

Rural Generalist Pathway

Name	Tom Gleeson
Post Graduate Year	7
Position Title	Rural Generalist Senior Medical Officer (Provisional Fellow)
Location	St George
Advanced Skill	Anaesthetics

I have been in my current role at St George for three and a half years and I work alongside two other SMO Rural Generalists. There is a wide variety of cases in St George. I do 1 – 2 private practice sessions a week and am on-call 1 in 3. I really enjoy the great working environment, the work / life balance and the friendly community.

My Rural Generalist Training prepared me for rural practice by allowing me to feel confident in a variety of situations. The senior Rural Generalists in St George provide me with great teaching and supervision and have become good friends.

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I really enjoy living in St George because of the great community spirit (as seen in the 2012 floods).



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Name	Adam Coltzau
Post Graduate Year	12
Position Title	Rural Generalist Senior Medical Officer
Location	St George
Advanced Skill	Anaesthetics and Obstetrics

I've been working in St George for nine years and agree with Tom that the variety of practice and great community spirit here makes it a great place to work. We work in ED, outpatients, general practice, theatre, procedural practice, Aboriginal Medical Service and outreach settings.

It takes me three minutes to get to work from my house by the river, the air is clear and there are no traffic jams to worry about. The community spirit is really inspiring and I have made great friends since moving here.

I encourage you to get out to real rural communities west of the Great Dividing Range to experience the unique nature of real rural practice.



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