

## Eastern Health Rural Rotation – Bairnsdale Regional Health Service

Approximately 25 Interns matched to Eastern Health will be rostered to Bairnsdale Regional Hospital in 2018.

The rotations for Eastern Health Interns in 2018 will be:

- 2 Interns rostered to the Emergency Department
- 2 Interns rostered to General Medicine
- 1 Intern rostered to General Surgery

### Bairnsdale Regional Health Service (BRHS)

BRHS provides services including comprehensive primary care, acute care, aged care, community and home based health services to a growing population of over 42,000 people across a land mass of 21,000 square kilometres.

- **A new combined acute medical/surgical bed ward with 32 beds, also incorporating a 3 bed High Dependency Unit**
- **Rotamah** ward is a 17 bed diverse unit comprising of maternity, paediatric, palliative and general medical patients.
- **Flanagan** ward is a 20 bed rehabilitation ward with rehabilitation, geriatric evaluation, transition care program, and AOD withdrawal beds.

BRHS provides the opportunity for Interns to practice Medicine (over 16,000 patient admissions per annum) in an environment where they can experience 'hands on' medicine in a breadth and depth of situations not always possible in a metropolitan environment.

BRHS, due to its geographic distance from Melbourne, is Victoria's largest user of ARV (Adult Retrieval Victoria). Interns who are completing the Emergency Department rotation will gain experience in stabilisation/retrieval medicine, in addition to managing the presentations of the 24,000 patients who attend the Emergency Department each year.

The General Medicine rotations at BRHS provide Interns with the opportunity to manage patients of varying acuity levels under the management of the local GP VMO's, as well as the internal BRHS Physicians. This provides a 'continuum of care' perspective to the Intern from the community and hospital care perspectives.

The busy Surgical rotation allows interns to experience surgical patient management on the ward, as well as pre-admission clinic duties, and active involvement in theatre. The two operating theatres at BRHS run full time, with General Surgery as well as visiting specialists conducting Vascular, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmologic, Urological, Gastro-Enterological, Gynaecological and Obstetric surgeries plus more.

The accommodation for Interns at Bairnsdale is new, and situated opposite the Hospital – literally a 1minute walk across the road to work!

At Bairnsdale, you are only 30 minutes away from the ocean in summer (e.g. Lakes Entrance, Paynesville, Metung) and 2 hours away from the ski-fields in winter (e.g. Mt Hotham).

At BRHS you will find a welcoming, collegiate hospital which will provide you with a wealth of experiences to commence your medical career!

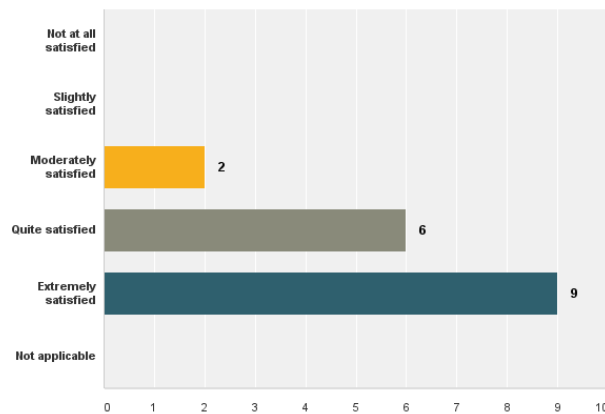


## Annual Bairnsdale Intern Survey 2016

We conduct an annual, voluntary, electronic survey to gain feedback from Interns regarding their BRHS rotation. In 2016, 25 Interns rotated to Bairnsdale and 19 (76 %) completed the survey. A rural rotation can provide many opportunities and challenges for Interns, but most Interns are very positive about the experience. Here are some Intern responses from our 2016 survey.

### Q20 Overall, how satisfied were you with your rotation to Bairnsdale?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 3



### Q21 How strongly would recommend your Bairnsdale rotation to next years interns?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 3

