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### **Kalgoorlie to host next generation of doctors**

Rural Health West has selected Kalgoorlie to host six junior doctors with the aim of encouraging them to Go Rural with their medical careers.

The junior doctors will experience a range of medical settings and opportunities, from the Royal Flying Doctors, to Aboriginal Medical Services, the local hospital and general practices during their three day visit.

“The national Go Rural campaign is designed to raise awareness of the great benefits of a rural health career, both professionally and personally, through providing participants with a variety of experiences” Ms Porter, the General Manager for Workforce at Rural Health West stated.

“Rural Health West has a great working relationship with many medical professionals and organisations in Kalgoorlie, and it provides the perfect location to highlight how rewarding a rural medical career can be.”

The visit by the junior doctors will commence with a tour of the local Royal Flying Doctor Service base, followed by a demonstration of their medical skills at a skills workshop at the Rural Clinical School, and discovering the great facilities available in country hospitals through a tour of the Kalgoorlie hospital. A demonstration of the state-of-the-art Telehealth facilities will grant them the opportunity to see how technology is improving access and care for rural patients.

A sundowner networking event hosted in the town will provide the junior doctors with the opportunity to meet and talk with local general practitioners, family members and community representatives to hear first-hand experiences of living and working in a regional town. Rural Health West is pleased to welcome local Member of Parliament, Ms Wendy Duncan, along with the CEOs of the City of Kalgoorlie and Shire of Boulder, to meet with the junior doctors at this event.

“The aim of the visit is to ensure these junior doctors gain a real appreciation for rural practice, and encourage them to consider pursuing a rural career in Kalgoorlie or another rural location around the state,” Ms Porter said.

### **ENDS**

As the leading rural health workforce agency for Western Australia, Rural Health West is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments responsible for the recruitment and retention of a highly skilled sustainable health workforce to meet the needs to rural and remote Western Australians communities.

**MEDIA INVITE:**

**Local Media are invited to attend the following sessions:**

**Visit to Kalgoorlie Royal Flying Doctor Base:**

Wednesday 20 May, 12.30pm – 1.00pm

**Tour Kalgoorlie Hospital and demonstration of telehealth facilities:**

Thursday 21 May, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Networking Sundowner, Palace Hotel:**

Thursday 21 May, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Junior doctor participants and Rural Health West staff will be available for photo ops and interviews at each of the locations.

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