

Department of Health

Tasmanian Health Service, North West (THS-NW)

Information for prospective RMOs 2025

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Hospitals and Healthcare

The THS-NW offers many professional and lifestyle advantages. Covering a population approaching 120,000, the hospital is large enough to offer a diversity of health careers that incorporate the major specialties, yet small enough to offer autonomy and cater for individual needs and interests. At THS-NW you can develop your clinical skills, work in a range of settings and enjoy Tasmania's relaxed living or more adventurous pursuits. You will find our dynamic small teams and lack of hierarchy inspiring, the scope of the work stimulating, and the caseloads varied.

There are two major hospitals in the North West of Tasmania.

North West Regional Hospital (NWRH) in Burnie provides a range of healthcare services and is the main referral hospital for the North West. The hospital has a total of 160 beds, and is co-located with the 48-bed North West Private Hospital. RMO rotations at NWRH include:

- Emergency Medicine
- Medical – General Medicine
- Surgical – General Surgery, Orthopaedics
- Other – ICU, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Anaesthetics

Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) in Latrobe maintains a 24-hour emergency department and inpatient care in medicine, palliative care and rehabilitation. MCH also provides access for day surgery and endoscopy services. It is undergoing major infrastructure works to enhance its capacity in this area as well as an expanded outpatient and ambulatory care unit. RMO rotations at MCH are in:

- Anaesthetics
- Emergency Medicine
- Medicine – General Medicine

RMOs may also have the opportunity to rotate to one of the three district hospitals located at Smithton, King Island and Queenstown. These positions provide experience in rural general practice, aged care and inpatient care.

RMO support and opportunities

We pride ourselves on our comprehensive orientation for new RMOs, which includes orientation to the healthcare system, hospitals and departments. Pastoral support is ongoing and tailored to the needs of individual RMOs. Learning opportunities include weekly RMO teaching and teaching within each department. On-site teaching facilities include tutorial rooms, skills/simulation laboratories and a staffed library. Dedicated staff tailor the teaching and education program to the needs of RMOs.

The University of Tasmania has Rural Clinical Schools at NWRH and MCH, providing additional education and teaching opportunities.

Incentives

Furnished accommodation close to the hospitals is available for up to 12 months, with the first three months being provided rent free. A relocation reimbursement is available after commencement for applicants moving from interstate or overseas.