



**PGY2+ EFNLHN Port Lincoln  
ARANZCOG (P)**

**Information Pack 2025 Clinical Year**

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## About the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network

### Introduction

We invite you to become part of a collegiate, committed, multidiscipline maternity-care team consisting of GP obstetricians, and a wonderful group of experienced and qualified midwives. The EFNLHN Port Lincoln RANZCOG Associate Training Program is suitable for candidates preparing for a career in rural General Practice or those preparing to apply for the Royal Australasian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) integrated Training program. The program offers generous opportunities to learn a wide range of practical and procedural skills in a rural setting.

The rotation would suit trainees looking to undertake any of the following training options:

- > RANZCOG Associate Training Program (Procedural) – ARANZCOG (P)
- > RANZCOG Associate Training Program (Adv Procedural) – for candidate already holding a ARANZCOG (P).
- > Trainee with either ARANZCOG looking for further supported practice.

This rotation is based in the Boston Bay Family Health Practice for the full 12 months and is open to post graduate year 3 and above (PGY3+). Preference is given to applicants committed to rural GP obstetrics.

We expect the successful candidate to enrol in the RANZCOG Associate Training Program (Procedural) in preparation for commencing the post and seek to provide tailored support for your training.

Applicants who wish to apply to participate in the ARANZCOG (P) are asked to detail this in their Expression of Interest via the cover letter and CV.

### Key Dates

Expressions of Interest open:	<b>Wednesday 12 June 2024 (09:00 am ACST)</b>
Expressions of Interest close:	<b>Wednesday 3 July 2024 (11:55 pm ACST)</b>
Referee reports close:	<b>Wednesday 10 July 2024</b>
Shortlisting commences:	Wednesday 31 July 2024
Interviews:	To be advised
Round 1 results available to applicants:	Thursday 19 September 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> preference matches only)
Round 2 results available to applicants <b>(excluding general training):</b>	Thursday 26 September 2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> or higher preference matches)
Round 3 results available to applicants <b>(excluding general training):</b>	Thursday 3 October 2024 (3 <sup>rd</sup> or higher preference matches)
Round 4 onwards <b>(including general training):</b>	Thursday 10 October 2024 (4 <sup>th</sup> or higher preference matches)
Start date of Term 1 Clinical Year:	Monday 3 February 2025

## Number of positions in 2024 clinical year



## Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN)

### About EFNLHN

Services available within the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network are provided throughout the following locations:

- > Coober Pedy Hospital and Health Service
- > Ceduna District Hospital
- > Cleve District Hospital and Aged Care
- > Cowell District Hospital and Aged Care
- > Cummins and District Memorial Hospital
- > Elliston Hospital
- > Kimba Hospital and Aged Care
- > Port Lincoln Hospital and Health Service
- > Streaky Bay Hospital
- > Tumby Bay Hospital and Health Service
- > Wudinna Hospital

### Port Lincoln Hospital and Health Service

The Port Lincoln Hospital is a large country hospital, providing a wide range of inpatient, outpatient and outreach services. The hospital includes a modern 50 bed complex with obstetrics, anaesthetics, general and surgical subspecialties, cancer services, renal dialysis, operating facilities, and a busy high acuity Emergency Department. Acute Hospital Services and are supported by active Community Health Service working in partnership with the acute and other services to provide high quality out of hospital care for the residents of Port Lincoln and the surrounding areas.

Port Lincoln Hospital provides 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7) accident and emergency services, acute inpatient care, maternal and neonatal services, general surgery and surgical sub-specialties, renal dialysis, chemotherapy, palliative care. Additional services located onsite are radiology, SA Pathology, Clinical Pharmacy, Allied Health Services and Dental services. Port Lincoln hospital is also active in teaching and training with Adelaide University Rural medical students spending their full fifth year in Port Lincoln.

Port Lincoln Hospital is a level 3 Obstetrics facility.

### **Boston Bay Family Health Practice**

Boston Bay Family Health Practice is a rural general practice which provides primary care and secondary care at Pt Lincoln Hospital. The Practice provides services in emergency medicine, obstetrics, anaesthetics, mental health, adolescent health, and surgery.

With a passion for Obstetrics, women's health, children and babies and quality rural medicine.

### **What you can expect from EFNLHN**

#### **What should employees expect from the role?**

The Maternity service has over 300 births per year. During this term you will gain clinical and procedural experience in the areas of management of pregnant women and gynaecology under the supervision of the senior GP obstetricians and their specialist colleagues.

The trainee will be exposed to basic obstetrics and gynaecology consulting and management through the Boston Bay Family Health Practice.

Advanced trainees will be exposed to basic gynaecology procedures (hysteroscopy/ D&C) and ultrasound training. Trainees will also work with the visiting specialist gynaecologist in Port Lincoln Hospital and have exposure to complex presentations and procedures.

Trainees will become familiar with the requirements of the SA Perinatal Guidelines and will have exposure to complex obstetric conditions and decision-making concerning retrieval.

#### **Will I be based at Port Lincoln all year? Will I be expected to travel to other country locations?**

You will be based in Port Lincoln for the full year.

#### **What are the key outcomes of the program?**

The aim of this program is to provide trainees with sufficient clinical experience and supervision support to meet the logbook and work-based assessments of the ARANZCOG (P).

Candidates will also be supported to meet the external course requirements and assessments to achieve their ARANZCOG (P) and set them up to be confident working at the level of a GP obstetrician without independent caesarean section capability.

Further training will be required to meet ARANZCOG (Adv P) requirements.

#### **If I want to stay on for an extra year, do I have to apply again?**

This program involves a 12-month commitment but is open to negotiation.

We encourage trainees to join the GP obstetrics roster in Port Lincoln on completion of the ARANZCOG (P). We provide a transition process where early career GP obstetricians are shadowed by an experienced GP obstetrician until they are confident to take on a fully independent role.

**What are the hours of work and overtime?**

This post requires a commitment of 38 hours per week. Some out-of- hours work is required within the 38 hours in order to provide continuity of intrapartum care and meet logbook requirements.

**What education is provided?**

The unit has a strong learning focus with frequent ad-hoc tutorials as well as more formal training including:

- > PROMPT (Practical Obstetrics Multi-Professional Training) training.
- > FSEP (Fetal Surveillance Education Program).
- > Neonatal Resuscitation.
- > Perinatal review and education meetings. Regular logbook and learning needs review.

**How will supervision be provided? Will this vary from rotation to rotation?**

The successful applicant will be supervised under the umbrella of the Executive Director of Medical Services the trainee needs to be supervised by the senior GP Obstetrician who holds formal ARANZCOG (Adv P).

**What other support is provided?**

The Medical Education Unit have an open-door policy where trainees are welcome to discuss any issues or concerns. The DCT and MEO also arrange confidential beginning and end of year appraisals as a formal time for trainees to ask for advice/support, highlight any concerns, discuss career pathways, and provide feedback about the training program.

**Will the TMO supervise interns/others in their role?**

No.

**What pathways are there after the year is completed?**

Trainees are encouraged to see this post as a step in their pathway to providing rural generalist services to a community in rural South Australia.

This position can articulate with:

- > Other local training positions including AST in Emergency Medicine or General Practice.
- > ARANZCOG (Adv P) positions in South Australia such as in Port Lincoln.

**Rotations at EFNLHN**

The applicant will have access to antenatal clinics, labour, and delivery; neonatal care and post-natal care, and training will be provided between the practice and Port Lincoln Hospital with access for labour and delivery services within the hospital facilities.

This rotation is for a full 12 months commencing February 2025.

## Selection into EFNLHN Rural Generalist / General Training

### About the selection panel

The selection panel for this post usually includes an RANZCOG accredited GP obstetric supervisor, a member of the specialist team in the unit, the EDMS and a member of staff from the Medical Education Unit of Adelaide University Rural Health South Australia. A member of the relevant training provider may also be present.

### Eligibility

Both Australian trained candidates currently in PGY3+ and International Medical Graduates who have general registration and who will have at least 3 years clinical experience on commencement are eligible to apply for this role. Candidates must have Australian Working Rights to be eligible to apply.

Candidates must be available to work for a 12-month commitment commencing on 3 February 2025.

### Skills and knowledge required for the role

Prerequisite obstetrics and gynaecology knowledge at final year medical student level is assumed.

## Selection Process

### Our approach to selection

At a minimum the selection process will involve assessing your:

- > Curriculum Vitae.
- > Answers to Expression of Interest short answer questions.
- > Referee reports.
- > Appropriate completion and submission of required documentation.
- > An interview.

All Expressions of Interest will be scored/ranked for shortlisting. Up to five people will be shortlisted for interview. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a face-to-face or video conference interview, and in some circumstances, this can be conducted via teleconference.

SA Health will match the highest ranked candidate to this position.

### Your Expression of Interest

Your Expression of Interest must include:

- > An Expression of Interest addressing the selection criteria (see below)
- > A Curriculum Vitae.
- > Contact details from two referees in Australia who have worked with you in a clinical setting.

## Curriculum Vitae

Curriculum Vitae should include:

- > Contact details including email and mobile phone number.
- > Qualifications and academic achievements.
- > Clinical achievements.
- > All jobs / clinical placements since completing medical school.
- > Any rural clinical experiences since commencing medical school.
- > Personal Development.
- > Activities which demonstrate your interest in and commitment to rural practice and GP obstetrics.

## Cover letter

A cover letter outlining your reasons for seeking this position will be appreciated.

## Other Expression of Interest questions

- > *In no more than 300 words describe why rural general training and/or obstetrics interests you?*
- > *What experience have you had of either living and/or working in a rural area or what personal strengths do you have which will assist you to live and work within a rural community?*
- > *In no more than 250 words, please provide an example where you have demonstrated your commitment to providing a quality service to patients and their families. Please outline the situation, what actions you took, your role, who else you involved and the outcomes.*

## Interview

Applicants who are shortlisted for an interview will be notified by mobile phone and/or email.

The intention of the interview is to ensure that they are the best fit for the role. Interview is likely to include invitation to describe previous experiences and some scenario-based questions with the aim to evaluate candidates against selection criteria which include:

- > Demonstrated ability to thrive in the rural context.
- > Highly effective communication and collaboration skills in the clinical setting.
- > Ability to succeed in attaining ARANZCOG (P) in this post.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I am unsure about moving to the country. Can I visit to look at the facilities prior to finalising my preferences?**

We would encourage you to visit our beautiful towns and enjoy the rural hospitality. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we can facilitate this, for example, with a tour of the hospital, and point you in the direction of touring and entertainment.

**Port Lincoln** is situated in the Eyre Peninsula and is home to the largest commercial fishing fleet in the southern hemisphere, and as such is a tourist dream. Port Lincoln is the ideal balance between the vibrant lifestyle of a small city and comforts of a small town, between cultural progress and tradition, and between modern conveniences and the preservation of natural beauty – be it our dramatic coastlines, or our attractions as Memory Cove white sandy beaches or exploring Whalers Way or cage diving with sharks.

### **Will accommodation be provided?**

You will be assisted with accommodation for up to 6 weeks. During this time, you will need to arrange your own accommodation. Real estate agents can assist you with this. You will find rentals very affordable compared with the metropolitan area.

### **Will I be supported with relocation expenses?**

We appreciate that moving house can put a strain on your finances, particularly prior to starting your new job. Please contact us to discuss what relocation support may be available and what documentation you will need to supply.

### **Will I need my own transport?**

Some sort of private transport is necessary.

### **Do I need to arrange for a carpark?**

The good news is that parking in all rural cities and towns are currently free of charge. Some areas require permits and time limits, but generally it is easy to park in or around the Hospital and University precincts.

There is a secure staff car park on the Hospital site.

### **Can I get decent coffee and food?**

Yes, and yes.

Port Lincoln is renowned as Australia's Seafood Frontier for a reason, and the strong seafood industry is one of the highlights. Freshly shucked oysters straight from the pristine waters, locally caught prawns, tuna, mussels, and assorted fish, making fish and chips ever so appealing. With award winning restaurants and good local wine, it definitely a great place to eat and drink. The problem will be what to choose!

**What is there to do in the area?**

The benefits of being on the Eyre Peninsula is discovering rich Indigenous heritage to unique street art and epic silo murals. Climb the ancient rock formations, hike in our many parks and swim in rock pools after picnicking on sandy beaches. Port Lincoln has the epic Gawler Ranges and a huge variety of flora and fauna. You can discover the amazing granite outcrops such as the Organ Pipes, Murphy's Haystacks, the huge Mt Wudinna granite monolith or the spectacular Pildappa Rock.

The Eyre Peninsula boasts some of the cleanest waters in the world, and some of the most unique marine life. You can swim with sea lions, dolphins, giant Cuttlefish, or dive down and look for Leafy Sea Dragons and spot Southern Right Whales in the Great Australian Bight. You can wine and dine in award winning restaurants and experience the exciting range of the local fresh food and wine.

## Contacts

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### Role Description

View Role Description [here](#)

### Any further questions?

**SA Health Salaried Medical Officers Enterprise Agreement 2022** [here](#)

**Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) registration standards** [here](#)

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