

**Dimboola Medical Centre, Dimboola, Victoria**

# **General Practitioner**

- **Well organized solo practice with able and experienced practice nurse and administration team**
- **Strong support from Wimmera Health Care Group's Dimboola and Horsham campuses**
- **Historic town on fine stretch of the Wimmera River 35 km north of Horsham**

The coming retirement of Dimboola's much-loved doctor has opened the way for a General Practitioner to succeed him in caring for patients attending the Dimboola Medical Centre and inpatients at the Wimmera Health Care Group's Dimboola campus (Dimboola Hospital).

Applicants should have a primary medical qualification registered or registrable with the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria and, ideally, Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners or other recognized postgraduate qualification in General Practice.

The remuneration package has the flexibility to attract and retain a medical practitioner who is comfortable in a solo practice with solid backing from the town's and region's hospitals.

The Medical Centre is housed in the same building as the 30-bed Hospital, which has four acute beds and 26 aged care beds. The doctor is supported by six part-time practice nurses who are responsible for blood collection, wound management, health assessments and management plans, diabetes education and pap smears. The practice manager also handles reception. Excellent triaging by hospital nursing staff makes the nominal 24/7 on-call commitment undemanding, with minimal call-outs. The practice has received its fourth full accreditation by Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited.

Comprehensive specialist back-up is available from Wimmera Health Care Group's Horsham campus (Wimmera Base Hospital), only 35 km away. It is the major specialist referral centre for Victoria's Wimmera and Southern Mallee region, servicing a population of 54,000. It also plays a key role in the education and training of health professionals, being recognized by the University of Melbourne, Deakin University and medical and nursing bodies as an undergraduate and postgraduate training and teaching centre.

Dimboola is a quiet, attractive town of 1,800 people on the tree-lined Wimmera River, midway between Melbourne and Adelaide by rail or road. The town has many well-preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings. Its economy is mainly agricultural. It is the change-over point for crews on the Adelaide-Melbourne railway line. The 60 train drivers and their families living in Dimboola add an unexpected industrial feature to the medical practice. Education facilities from pre-school to secondary level are available in the town. Easy access to nearby larger towns increases parents' choices. Dimboola is noted for its wide range of sporting, cultural and social facilities. The nearby Little Desert National Park (which is not really a desert) is networked with bush trails, access paths and 4WD tracks to fishing, boating and picnicking spots on the river.

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