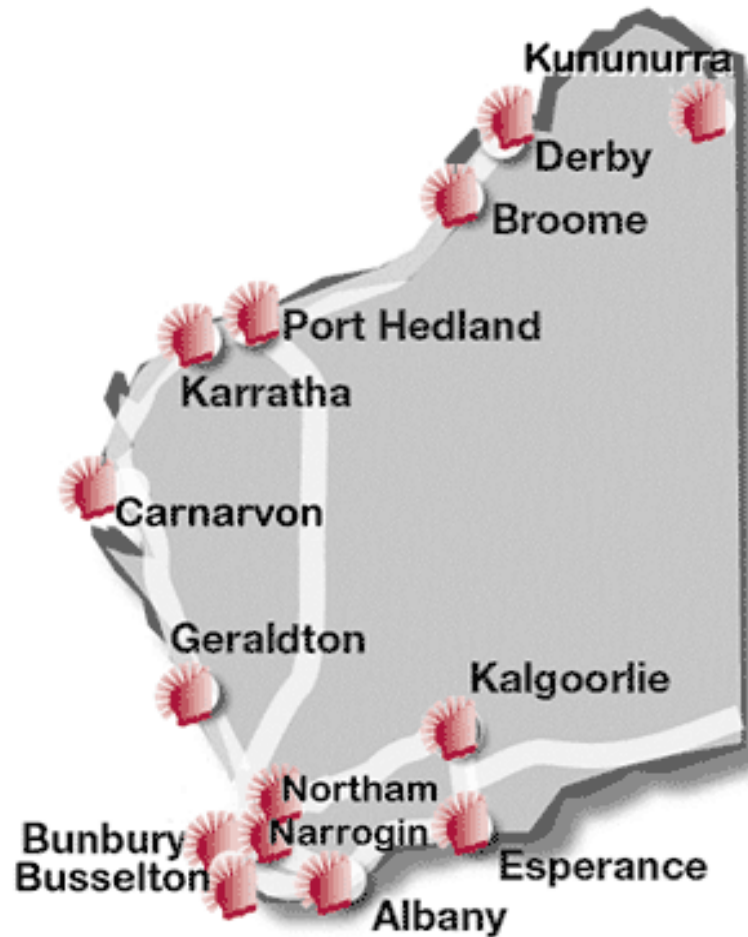


Rural Clinical School of WA



Rural Clinical Education – the Good

- The Rural Clinical School of WA is having a significant impact on rural medical workforce in WA: 3+ times more work rural!
- Culture change: having students and junior doctors is improving attitudes to evidence based health care in rural and remote WA
- Multidisciplinary training and collaboration suited to rural locations (RCSWA, WACRH, proposed new Broome UDRH)
- Practical rural research is making a difference



The challenges

- Hard to staff locations remain hard to staff (Pilbara, anywhere in inland WA)
- Change often depends on individuals in key positions, so progress can be patchy
- Achieving policy changes across multiple organisations (governments, professional colleges, accreditation bodies) often time consuming - leads to missed opportunities
- WA's geography doesn't always suit Commonwealth plans & proposals

Opportunities for Rural Education and Research

- Expand RCSWA to more of the harder to staff rural areas (the addition of the Curtin medical school potentially gives us this opportunity)
- Substantially expand rural junior doctor positions
- Increase rural registrar posts for specialist training with innovative supervision models
- Build on RCSWA research experience for translational rural and Aboriginal health research (WAHTN, TKI etc)