

The Region of Chinchilla

Chinchilla is a small country town in the Western Downs region, Queensland. The town is approximately 300 kilometres of Brisbane and was established in 1877. It is primarily an agricultural region which has recently grown due to the coal and gas projects. The population growth is due to the new workers joining the town with Chinchilla experiencing massive growth and development. The population in 2016 was approximately 6650.

Chinchilla is most famous for its Melon Festival and is known as “Australia’s Melon Capital”. Chinchilla produces 25% of Australia’s watermelons! There are about 10,000 people a year who venture to Chinchilla for this exciting event which includes interactive activities such as melon skiing, melon chariots and much more.

This is a GREAT little spot for families. Chinchilla is also well known for fossicking, fishing, bushwalking, biking and camping. So, if you and your family enjoy any of those activities, you will really enjoy the lifestyle of Chinchilla. Chinchilla is a peaceful and pretty town, featuring a beautiful tree-lined main street just off the highway. It has an award-winning cultural centre and a well-designed cinema and gallery.

Chinchilla has a wide choice of schools for primary students and less than 2 hours away from the famous colleges of Toowoomba. It is a great place to raise a young family with many accolades on web site sites from happy families and visitors. There are also plenty of sports to get your family involved with and festivals or activities over the weekends.

The Practice

The medical centre moved to its present location within the Chinchilla Medical Centre opposite the water tower in May 1991 and expanded from 5 to 9 doctor’s rooms in November 2009. The church which was previously on the site was retained incorporating the modern architect-designed Medical Centre, which also includes Chinchilla Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Sullivan and Nicolaides blood collection rooms.

The Practice is a Distribution Priority Area and Area of Need for overseas trained doctors. The patient base is mixed, including retirees as well as young families. The practice offers a combination of bulk and private billing and a wide range of services at the facility including computerised radiography. They have visiting specialists and on-site pathology. A full list of the practice services provided can be viewed [here](#).

The Principles of the medical centre have scores of years of experience as rural GPs. Dr Thomas Clark holds a Master of Medicine in Skin Cancer and was born and bred in Chinchilla! Dr Clark also has a Diploma in Obstetrics and Paediatrics.

Dr Gilmour spent many years in England and Rockhampton as a GP and then joined the practice back in 1988. Dr Gilmour also practices obstetrics and anaesthetics. Both owners offer rural obstetrics.

This is a fantastic opportunity to be at a medical where GP’s have so much knowledge, experience and most importantly want to pass their valuable knowledge onto other general practitioners.

The practice has nine consulting rooms, a large nursing area which helps deal with any emergencies and user-friendly software ‘Best Practice’ is used within the medical centre.

The team consists of a Practice Manager and office administrator, three receptionists and three Registered Nurses who share one full-time position. The practice is accredited through AGPAL conforming to the RACGP 4th Standards but already working towards the 5th Standards.

The doctors are well-supported with modern and well maintained medical equipment. These include slit lamp, ultrasound, hyfrecator, defibrillator, spirometer and ECG.

Most importantly, they have a vibrant team of staff members who provide friendly, efficient and compassionate care towards all of their patients with a commitment to ongoing education and training. The owners and staff are very supportive, and as a general practitioner, you would be welcomed into this small community where Chinchilla values country life and living.

They are looking for General Practitioners who value small-town life but with the prospect of being very busy.

They have a waiting list of patients for at least two GPs so you will not have to build your practice, in fact, exactly the opposite. The community and the medical centre staff will welcome you and your family with open arms!

Please take the time to phone our Practice Manager or one of the Directors to get more information on Chinchilla Medical Centre. This is definitely a medical practice where you will gain valuable experience, and you never know – you could end up staying here long term just like other GPs in the past.