

Media Release: New Doctors for Armidale

Armidale is one of many towns in the New England/Northwest region of New South Wales to benefit from the successful recruitment of doctors into the General Practice Training Program by local training provider, GP Synergy.

Several new doctors have recently commenced their training as General Practitioners (GPs) in the New England/Northwest region. Known as GP registrars, these doctors are fully qualified having completed university and hospital training. They are now undertaking further training so that they can work independently as GPs. These doctors will spend up to 18 months of their training moving around the region, working in a number of teaching practices, under the supervision of experienced local GPs and supported with education and resources by their training provider, GP Synergy.

One of these doctors is Dr Jennifer Morrison, who has recently commenced her GP training in a local Armidale general practice. Jennifer is originally from Sydney, working for the past 4 years at various hospitals across Sydney including the Children's Hospital at Westmead where she completed a Diploma in Child Health and had the opportunity to develop her skills in paediatrics. She has also completed a Master in Public Health as she has an interest in international health and development.

Jennifer says there many great reasons why she became a GP. 'I meet people from all walks of life and often also get to know their family members.', she says, 'The medicine is challenging and interesting as you never know what will come through the door next!'

Moving from Sydney to the country to complete her GP training was something Jennifer had always wanted to do. 'My husband and I were keen to try living in the country and looked at various options in NSW', she says, 'Armidale seemed to "tick all the boxes" for us at this stage in our lives. It's a beautiful town, easily accessible, with lots of great places to eat and things to do. There's also a supportive and friendly medical community with a strong focus on medical education which makes it a great place to train.'

GP Synergy Regional Business Manager, Mr Pat Worthing, says the future of GP training in the region looks bright. 'It is encouraging to see increasing numbers of doctors coming into the New England/Northwest region to train. Many of these doctors are coming from the local area and increasing numbers, like Jennifer, are selecting to train here recognizing the high quality training experience the region can offer'.

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