

Single Employer Model (SEM) Pilot Site Profile

Boonah / Kalbar



Figure 1: Boonah Township

Opportunity

West Moreton Health offers an exceptional opportunity for registrars to complete rural General Practice training through the Single Employer Model (SEM). Located within easy reach of Brisbane, the region provides the perfect balance of rural medicine, professional support, and lifestyle, allowing registrars to develop broad clinical skills while remaining connected to metropolitan specialist services.

GP Clinic / Primary Care Facility

Boonah Medical Centre provides an outstanding learning environment for SEM Registrars seeking broad exposure to rural general practice. Established in 1971, the practice has a long history of delivering comprehensive, patient-centred healthcare to the Scenic Rim community and, together with Kalbar Medical Centre, operates as an integrated practice across two locations. With a strong commitment to medical education, comprehensive orientation, and close supervision from accredited GP supervisors, Boonah and Kalbar Medical Centres provides SEM Registrars with a supportive environment to build confidence, develop clinical independence and experience the rewarding breadth of rural general practice while becoming part of a close-knit community. <https://boonahmedical.com.au/>



Figure 2: Boonah Medical Centre



Figure 3: Kalbar Medical Centre

Contact

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Hospital Facility

Boonah Hospital is a 22-bed rural hospital within West Moreton Health, providing comprehensive healthcare to the Scenic Rim community. The hospital delivers a broad range of services including a 24-hour Emergency Department, acute inpatient care, rehabilitation, palliative care, medical imaging, telehealth, outpatient and visiting specialist clinics, allied health services, and community-based care. Working closely with local general practices, the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS), Retrieval Services Queensland (RSQ) and Ipswich Hospital, registrars gain extensive experience in rural emergency medicine, inpatient care, chronic disease management and multidisciplinary team-based practice. Through SEM registrars undertake integrated training with the local GP clinic, providing valuable experience across both hospital and primary care settings while strengthening continuity of care and developing procedural, leadership and teaching skills. Supported by experienced Rural Generalists, a collaborative multidisciplinary team and a comprehensive education program, Boonah Hospital provides an outstanding environment for SEM Registrars to develop the knowledge, confidence and capability required for a career in Rural Generalism.

West Moreton Health



Figure 4: Boonah Hospital

<https://www.westmoreton.health.qld.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-centres/boonah-hospital>

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Clinical service profile

Boonah and Kalbar Medical Centres cares for patients across all stages of life and offers opportunities to develop skills in preventative health, chronic disease management, aged care, minor procedures and continuity of care.

General practice training

Both the Primary Care Facility and Hospital are accredited training posts with The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) therefore, your training and supervision is in accordance with the requirements.

How the SEM pilot works

Boonah and Kalbar Medical Centres currently provide supervised training placements for General Practice (GP) Registrars enrolled at the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) at both a senior and junior level. This is a well-established program. Registrars are supervised by vocationally registered, accredited GP supervisors with regular training and review which is provided within the practices. Both practices are in close proximity to Boonah Hospital to which patients regularly move between the GP clinics and the hospitals.

Registrars will work across both the GP clinic and Boonah Hospital at a 0.5FTE ratio at each site. Supervision arrangements will be shared between the practices and hospitals with GP supervisors taking the lead for training during placement years with direct support coordinated and provided by the Director of Rural Medical Education (DRME) for West Moreton Hospital and Health Service (WMH), Medical Superintendent (Med Super) at Boonah Hospital as well as supervisors accredited at the site. The Practice Manager and WMH representatives will meet to coordinate placements and will continue to ensure placements meet requirements and deliver the activities for training outcomes.

Induction/Orientation

Induction and orientation will occur with both the Hospital and GP facility - business processes, site specific inductions, systems, and practices to ensure readiness to work in their facilities.

There will also be GP specialist training college requirements relating to education and training, supported by the direct supervisor, that will be completed.

Mobility agreement

Part of the induction to the SEM Pilot requires the GP registrar to complete the agreement, acknowledging the partnership between the HHS and the community health facility in the support and delivery of general practice education, training, and assessment.

About

Boonah and Kalbar are charming rural townships in the Scenic Rim region of South East Queensland, located approximately 85 km south-west of Brisbane, with Boonah covering around 14 km² and home to approximately 2,700 residents, serving as the primary commercial and community hub for surrounding farming districts, while Kalbar, nestled in the fertile Fassifern Valley, provides a secondary service centre; both are surrounded by World Heritage-listed landscapes and natural beauty, offering a relaxed country lifestyle supported by a warm subtropical climate ideal for outdoor living. Boonah showcases its agricultural heritage through a traditional high street, vibrant arts scene and welcoming community, with access to scenic lookouts, Main Range, Mount Barney and Moogerah Peaks National Parks, as well as

Lake Moogerah and Lake Maroon for recreation, while Kalbar features magnificent Scenic Rim views and a rich German heritage reflected in its historic buildings, churches, Wiss Emporium and Wiss House, alongside shopping, a civic centre, hotel, showgrounds, school, retirement village, parks, cafés and galleries. Families benefit from childcare services and quality education options including Boonah State School, Boonah State High School, All Saints Anglican School and Kalbar State School, with Boonah Airfield supporting recreational aviation and Brisbane and Gold Coast airports within approximately 90 minutes' drive. The region is known for its strong community spirit and vibrant events calendar, including the annual Kalbar Show and Winter Harvest Festival, while Boonah and surrounding communities such as Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Aratula contribute to a growing tourism industry with wineries, farm stays and outdoor activities, together offering a unique blend of heritage, agriculture and lifestyle within easy reach of major urban centres.

General Practice Training Incentives

RACGP

Financial incentives are intended to encourage registrars to undertake placements in an area of identified workforce need, and to alleviate the additional cost of relocation. The amount of financial support available is dependent on the band allocated to the [incentivised placement](#) as per the flexible funds policy. This funding is offered in addition to the Nationally Consistent Payments (NCP). More information is available on the [RACGP website](#).

ACRRM

ACRRM's Flexible Funds, delivered under the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program's National Consistent Payment Framework, is specialised funding managed by the College to ensure Fellowship training and workforce requirements can be supported in rural and remote areas. This mechanism provides consistency, regardless of location. More information is available on the [ACRRM website](#).

Queensland GP Incentive

As part of the Queensland Government's workforce incentive scheme, Queensland GP registrars commencing training in 2025 will be eligible to receive an incentive payment of \$40,000.

Department of Health and Aged Care

Australian Government provides fact sheets detailing the incentives available for GPs and general practices in Modified Monash locations:

- Consult the document for available incentives for [MM 5 locations](#)