

THE GENERALIST



Rural Generalist Update

Welcome to all our new Rural Generalist Pilot members!

We have had a wonderful response to the pilot with 35 applicants being selected. Successful applicants ranged from RCS medical students through to GP registrars. We are excited to see such a diverse range of trainees with varied special interests and look forward to helping you meet your training and career goals.

The first step will be to link you with your mentor, who will be one of our experienced Directors of Clinical Training. They will then take up the reins of mentoring, career planning and supporting you on your path to rural generalism. We will keep you up to date with courses, conferences and workshops as they arise.

Additionally, we are in the process of developing a website which will contain this information (and lots more!) in the future, but in the meantime, keep an eye on The Generalist for key updates.

As always, should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

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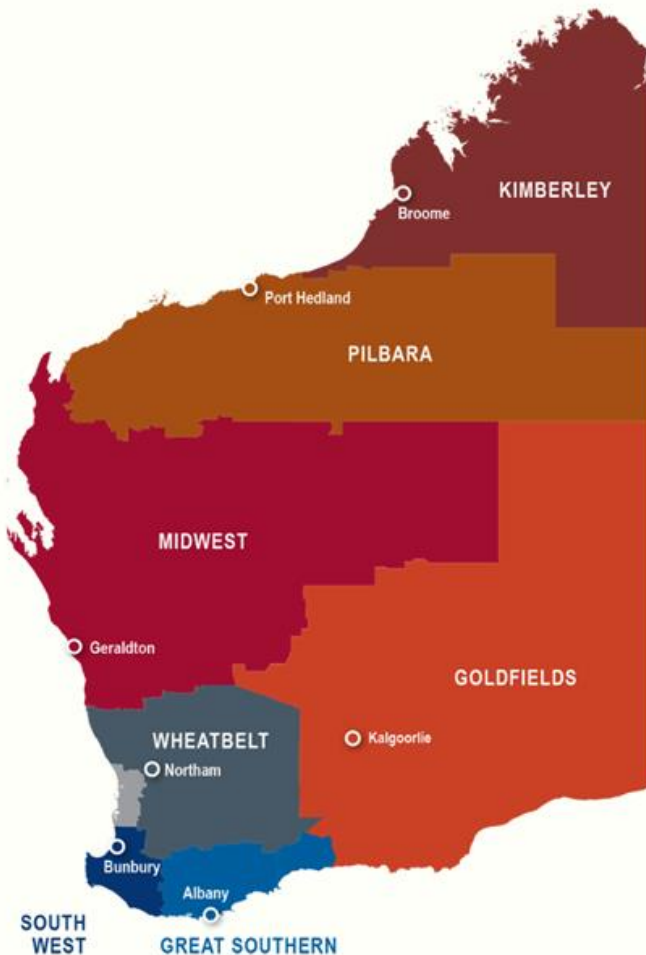
Meet the Team

Regional Directors of Clinical Training

We are very proud to introduce you to our team of experienced Rural Generalist Directors of Clinical Training. In this issue of The Generalist, we will start with a brief introduction to each of our regional DCTs, as well as shining the spotlight on Dr Karen Pitman, the RGPWA Director of Clinical Training.

In each issue we will travel to a different region showcasing the regional DCT in a bid to share their stories, advice and skills to inspire you to follow in their footsteps – or better yet, forge your own path!

- **South West** – Dr Adam Bancroft.
- **Great Southern** – Dr Airell Hodgkinson.
- **Goldfields** – To be determined
- **Midwest** – Dr Ruth Highman
- **Pilbara** – Dr Wendy Sexton.
- **Kimberley** – Dr Yehuda Levy
- **Wheatbelt** – Dr Wynand Breytenbach.
- **Metro** - Dr Karen Pitman



Dr Karen Pitman

How long have you worked in regional healthcare and where have you worked?

I worked for 14 years as a Rural Generalist in the Pilbara, Victoria and rural north British Columbia.

What do you like most about being a rural generalist?

The variation, anaesthetics one day, ward work another and then emergency, working with a wide variety of people and working with all areas and levels of health care workers.

What did a typical day look like for you?

It would be a combination of work and leisure! I like to keep the balance with exercise or sport or get out of town to where there is no phone reception with the family.

What is the best career advice you have ever received?

There are too many but some of the best ones are : go rural and be part of the community, you don't have to live there forever, but you may well do. And always say yes, try not to close any doors.



Upcoming Events

PMCWA 2021 Medical Careers Expo

This year the Expo will be completely virtual.

Date:

Wednesday 28 April (Medical Specialties)

Thursday 29 April (Surgical Specialties)

Time: 6:00pm.

The LIVE virtual evening allows junior doctors and graduating medical students to login from home to hear from 18 medical specialties, ask questions in real time, listen to personal journeys and help make informed career choices.

Dr Karen Pitman, RGPWA Director of Clinical Training answering questions regarding rural generalism and general practice on Thursday.

Medical Career Planning expert, Dr Ashe Coxon is the keynote speaker for the event.

For registration and more information, see:
www.facebook.com/PMCWA

Rural and Remote Retrieval Weekend



Designed for multidisciplinary health professionals with clinical roles or a strong interest in acute health care, the rural and remote retrieval weekend provides participants with the opportunity to learn about the management of medical emergencies in a remote environment with limitations in equipment, personnel and resources.

For more information, please see:

<https://ruralhealthwest.eventsair.com/rural-and-remote-retrieval-weekend-2021/>

*Note students are unfortunately not eligible to attend.



KEY DATES

2022 Applications for
Rural Generalist Pathway

16 August – 17 September 2021

2022 Intern/ RMO
Central Recruitment

Intern applications: 4 May 2021

RMO applications: Late May 2021

For more information see:

<https://medjobswa.mercury.com.au/>