



# Pilbara

Located in the north of Western Australia, the Pilbara region is bordered by the Indian Ocean to the west and extends along the Great Sandy Desert to the Northern Territory border on the east.

## Living and working in the region

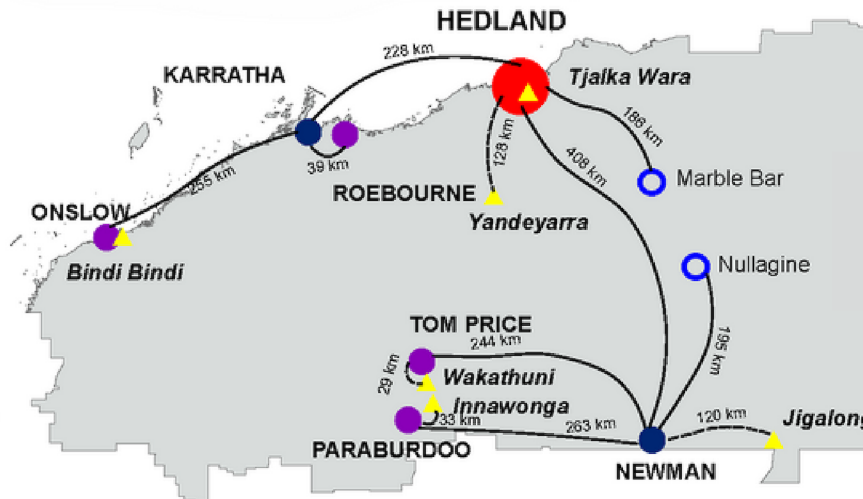
The Pilbara region incorporates two health districts – West and East Pilbara – with the majority of the region’s population residing in the West. There is a range of different health services available throughout the Pilbara, with larger hospitals located in Newman, South Hedland and Karratha. The region is also home to a number of Aboriginal Medical Services that are based in Port Hedland, Roebourne and Newman.

### Hedland Health Campus

Hedland Health Campus is the regional resource centre of the Pilbara with 24/7 consultant cover in obstetrics, anaesthetics, surgery, paediatrics and medicine, including a neo-natal special care nursery, a high dependency unit and on-site dialysis. There are up to 47 beds, supported by a range of inpatient and outpatient facilities and 13 Emergency Department bays.

### Karratha Health Campus

Karratha Health Campus provides up to 40 beds and is supported by a range of inpatient and outpatient facilities. There are 15 Emergency Department bays along with four beds in the Short Stay Unit. Practitioners from a range of fields including emergency medicine, cardiology, plastic surgery and dermatology visit on a regular basis to care for communities in the West Pilbara. general surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology consultants are based in Karratha.



# Rotations at WA Country Health Service

Applicants can express interest for WA Country Health Service (WACHS) rotations via their Primary Employing Health Service's term allocation process.

**Intern** rotations are on offer at:

- Hedland Health Campus from Royal Perth Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- Karratha Health Campus from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

**RMO** rotations are on offer at:

- Hedland Health Campus from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and Joondalup Health Campus
- Karratha Health Campus from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

*Note: Allocation to rural terms is determined by the employing hospital's term allocation process.*

Additional RMO rotations at Karratha Health Campus are available via the [Rural Community Residency Program](#).

Employer	Intern rotations	RMO rotations
Fiona Stanley Hospital	Nil	<a href="#">Karratha</a> Community Residency Program
Royal Perth Hospital	<a href="#">Hedland</a> General Surgery	<a href="#">Karratha</a> Community Residency Program
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	<a href="#">Hedland</a> General Medicine <a href="#">Karratha</a> Emergency General Medicine	<a href="#">Hedland</a> Emergency, General Surgery <a href="#">Karratha</a> Emergency, General Medicine, Community Residency Program
Joondalup Health Campus	Nil	<a href="#">Hedland</a> Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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## Pilbara medical education and support

The Medical Education programs at Hedland and Karratha are developed and led by the respective Director of Clinical Training (DCT) and coordinated by the Medical Education Officer (MEO). Both sites have protected junior doctor teaching sessions each week and additional opportunities for learning while working alongside consultants, registrars and district medical officers.

### Supporting your move to the Pilbara

The Pilbara MEOs are there to support transition from city to country. Contact will be made prior to travelling to Hedland/Karratha to confirm relocation arrangements, orientation on commencement and to offer any other support in the lead up to and while working in the Pilbara.

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**To discuss junior doctor opportunities at WACHS, contact the Central Medical Education Unit:**



**For all employment opportunities visit WACHS Medical Vacancies:**

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