WANTED: Doctors for Mallacoota
Mallacoota

Melbourne 6.5hrs
Sydney 7.5hrs
Canberra 4.5hrs
A small remote township in a State “without remote towns”
Busy RA4

Resident population 1000
Peak tourism 8000
Adjusted population 3000
Nearest Hospitals

Victoria

Orbost (no staffed ED) 2hrs

Bairnsdale (Regional) 3hrs

Sale (ICU, cath lab) 4+hrs

Tertiary Melbourne Hospitals (after hours eye emergency) 7+hrs and up to 2 days by road ambulance, 2 hrs fixed wing, too far for helicopter.

NSW - Bega (staffed ED) 2 hrs

ACT - The Canberra hospital (Tertiary) - 2 state borders, ambulance transport impossible
Mallacoota Health Services Context

Small Privately owned Medical Centre (GPs 1.6 to 2.5 FTE GPs, Practice nurse 0.5 FTE)

- GP, including access to specialists via telehealth
- After hours, urgent care, emergency care
- Home visits/Palliative, end-of-life care
- Gap filling services

Small privately owned pharmacy (Pharmacist)

Ambulance Community Officers (1 Paramedic trainer and paramedic during peak holiday times)

Mallacoota District Health and Support Service - independant, receive government funds to provide Allied health District nurses (1.2 FTE nurses) HACC etc. Social work
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Engaging the community

Community meeting
Radio, local newspaper
Community awareness and support
Immediate action

Viability of the medical centre - Private fees, Workforce

Community response

- Donations

- More donations

- Mallacoota Community Health, Infrastructure and Resilience Fund (CHIRF)

- Donation of emergency generator for power outages

- Formation of Doctor recruitment committee from interested community members, working on short term and long term workforce recruitment
Dr. Search Activities

Facebook page
Dr. Search Activities

Conference stand
Networking-RVTS, GP training
Parliament house
Dr. Search Activities

Local Summer markets
Education, data collection
Government lobbying
You’re looking for the perfect work/life balance; the Mallacoota Community Doctor Search committee is looking for another doctor or two.

Are you ready for a lifestyle that offers a host of outdoor adventures, professional challenges, and the opportunity to become part of an inclusive and vibrant seaside community?

The community and GP Dr. Sara Rendall-McEvoy, are looking for another couple of doctors to join our hard-working team. In her spare time, Dr. Rendall-McEvoy enjoys surfing and horse riding... but maybe you prefer tea in the great outdoors, participating in the arts or simply relaxing in the enjoyable climate.

Our well-supported regional medical practice includes an experienced practice administration team, a trained nurse and a psychologist. It has a close working relationship with the town’s MICA (paramedics, nursing and allied health) professionals from the community health centre.

Town amenities and facilities include a Prep to Year 12 College, two submarine, general retail outlets, a ferry, cafes, a tennis court area, a netball area, a skate park, a sports hall, a swimming pool, a boat ramp and access to the picturesque lake via two electric boat ramps.

The job itself:

We are looking for someone with ‘Australian general practice experience. You will be offered:

- A generous percentage of billings (negotiable);
- A flexible number of sessions per week;
- Access to Mallacoota based/remote GP training doctors (with the RFAE to eligible doctors);
- Access to Family Practice Rural Incentive Program for this RFA area.

For further information, contact
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Lessons Learnt

Crossover with service provision - need to develop clear lines but also importance of working collaboratively

Very steep learning curve for community committee members

Good communication essential (time consuming)

Allowing selected community members to screen potential doctors works well
Mallacoota Doctor Search

Recommendations