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EV Successful in Filling Rural Junior Doctor General Practice Placement Program for 2021

EV in partnership with Latrobe Regional Hospital has successfully filled all 15 GP non-core rotations for Gippsland Rural Intern Trainees (GRIT) and 4 rotations for junior doctors in the second postgraduate year (PGY2) for 2021.

This program is part of the Rural Junior Doctor Training Innovation initiative funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The Rural Junior Doctor Program aims to provide pre-vocational junior doctors with exposure to rural general practice during their hospital years in a supportive training environment, in practices located in Heyfield, Maffra, Traralgon and Trafalgar. In 2021 we welcome practices from Moe and Leongatha.

“EV was pleased to accept an extension of the contract for 2021 and we are thrilled that we were able to fill every rotation,” says Dr Mark Rowe, CEO.

“We are very proud of this successful outcome and look forward to continuing our partnership with the health services involved to deliver this program in Gippsland,” says Dr Rowe.

EV has been the only Regional Training Organisation to be allocated funding to co-ordinate this program for rural junior doctors since 2018 for nearly 45 Interns and PGY2 junior doctors.

The program has been highly successful in demonstrating the importance of exposing junior doctors early in their medical career to rural general practice. Junior doctors who have had the opportunity to undertake a GP rotation have rated it as an excellent rotation with fantastic learning opportunities.

“Through this program we see doctors developing their skills in a rural setting which can be very different from what’s on offer in metropolitan settings. Not only do our junior doctors make an important contribution to our local workforce and services for the community, but they experience the richness of life here in Gippsland. This is a key part of the rural GP pipeline and we hope to see these doctors return to train as GPs locally in the future,” says Dr Elisabeth Wearne, Deputy Director of Medical Education & Training, Rural Pathways.

“This is a wonderful outcome for the communities in Gippsland, increasing the number of doctors available will improve service delivery and help improve workforce distribution,” says Dr Wearne

For more information on EV’s involvement in the Rural Junior Doctor Training initiative visit our [website](#).

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About EV GP Training

Established in 2016 as one of 9 general practice training providers in Australia, Eastern Victoria GP Training (EV) is funded by the Commonwealth Government to deliver general practice training for prevocational doctors. EV delivers training throughout eastern, south-eastern and north-eastern metropolitan Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula and Gippsland. We offer general and rural pathways and both RACGP (FRACGP and FARGP) and ACRRM (FACCRM) endpoints. We also deliver the RACGP Practice Experience Program.

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