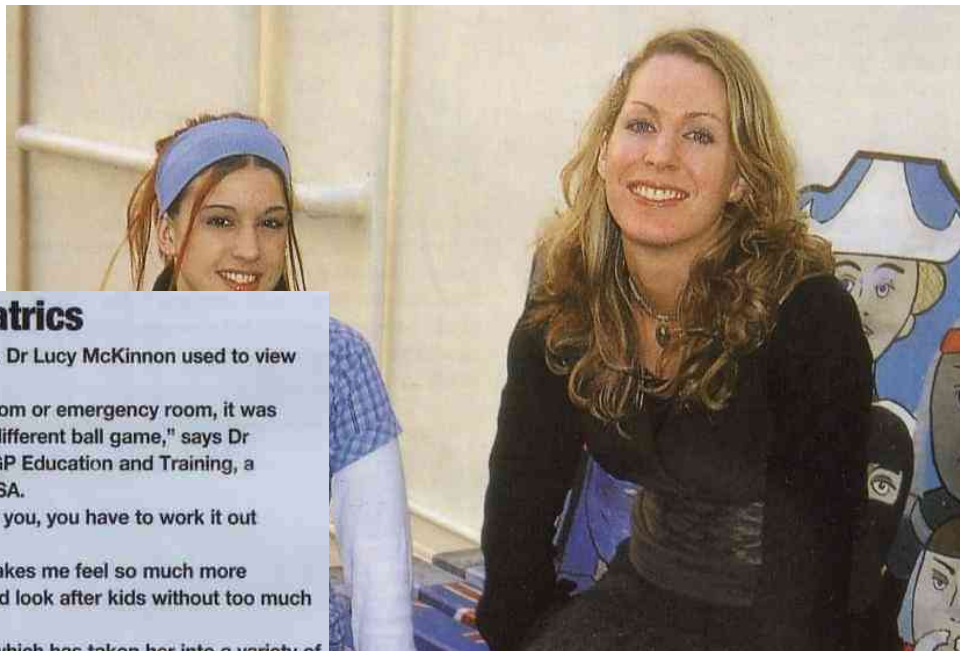


GP Registrar Paediatrics Special Skills Post or Advanced Rural Skills Post Geelong, Victoria 12 months or 6 months



Dr Lucy McKinnon — paediatrics

BEFORE doing her special-skills post in paediatrics, Dr Lucy McKinnon used to view her younger patients with trepidation.

"When I used to hear kids crying in the waiting room or emergency room, it was always a bit of a heart sink for me — they're just a different ball game," says Dr McKinnon, a registrar with Greater Green Triangle GP Education and Training, a training consortium based in southern Victoria and SA.

"It is like being a vet — because they can't talk to you, you have to work it out yourself.

"The experience I've gained [through the post] makes me feel so much more confident — to be able to go back to the country and look after kids without too much trouble."

Dr McKinnon is the first registrar to do the post, which has taken her into a variety of settings where she has learnt to care for newborns to 25-year-olds.

Her week involves several different positions, including attending neonatal rounds, the elective caesarean list, and working in a GP's surgery, a paediatrician's rooms and a youth health centre.

Dr McKinnon says the experience will be invaluable in her career ahead as a rural GP, especially in knowing when to ask for help.

"Instead of doing paediatrics at a hospital, I get experience of adolescent kids, private paediatrics, and I get to see what other GPs refer on."

Dr Lucy McKinnon, GP Paediatric Registrar at Barwon Health, 2003, sitting in the courtyard of *Clockwork Youth Health Services*.

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This post is suitable for GP Registrars in advanced or subsequent terms with a minimum of 6 months previous experience in General Practice. The post is accredited as a Special Skills/Extended Skills post and as an Advanced Rural Skills Post. This position is offered through the *Greater Green Triangle GP Education and Training* and is based at Barwon Health - The Geelong Hospital. A single 12 month position will be offered in 2005, the possibility of a 6 month position may be considered on an individual basis.

The successful applicant will join a busy general paediatric unit with academic affiliations (University of Melbourne) and will have an excellent opportunity to consolidate skills in paediatric medicine. The weekly programme will incorporate inpatient paediatric management (including level 2 neonatal care), community and outpatient paediatrics, adolescent health at Clockwork Young People's Health Service and general practice (3 sessions per week in a general practice within 15 km of Geelong).

- Salary commensurate with years of experience.
- Salary packaging available.
- Opportunities to follow (or precede) this position with a Diploma of Obstetrics (DRANZCOG) post at The Geelong Hospital may be available.
- The paediatric unit also offers supervision for applicants who are interested in studying for the Diploma of Child Health offered by Westmead Hospital in Sydney.


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