual leave, long service leave, personal leave and professional development). Accepting and working under a rural contract is not viewed as a break in service.

Relocation

As an Advanced Trainee, you will be eligible for relocation and accommodation allowances.

These relocation and accommodation entitlements can be discussed further at interview and/or appointment with each Region.



Selection Criteria to Address

Essential

1. Eligible for registration by the Medical Board of Australia.
2. Enrolled in Paediatrics Training Program, Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) or equivalent programs and demonstrates satisfactory progression appropriate for an advanced trainee.
3. Demonstrated current clinical experience in paediatrics and the management of acutely unwell children and neonates.
4. Demonstrated organizational and time management skills, with highly developed communication, interpersonal, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
5. Commitment to undergraduate and postgraduate medical teaching of resident, nursing staff and medical students.
6. Demonstrated commitment to clinical governance (Patient Safety and Quality), quality assurance, continuous improvement and clinical research in the field of paediatrics and adolescent health.
7. Demonstrated understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal Cultural Respect Framework.
8. Current C Class drivers license and an ability and willingness to travel including overnight stays away from home.
9. Experienced or interest in rural paediatric practice in rural setting.

Desirable

1. Possession of current Advanced Life Support, Advanced Paediatric Life Support or Emergency Management of Severe Trauma certificates.
2. Demonstrated ability to monitor and review own effectiveness.
3. Experience working with clients from a variety of cultural / ethnic backgrounds.

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Hospital Site Accreditation

Hospital Site	Status	Max Total Core Time (months)	Module and Conditions of Training
Albany	Provisional	24	<p>Module (Accredited to February 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Paediatric (Rural) - Without a Perinatal component <p>6 months Community Developmental (AT CCH Accreditation until 2025)</p>
Broome	Accredited	18	<p>Module (Accredited to February 2028)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Paediatrics (Rural) - With a perinatal component <p>Conditions (Accredited to February 2026)</p> <p>For 12 months training the options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months GP 6 months GP and 6 months CD 6 months GP and 6 months AC <p>For 6 months training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 months of GP only
Bunbury	Accredited	24	<p>Module (Accredited to February 2028)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Paediatrics (Rural) - With a perinatal component <p>Conditions (Accredited to February 2026)</p> <p>For 12 months training the options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months GP 6 months GP and 6 months CD 6 months GP and 6 months AC <p>For 6 months training the options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 months of GP only <p>6 months Community Developmental (AT CCH Accreditations until February 2027)</p>
Geraldton	Accredited	24	<p>Module (Accredited to February 2027)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 months General Paediatric (Rural) - with a perinatal component <p>Conditions (Accredited to February 2026)</p> <p>For 12 months training the options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months GP 6 months GP and 6 months CD 6 months GP and 6 months AC <p>For 6 months training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 months of GP only



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Karratha	Provisional	6	<p>Module (Accredited to February 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Paediatrics (Rural) - without a perinatal component <p>Additional Information</p> <p>In an Advanced Trainee is at the setting for 12 continuous months, then they could be approved for 6 months core General Paediatrics (Rural) without perinatal component plus 6 months core Community and Developmental training.</p>



Albany Health Campus

**Accredited with RACP
for 6- months rural without
perinatal component and
6- months non-core
Community and Child
Health if undertaking a
12-month position**

We are actively pursuing the development of a neonatal nursery accreditation which will hopefully be open by the end of 2024.

Get in touch

For more information

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Potential Rotations

Outreach clinics to Katanning for both developmental and medical paediatrics.

Profile of work

General paediatric inpatients, community developmental and behavioural clinics, outreach clinics, Aboriginal health, child protection.

Service Type

The Great Southern Paediatric Service is the newest of the WACHS Paediatric services and will continue to develop and expand over the coming years.

The service provides both inpatient and outpatient care for the children of the Great Southern Region. Currently deliveries only occur from 37 weeks gestation and there is no on-site nursery however this is likely to change within the next 12 months. Deliveries are attended by GP obstetricians with support from the paediatricians when required.

The advanced trainee has the opportunity to run the ward rounds independently with consultant support giving them the experience of a junior consultant. In addition, the advanced trainee can provide a first on call service over night with consultant back up.

Outpatient clinics are separated into medical and developmental clinics. The advanced trainee attends 1-2 developmental and 1 medical clinic per week.

The service also provides outreach medical and developmental clinics to Katanning and the advanced trainee can attend these clinics should they desire.

There is appropriate allied health support including social work, dietetics and psychology working within the paediatric team and the service has a close relationship with the Child Development Service and CAMHS.

Staffing and Supervision

- 4 consultant paediatricians sharing 3.0 FTE
- 2 full time Resident Medical Officers
- 1 junior registrar working full time
- Advanced trainee works a business hour 9 day fortnight with a long weekend every 2nd week. They are on call one night/week with consultant support and a maximum of one in 4 weekends.
- Close supervision by on site paediatrician with appropriate support to work independently if the trainee is at that level.

Teaching and Learning

- Weekly paediatric department teaching
- Local Grand Rounds & ED/Critical care Teaching
- VC links available to PCH for registrar teaching (General Paediatric meeting and Grand Rounds)
- Able to attend weekly State Child Development Center Developmental teaching and accredited for attendance at CCH educational tutorial series via VC
- Fortnightly Child Safety Net meeting
- Weekly Triage meeting
- Weekly multidisciplinary team meeting
- Close supervision by consultant on site for outpatient and inpatient case discussions.
- Expectation that AT will contribute to RMO and medical student teaching including providing case-based tutorials at the Rural Clinical School on occasion.





Experience life in the Great Southern Region

The Great Southern region is located on the south coast of Western Australia, adjoining the Southern Ocean, where the coast extends for approximately 250 km. The total land area is 39,007 sq km (including offshore islands), representing approximately 1.5 per cent of the State's total area. The regional population is approximately 60 000 of which 14 000 are under 17 years.

The historic port town of Albany, which is the State's oldest European settlement, has one of the best natural anchorages in the Southern Hemisphere and is the region's administrative centre. It has a population of 40 000 and is the site of the Regional Hospital and base for the regional paediatric service.

People living in the Great Southern enjoy a region that is unmatched in Western Australia for the scale, diversity, and accessibility of its natural attractions.

You can go from the depths to the heights in a single day: from exploring a dive wreck in the waters of King George Sound in the morning to the top of southern Western Australia's highest peak, Bluff Knoll in the afternoon.

Advanced trainees are provided accommodation support for the duration of their stay and are rostered to allow a 3 day weekend once/fortnight to enable them to explore this beautiful region.

The Great Southern is Western Australia's most southern region, bordered by the South West, Wheatbelt and Goldfields Regions.

A vibrant restaurant/café and arts scene contributes to the attractive lifestyle on offer.



Broome Regional Hospital

General Paediatrics trainees:

General Paediatrics with a perinatal component.

•6-month rotation: General Paediatrics

•12-month rotation: options of 6-month acute care or 6-month community/developmental

CCH: 6 months may be accredited in setting of 12-month rotation.

Broome Health Campus (BHC) has a busy 8-bed inpatient unit, a level 2 nursery with regional neonatal transports, and a fascinating outpatient program across the Kimberley region. We have a strong teaching focus, providing supervision of RACP and prevocational trainees, and opportunities to engage in Population Health and research activities. The team aims to set the standard for remote specialist services in Australia.

The Regional hospital and base for the paediatric service is Broome. Across the team, we visit other regional towns & communities, with travel approximately 5 days per 4-6 weeks. Outpatients encompass diverse general paediatrics and dedicated developmental services.

Our hospital has a strong generalist team, with surgical and obstetric services as well as visiting paediatric subspecialties. After hours, we provide a telephone advice service to clinicians across the region, with routine ward calls, admissions and first line neonatal resuscitation conducted by the hospital District Medical Officers. Attendance after hours is therefore reserved for more severe clinical situations, and registrars have access to consultant support at all times.

From Cape Leveque to the Gibb River Road, the Kimberley remains one of Australia's great wilderness areas, whilst offering great services, education, and partner employment opportunities. This is the perfect job for someone looking for that elusive work-lifestyle balance! Generous allowances offered which includes provision of housing at a subsidised rental rate, district, and on-call allowance.

Trainees average 50-60 new OP & several Child Protection cases over a 6-month period. We encourage trainees to consider undertaking projects within the rotation time.
Trainees interested in a 12-month position are preferred (and most who stay for 6 months say they wish to stay longer!)

Service Type

- Inpatient including neonatal care
- Outpatients – general paediatric & developmental, including Griffiths assessments
- Small Child Protection component

Staffing and Supervision

- 8 x 0.8 FTE General Paediatricians
- CCH supervisor available
- 3 advanced trainee positions (IRTP role filled for 2025 & 2026 therefore two positions available)
- Rotating pre-vocational residents
- Dedicated paediatric nursing staff, including 2 paediatric Nurse Practitioners

Teaching and Learning

- Weekly Rural Health videoconference program
- Weekly CDS Friday afternoon sessions
- Local weekly teaching session
- Access to hospital weekly RMO teaching
- Regular remote Neurology teaching
- Provision of teaching to medical students & residents

Get in touch

For more information

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8 paediatric beds & 3 cots on paediatric ward

Annual Paediatric Admission of 2000/year

Number of births is 350/year

Potential Rotations

The role is mixed, with inpatient / outpatient / regional travel elements varying week to week.

Profile of work

- Monday – Friday business hours base roster
- On-call approx. 1 weeknight & 1 weekend per month, with rostered time for ward round & RDO during week
- Intermittent neonatal transports, according to skill level
- Outpatient travel approx. 1 week / 4-6 weeks



Experience life in the Kimberley Region

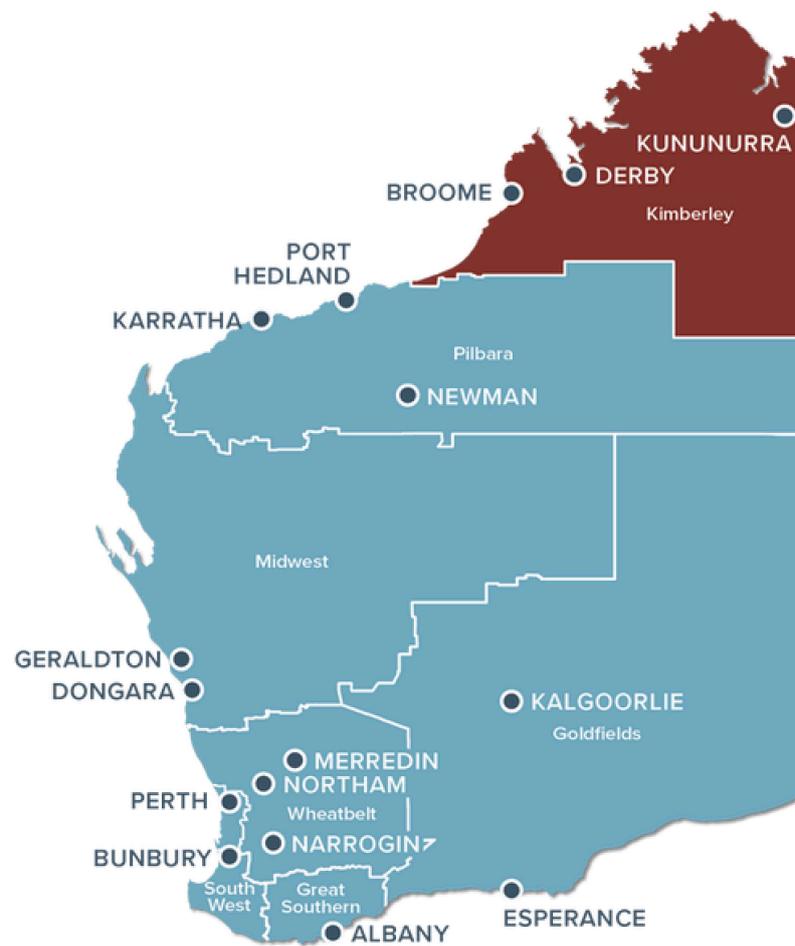
The Kimberley is the most northern region in Western Australia, a coastline closer to South-East Asia than Perth. Internationally recognised for its unique and dramatic landscape, the region includes spectacular gorges, waterfalls and cave systems, and an astonishing variety of wildlife.

Geographically diverse – the Kimberley boasts pristine white beaches, rugged and spectacular ranges and gorges, palm lined chasms, secluded waterholes, tidal mudflats and some of the largest and most beautiful rivers and waterways in the world. It has the ability to keep people intrigued for many years through the diverse range of activities, rich cultural history, diversity of working experiences and mix of friendly people and unique characters. **Relaxed and laidback** – a lifestyle envied and sought by thousands of visitors each year.

Broome Health Campus serves one of the State's leading tourist destinations. The 60-bed hospital provides health care to a resident population of 17,000 which expands to 55,000 during the tourist season.

Broome Health Campus is the regional resource centre for the Kimberley and resident and specialist medical staff provides health care services to hospitals, community and remote sites across the region. The hospital has undergone an eight-year redevelopment providing North-West residents access to a high quality, modern health service to match the Kimberley region's growing demands.

The major upgrade includes new operation theatres, consulting rooms for visiting specialists, a public dental surgery, refurbished maternity unit and an expanded \$10.4 million Emergency Department which has more than doubled to 15 acute bays. The campus is also now equipped with the latest specialist equipment and provides a modern and purpose-built environment for patients to receive high quality care. Broome Health Campus provides specialist care in General Medicine, General Surgery, Paediatric, Psychiatry, Obstetrics/Gynaecology along with Rural Generalist Terms and is supported by other visiting specialists. Our Paediatric and Psychiatric Units at Broome Health Campus opened in 2012.



KEY

- Major towns
- Kimberley region

Bunbury Health Campus

Accredited for General paediatrics with perinatal component & rural paediatrics, and core acute paediatrics
Accredited for Centre of Community Child Health (CCCH) community/developmental and social paediatrics (over a 12-month position)

Bunbury Hospital, South West Health Campus is the Jewel of the South West!

Close to all the surf, wineries, cycling heaven, fooderies, dolphins and arts/crafts that you could ever want.

Paediatricians willing to give a keen Advanced Trainee (AT) the best possible chance of increasing their confidence in the Junior Consultant Role, meeting their RACP requirements, providing a supported experience and family friendly environment.

Service Type

General paediatrics with neonatal component (34+weeks GA or stabilisation and transfer of <34 weeks)

There is a developmental paediatrics service that continues to grow and if an applicant stays for 12 months we can offer 6 months in the developmental service.

There are 4 sessions of registrar OPD medical clinics per week, 3 sessions of consultant paediatric medical clinics and revolving developmental outpatient clinics (roster differs for community registrar and hospital-based registrars).

We have a busy ED where over 40% presentations are paediatric.

We are the regional paediatric hub and when on call you will field calls (with consultant support) from local towns such as Augusta, Margaret River, Busselton, Bridgetown, Donnybrook, Collie, Harvey & Manjimup.

Get in touch

For more information

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Potential Rotations

5.0 FTE of paediatric advanced trainees, one of the four hospital-based spots may suit an ACCRM registrar who has done at least 6-months paediatrics and wants a 12-month position. One position based at Child Development, the other four at the hospital: 6-month or 12-month terms available. One position is STP funded.

Profile of work

You work with an on-call paediatrician, onsite until 4.00 pm on weekdays and during completion of weekend ward rounds, then on-call after-hours.

There is 24-hour resident coverage.

Assessment and admission of ED patients, completion of inpatient ward rounds and ward assessments, attendance at deliveries on labour ward and in theatre, and management of neonates in SCN – wide range of neonatal to adolescent presentations and acuity.

First on-call responsibilities with consultant no more than 15 mins away and always willing to assist in person.

12 bed paediatric ward, 6 bed Special Care Nursery

Annual Paediatric Admission current numbers unknown

Number of births is 1200/year



Experience life in the South West Region As a Paediatric Advanced Trainee Con't ...

Teaching and Learning - Lots

- Weekly Paediatrics Playlunch (ward paed) lectures
- Can Video Conference to Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) grand rounds and medical meetings (Thursdays), and to CDS metro training (Friday afternoons)
- Monthly paediatric x-ray meetings
- Bimonthly paediatric neurology meetings (Prof Annie Bye from SCH)
- Under 2 years child injury meetings (3 per week)
- Weekly hospital Grand Rounds
- Rostered Non-clinical time
- expectation you will help with ED teaching/ward. Rural Clinical School (RCS) Teaching and so on where feasible.

Staffing and Supervision

- 5 x 0.4 paediatricians and 1 x 1.0 fulltime paediatrician plus Head of Department, and 1 x 2.0 paediatrician
- 0800 – 1600 always a paediatrician on site – after hours on call – only 10 – 15 minutes away. Always happy to come in and help.
- On call requirement as per roster which can be requested.

The South West Region is an area of magnificent beauty on the South West Coast of Western Australia. Stretching from Busselton along the shores of Geopraphe Bay down to Augusta the most south-westerly point of Australia.

Bunbury is a picturesque harbour city on the south west coast of WA, 175km or two hours' drive from Perth. The area is blessed with spectacular and pristine beaches, abundant opportunities for outdoor activities such as caves, adventurous walks and trails and world class surfing spots. It is also renowned for its divine cuisine, welcoming locals and award-winning wines in nearly every direction.

South West residents have a high sense of community and rate their region as a safe place to live and raise children, with excellent access to services such as health and education contributing to their positive lifestyle and general wellbeing.



Geraldton Health Campus

RACP Accredited for 6 months rural and perinatal component, 6 months psychosocial component when 12 months is done.

Applied for CCH accreditation (outcome awaited)

Service Type

Paediatric inpatients at Geraldton Health Campus. Inpatient neonates at Geraldton Health Campus, deliveries from 34/40

Outpatients – Developmental clinics running Mon-Fri, 2 x half day medical clinics/week GHC, Griffiths Regular Children in Care clinics (part of developmental).

Weekly clinic at GRAMS.

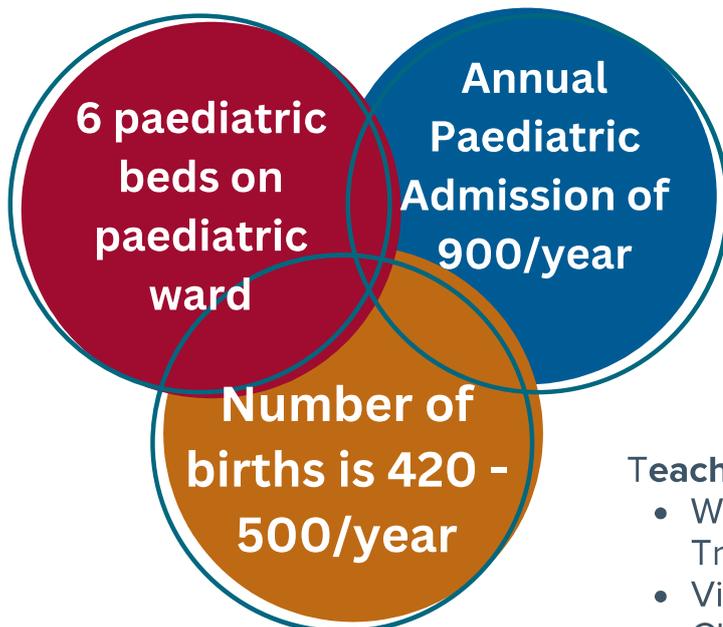
Outreach to Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Morawa, Mullewa, Carnarvon/Gascoyne (will include Exmouth and Burringurrah).

Assistance for neonates at SJOG as required.

Get in touch

For more information

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Staffing and Supervision

- 4.5 consultant FTE, 5 x Paeds Advanced Trainee, 2 Resident Medical Officers, 1 intern
- Advanced trainee Registrar has one night a week on call and approx. 1:5 weekends with consultant second on call
- Roster is roughly a 9 day fortnight

Teaching and Learning

- Weekly VC link for Rural Child health Training Module
- Video Conference links available to Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) for registrar teaching or SCDC – flexible as to the learning needs of the Advanced Trainee
- At least weekly supervision with consultant on site for outpatient case discussion

Potential Rotations

Outreach as above - day trips, Gascoyne - 3-4 day trips

Profile of work

Gen paed inpatients, neonates community developmental and behavioural clinics, outreach clinics, Aboriginal health.



Experience life in the Midwest Region

Geraldton is the largest town 425km north of Perth and one of the most attractive coastal centres in Western Australia. It is both a seaside resort and an important port. It offers beachside living alongside rural life as well as a wide range of recreational, shopping and educational facilities.

Geraldton is the capital of Western Australia's Midwest and gateway to the magnificent Abrolhos Islands. It has an enviable Mediterranean climate and a relaxed seaside lifestyle which lends itself to a host of activities, especially water sports. In addition to the spectacular turquoise water and white sandy beaches, Geraldton has a booming café and restaurant scene. There are great schools which are located a short drive from the hospital.

The 10 Best things to do whilst in the Midwest:

- Kalbarri National Park
- Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake)
- Ningaloo Reef
- Abrolhos Islands
- Monkey Mia
- Cape Range National park
- Exmouth
- Coral Bay
- Murchison River
- Geraldton

Geraldton Hospital has 100 hospital beds for acute medical, surgical, paediatric and maternity patients with a 24-hour Emergency Department, onsite chemotherapy and renal dialysis. It provides a comprehensive range of patient care service including medical imaging and pathology. Visiting specialists, including medical oncology, haematology and renal physicians provide varied learning opportunities for junior doctors.

The hospital has a strong association with the local Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS), Private Hospital (SJOG) and GP community. There are plans well underway for redevelopment of the emergency department and inpatient services. Individual department models of care are under review, with medical workforce profiles strengthened. This is an exciting time to join the service!



Hedland Health Campus

Accredited for 6 months rural General Paediatrics with perinatal component, For 12 months training the options are:
12 months General Paediatrics
6 months GP and 6 months Community/Development

Get in touch

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Potential Rotations

More Outreach opportunities may be possible as Staffing Improves across the Pilbara.

Profile of work

Gen paed inpatients, mixed Gen paed, developmental and behavioural clinics, outreach clinics, Aboriginal health

Teaching and Learning

- VC links available to PCH for registrar teaching or SCDC – flexible as to the learning needs of the AT
- At least weekly supervision with consultant on site for outpatient case discussion
- Weekly Hospital wide X-Ray and education meeting
- Ability to attend other training as necessary

Staffing and Supervision

- 2.4 salaried Consultant FTE (3x 0.8FTE) and 0.8 Locum Consultant FTE (so 3.2 consultant FTE), 1 RMO from SCGH
- At any given time, 1 salaried and 1 Locum Consultant is present. The Consultants work a compressed roster, amounting to 2 weeks on / 2 weeks off.
- Active recruitment will be occurring to increase to 4 0.8FTE salaried consultants. There will also be 2 consultants in Karratha as part of this recruitment process.
- Registrar has 5 nights a fortnight on call with consultant back up.
- No Weekends or Public Holidays
- Roster a 9 day fortnight (i.e. a long weekend every second week)

Hedland Health Campus (HHC) gives you the opportunity to practice as a Junior Consultant in a supported environment.

HHC is the Regional Centre for the Pilbara, with 47 beds in total. HHC is the Pilbara Regional SCN and the Paediatricians provide the Pilbara NETS service, utilising RFDS aircraft based In Hedland, when appropriate or retrieval ex Perth is not possible.

Port Hedland has a population of 14500 people, of which 16.7% identify as Indigenous. Children account for nearly 24% of the population.

The Pilbara comprises nearly 508 000 sq km of beautiful, rugged country. Karijini and Millstream- Chichester National Parks are the highlight. Fishing in the Dampier Archipelago or the Montebello Islands for those so inclined is also a must do.

Port Hedland is only a leisurely 6 hour drive from Broome (very doable on a long weekend) and 8 hours from Exmouth. Between Port Hedland and South Hedland there are good sporting facilities including two 50m pools, a dedicated recreational centre with squash/gym/indoor basketball, outdoor sports as well as ideal kite-surfing/foiling conditions off the spoil-bank.

The Pilbara has a large Indigenous population with many health problems. A number of these, such as Acute rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease are not common in urban or less remote regional areas.

8 paediatric beds on Children's Ward

Annual Paediatric Admission of 500/year

Number of births is 350/year

Karratha Health Campus

Accredited for 12 months
rural General Paediatrics
pre fellowship

For 12 months training the
options are:

•12 months General
Paediatrics (includes
developmental work)

Karratha Health Campus (KHC) has a busy paediatric service. With a population heavily weighted towards young families KHC can give you the opportunity to practice as a Junior Consultant in a supported environment.

KHC is the biggest hospital in the West Pilbara with 40 beds in total. It sees between 21 and 23000 presentations a year through its emergency department. Hedland Health Campus is the Pilbara Regional Special Care Nursery at this stage but KHC is expected to have its own special care nursery in the near future.

Karratha has a population of 23,000 people with a median age of 33 years, of which around 11% identify as Indigenous. Children account for 25% of the population. Karratha is the hub of the west Pilbara and KHC supplies outreach paediatric services to surrounding towns.

The Pilbara comprises nearly 508 000 sq km of beautiful, rugged country. Karijini and Millstream- Chichester National Parks are the highlight. Fishing in the Dampier Archipelago or the Montebello Islands for those so inclined is also a must do. Karratha is an 8 hour drive from Broome (very do-able on a long weekend), 3 hours from Onslow and 6 hours from Exmouth.

Socially there are lots of sports clubs, great facilities, gyms, opportunities for learning and socialising. There is a multipurpose performing arts centre. The main industries are oil and gas, iron ore, salt and fertiliser. The town is serviced by multiple flights too and from Perth each day via Virgin or Qantas.

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Get in touch

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Potential Rotations

More Outreach opportunities may be possible as Staffing Improves across the Pilbara.

Profile of work

Gen paed inpatients, mixed Gen paed, developmental and behavioural clinics, outreach clinics, Aboriginal health

Staffing and Supervision

- 3.0 salaried Consultant FTE 1.0 Locum Consultant FTE
- At any given time, 2 Consultants are present. The Consultants work a compressed roster.
- Roster a 8 day fortnight due to 10 hour shifts

Teaching and Learning

- VC links available to PCH for registrar teaching or SCDC – flexible as to the learning needs of the AT
- At least weekly supervision with consultant on site for outpatient case discussion
- Weekly Hospital wide X-Ray and education meeting
- Ability to attend other training as necessary

Annual
Paediatric
Admission of
400/year

Number of
births is
360/year

4 x beds on Children's
Ward – and expands if
necessary
Single rooms with ensuite
1 x Negative Pressure
Isolation Room
2 x nursery Beds for
stabilisation pending transfer
2 x Birth Suites
6 x Maternity Beds



Experience life in the Pilbara Region as a Paediatric Advanced Trainee can't ...

Service Type - Karratha Health Campus

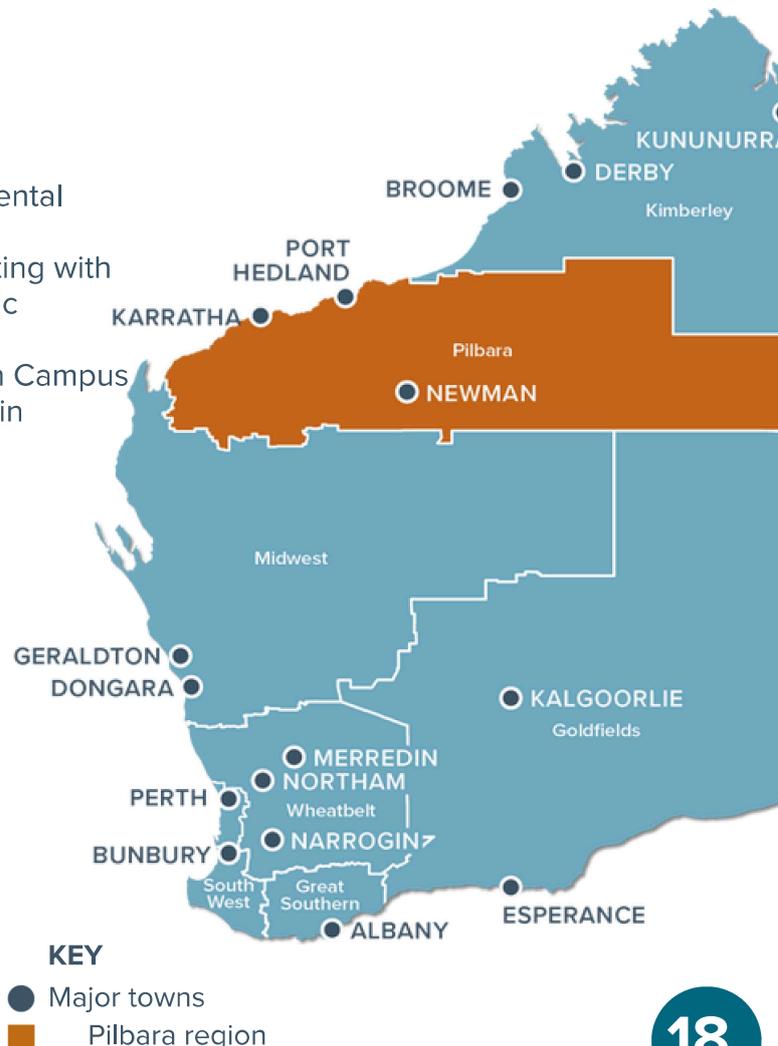
- Paediatric inpatients at KHC
- Inpatient neonates, planned deliveries from 37/40
- Some neonates transferred via NETS
- Level I SCN – Capable of CPAP while awaiting transfer
- Outpatients – 5 days mixed medical/developmental clinics
- Weekly clinic at Mawarnkarra Aboriginal Health Service.
- Outreach to Tom Price, Onslow, Pannawonica, Roebourne, Newman and the western desert.
- Weekly governance meeting.
- Weekly Grand rounds

Service Type - Hedland Health Campus

- Paediatric inpatients at Hedland Health Campus
- Inpatient neonates, deliveries from 34/40
- Some neonates transferred via NETS
- Level II SCN – Capable of CPAP
- Outpatients – 3.5 days mixed medical/developmental clinics
- Fortnightly Griffiths Developmental Clinic alternating with Fortnightly Half Day Medical/Developmental Clinic
- Weekly clinic at Wirraka Maya AMS
- Outreach to Jigalong (Reg to do), Karratha Health Campus
- NETSWA – HHC (along with Broome) participate in NETSWA retrievals for the North West
- Weekly CDS Intake meeting.

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From the red rocks and gorges of Karijini National Park, to the pristine islands and coral reefs of the Dampier Archipelago and Mackerel Islands, the Pilbara offers a range of recreational activities for nature lovers and adventurers.



TESTIMONY - Dr :Danielle Scoones

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I was born and raised in the Perth Metro area, with ancestral links to the Pilbara and Kimberley regions.

I actually sort of stumbled into Rural Paediatrics. I did Rural Clinical school in Geraldton and loved it, then was back in Perth for my early doctoring years at Fremantle Hospital and then Princess Margaret Hospital. A few years later I moved my young family to port Hedland to complete my rural term as part of my paediatric advanced training. I instantly loved the incredible variety and skill mix in rural paediatrics, and my family loved the lifestyle and adventures of living rurally - we soon realised we didn't want to move back to the city! I then discovered I was able to complete all my remaining training requirements rurally and applied to the Kimberley region where we've been for the last two years and where I've now completed my paediatric training. I'm now sold on rural paediatrics and am about to embark on my consultant career as a rural paediatrician.

I've had the incredible privilege of working in remote Aboriginal communities. I've done neonatal retrievals from across the Pilbara and Kimberley regions. I've started a workday in a remote developmental clinic and ended it in a neonatal resuscitation of a pre-term baby. I've then had the joy of seeing that baby thrive in outpatient clinic in that community for the next 12 months! The variety and autonomy is unrivalled by any training position I know of in the city.



My experience as a paediatric trainee in a rural area is that you can be as autonomous as you feel ready for. Registrars are rostered first on call with the back-up of a consultant when needed. It's the perfect training setting to develop professional confidence and prepare for consultant life in a supported learning environment. I've found the rural supervision has been great. I work closely with my supervisors week in week out, so I think they are able to gain greater understanding of my clinical abilities and challenges and provide more tailored feedback and support to help me achieve my training and career goals. I am fortunate to work with inspiring clinicians who have provided mentorship beyond their roles as supervisors, and who I'm sure I will remain in touch with throughout my career.

Challenges encountered professionally – it can sometimes be tricky living in a small town and running into patients and colleagues everywhere! Personally, living away from family and friends is hard of course. Rewards experienced professionally – being able to stay in one training position for so long has been so rewarding. So often as trainees we have 3 or maybe 6 month rotations before we move on again. Having 1-2 years in one location allows you to develop professional relationships as well as experience providing longitudinal care for patients and their families in the community.

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“Working rurally also provides the opportunity to work with some of our most disadvantaged but strong and resilient Australians who continue to teach me so much about what really makes a good doctor.”