

Ivanhoe Health Service

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Introduction information:

Ivanhoe is a small rural town in a remote part of New South Wales. It is on major North – South and East –West road and rail routes, and serves as the town base for many outlying sheep and cattle stations. The hospital was built in the 1960's, and is now primarily an outpatient general and specialty clinic, with local emergency and trauma services provided. The ambulance is operated from the hospital.

The town population is about 350, excluding the wider community (such as farms and stations).

Ivanhoe is on a busy tourist route, the history of the town includes significant activity with Cobb and Co, droving trails and mining. It also provides easy access to several National Parks and traditional sites. The mixed population includes indigenous and non-indigenous peoples who are well integrated into a single community.

Health Service information;

As mentioned the hospital has been here for many years, many of the adult population were born here.

The Health Service is incorporated into the Greater Western Area Health Service, 'Remote cluster'. There are holding beds for patients needing evacuation by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and a 24 hour accident and emergency service, including on-site radiography.

Ambulance officer training is provided by the Ambulance Service of New South Wales, and a state of the art 4WD ambulance is fully maintained at this site by them.

The hospital has full time registered nurses, with medical support through the RFDS, a professional and well-qualified Aboriginal Health Worker and support staff. On a monthly basis medical and other specialists conduct clinics, including Ophthalmology, Dental, Child Health, Endocrinology, Dermatology, and Physiotherapy

The staff rosters are all day shift (9 – 5.30) with RNs rostered on call. Professional development opportunities are supported by the Clinical Locum Program, the Outback Nursing Certificate, and Front Line Emergency and Critical Care courses, as well numerous short courses in pre hospital trauma

management, disaster and triage, indigenous health, among many others are provided through the Base Hospital located at Broken Hill, and associated university-partnerships including the Schools of Rural Health of both University of Newcastle and the University of Sydney.

This Health Service also provides placement and clinical opportunities for medical and nursing students.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at the hospital, in independent units. These are fully furnished, with all modern amenities, including air conditioning.

These accommodation units are provided for the duration of your employment at the health service.

Temporary Accommodation

Within the town several other accommodation options are available, including pub-stay, caravan park, motel, and private housing rental.

There is one Real Estate Agencies, Elders Real Estate, serving the town, but more agencies can be found in nearby towns, look up www.realestate.com.au

Maps

Ivanhoe is located in the middle of a group of major centres, all between 2 and 3 hours drive. These are easy drives and all centres have good attractions and differences to enable days off to be enjoyed. Nearby, the National Parks and the Menindee Lakes are also very worthwhile and enjoyable visits

Towns near your Health Service

The nearest major towns are Hay (2 hours, South) Broken Hill and Silverton (where many movies have been made, 3 hours North West), Griffith (wine and more wine, 3 hours East) and Mildura (wine, water sport, shopping, and a major country music festival 3 hours West).

Local Newspapers

Our main local newspaper is the Hillston Spectator, although the Barrier Times from Broken Hill and other regional papers such the Hay Grazier are always available. Being on Broadband internet all major on-line news services are available. The town has free-to-air access to 3 TV channels, and Satellite TV is available by private subscription. The nurse accommodation units have satellite TV dishes already installed.

Transport

Being in a remote area, transport is best by car, and the hospital has two vehicles regularly going to the major towns. Ivanhoe is on the main rail links, and the Indian Pacific, the Ghan, and Country-Link trains including the Outback Explorer all come through Ivanhoe.

The local Shire support and provide a community bus which has weekly schedules to other centres.

The town is served by an all-weather airstrip.

Climate

Ivanhoe is in an area of Australia classed as an 'arid, dry zone' It does get hot in summer, and pleasantly cool in autumn and winter. Temperature range is from 5-6 C to 45 C. Humidity is generally low.

Education

Schooling is available for all ages of children, catering from pre-school to Year 12. This is conducted at the Ivanhoe Central School, ph 02 6995 1108.

There is no local TAFE College or University but distance learning and on-line learning is provided by all tertiary institutions. Distance is no barrier to the education opportunities in Australia, and should attendance be required at a regional centre this Health Service provides for study leave in the employment agreement.

Many courses related to work are fully funded by the Health Service.

Childcare Centres/Pre Schools

Ivanhoe Pre-school operates Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 02 6995 1349

Other employment (for your partner) is available locally. There is a strong demand for rural labour, and opportunities in both transport and Council activity. Just out of town is a unit of the NSW Corrective Service, where prison officers manage up to 55 inmates. There are currently vacancies for corrective service officers within that complex. Training for that facility is undertaken at their academy in Sydney. The Correction Service phone is 02 6995 1403

Local industry (major employers)

- Agriculture
- Mining
- Tourism
- Corrective Services

Local attractions and activities

Mungo National Park (and the 'walls of china' feature are 2 hours away),
Cobb Highway and drovers trail
Kinchega National Park
Mildura wine and music festivals
Hay shearers memorial
Murray River paddle boats and houseboat holidays.

Sporting Activities

The town has a Council run swimming pool, a local golf course, community hall and RSL for snooker and 8 ball competitions.

Shopping

Most major requisites are obtained in nearby major towns, but in Ivanhoe there is a supermarket, café-takeaway, all road services including fuel and repairs. A tow truck service is operated by the NRMA (the national road and motorist association).

Banking services are available through the Post Office, and Government agencies have local representation through both the post office and Shire Multi Purpose Outlet.

Communication services are offered

- Telstra – fixed and mobile phones, and internet
- Austar – satellite TV
- Post Office – for all mail and newsagency services

Financial Institutions

- Operate through the post office, but all banks and other financial services have on-line facilities. ATM's are located in the RSL and EFTPOS facilities are in common use.