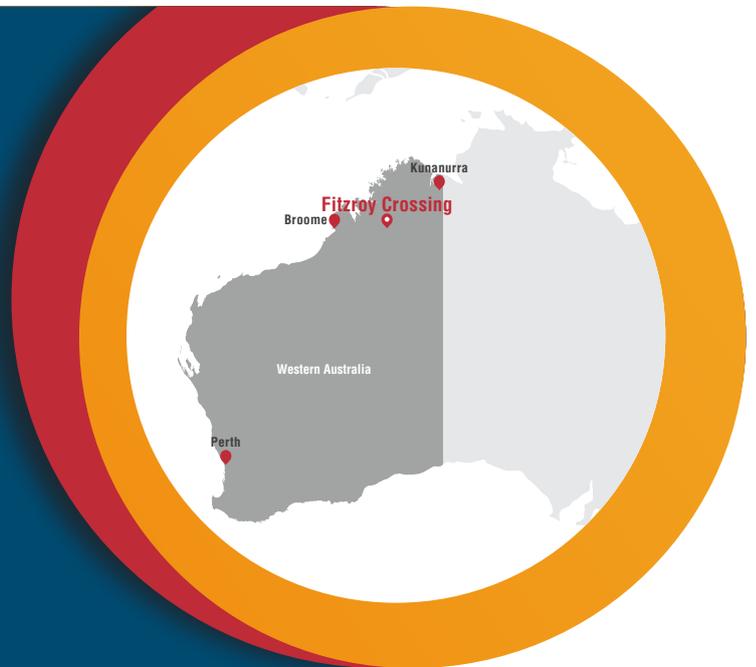


ABOUT FITZROY CROSSING WESTERN AUSTRALIA



ABOUT TARGETED RECRUITMENT

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) is assisting the recruitment of doctors to targeted remote communities with high medical workforce need by including the RVTS GP Vocational Training program as a component of the doctor recruitment package.

In 2018-20 the RVTS Targeted Recruitment Strategy successfully secured the services of 11 full-time doctors to 13 rural and remote communities across Australia.

RVTS Training is a four-year GP training program delivered by Distance Education and Remote Supervision leading to Fellowship of the ACRRM and/or RACGP. RVTS Training is fully funded by the Australian Government.



Location

Fitzroy Crossing is a small town in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. It is located more than 2500km from Perth. Visitors can fly from Perth to Kununurra and then take a bus to Fitzroy Crossing or travel overland by car.



Attractions

Despite its remote location Fitzroy Crossing is on the itinerary of most travellers. The Geikie National Park is just 18km from Fitzroy Crossing and can be best described as an 'ancient barrier reef'. Boat tours through Geikie Gorge also take place in the dry season. The Bell Gorge is also very popular.



Housing

The average sale price of a house in Fitzroy Crossing is \$455,000. Most houses are three or four bedroom, although there are ones available that are smaller and larger. The average rental price is \$365 per week.

Source: propertyvalue.com.au, April, 2019.



Education

Fitzroy Valley District High School is a government run and co-educational school catering for students from Prep to Year 12.

ABOUT FITZROY CROSSING HOSPITAL



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The Fitzroy Crossing Hospital provides hospital services and indigenous health care to residents of the town as well as 40 outlying communities. The new hospital opened in 2008 and is co-located with the Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service.

The hospital has 26 acute inpatient beds, emergency care facilities, primary health, and a public dental service. The emergency bay has two treatments areas including a dedicated resuscitation room and five consulting rooms for outpatient clinics.

The Fitzroy Crossing Hospital is staffed by four doctors and 15 nurses and 13 primary health staff including nine community health nurses. An undercover ambulance bay has been built at the hospital and the Hospital has a two-chair dental facility staffed by a full-time dentist and clinic assistant.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of Fitzroy Crossing is 61.5 per cent. There is potential for doctors to incorporate additional procedural skills training at Broome and Derby Hospitals.

FAST FACTS



Referring hospitals

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- Broome Hospital 397km
 - Derby Health Services 200km



Services

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- Emergency facilities
 - Child and public health
 - Mental health services
 - Aged care
 - Maternity services
 - Public dental service



Visiting specialists

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- Cardiology
 - Orthopaedics
 - Paediatric
 - Ophthalmology
 - Obstetric
 - Mental health



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