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Training Opportunities

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The **Rural and Remote Institute of Palliative Medicine (RRIPM)** is committed to strengthening palliative medicine in regional and remote areas of Australia. This initiative provides high-quality **training opportunities** tailored to the unique challenges of delivering palliative care in non-metropolitan settings.

Doctors interested in expanding their expertise in rural **palliative medicine** can explore opportunities across multiple locations, gaining **hands-on experience** in community, consultative, inpatient, elective, and cancer care palliative medicine.

While **recruitment occurs through the usual channels**, the RRIPM supervisors listed in the following table are available to provide **local context** and further information.

Training in the country. With doctors who know how.

Available Training Opportunities

Location	Positions	Available Term(s)	Best Contact	Comments
Alice Springs, NT *A vibrant, culturally rich outback town with a strong Indigenous healthcare focus.*	2 FTE	• **12-month Integrated Rural (RACP Inpatient and Community)* • Clinical Foundation • Elective Term 5	Christine Sanderson christine.sanderson@nt.gov.au	0487 325 366 **pending approval*
Great Southern-Albany WA *Coastal regional hub offering a mix of rural and urban healthcare experiences.*	1 FTE	• **12-month Integrated Rural* (RACP Community & Consult) • Elective Term 5 • 6-12 month Rural Generalist / GP (RACP Clinical Foundations)	Kirsten Auret- kirsten.auret@health.wa.gov.au	**pending approval*
Saint John of God, Bunbury WA *Known for its excellent inpatient care and strong regional healthcare support networks.*	1.0FTE	• Inpatient Term 1	Carolyn Masarei - Carolyn.Masarei@sjog.org.au	0416 304 228

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Southwest Regional, Bunbury WA *A thriving coastal town with diverse clinical exposure in community and consult medicine.*	2.0FTE	• Community Term 2 Consult Term 3	Sarah Dunlop - Sarah.dunlop@health.wa.gov.au	0423 778 959
Albury Wodonga Health, VIC *Cross-border healthcare facility providing a unique mix of rural and regional medical training.*	1.0 FTE	• Community Term 2 Consult Term 3 Mixed Term 5 Clinical Foundation	Dr. Chi Li – Chi.Li@awh.org.au	
La Trobe City, VIC *A regional hub with specialized cancer care training opportunities with strong research focus.*	1.0FTE	• Cancer Care Term 4	Ahmed Nagla – anagla@lrh.com.au	

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Mackay, QLD *Located in tropical Queensland, offering a broad scope of training opportunities*	1.0 FTE	• *Community Term 2** *Consult Term 3** Elective Clinical Foundation	Shanan Molloy - shanan.molloy@health.qld.gov.au	**Pending approval* Oncology term also available by applying directly to the oncology team. Contact details can be provided.
Toowoomba, QLD *A growing regional city with access to a variety of training areas including cancer care and elective medicine.*	2.0FTE	• Community Term 2 • Consult Term 3 • Cancer Care Term 4 • Inpatient Term 1 Elective	Paul Stack - paul.stack@health.qld.gov.au	07 4616 6000
Launceston, TAS *A picturesque Tasmanian city with strong academic and clinical foundations for palliative care training.*	3.0 FTE	• Community (Feb-Aug) – AT • Consult AT (12-month) • Inpatient AT and CF Elective Oncology TBD Cancer Care / Consult AT	Odette Spruijt - odette.spruijt@ths.tas.gov.au	0407 129 699 **Funding:** Community position till Aug 2026 (may be extended) Inpatient training available via Dept Med STP for Palliative Care AT/CFs

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For more information on **palliative medicine training opportunities**, visit the Rural Remote Institute of Palliative Medicine or contact the relevant representatives listed above.