

Mornington Peninsula

This page contains information for general practitioners and practice staff who are interested in working on the Mornington Peninsula. The Peninsula GP Network considers that the Mornington Peninsula and its environs offer the prospective general practitioner an ideal place to work, raise a family and just enjoy life.

The Mornington Peninsula Community - totals about 260,000 people. Over the Christmas period the population swells by an extra 100,000 people. On its western border is Port Phillip Bay, Western Port Bay to the east and Bass strait to the south. The population is mainly of white anglo- saxon descent. The majority of the population is on the Port Phillip side of the Peninsula. It ranges from the city of Frankston with a population of 125,000, the large village atmosphere of Mornington with its main street shops and cafes to the small villages of Somers and Shoreham on the Western Port coastal side. The area has two local governments, the City of Frankston and the Shire of Mornington Peninsula.

Hospital Services - Acute public hospital services are provided by the Peninsula Network. The Peninsula Health Network has two main acute sites, Frankston and Rosebud. Peninsula Health also provides tertiary mental health services aged care and rehabilitation services. The Frankston site provides coronary care, obstetric, MRI, intensive care and cardiac angiography services. Further information on the Peninsula Network can be found here. Private hospitals are established at Langwarrin, Frankston and Mornington. These private hospitals allow general practitioner admission and provide a wide range of medical services.

Medical Specialists- The Mornington Peninsula is well catered for with medical specialists and specialist type investigative services. A number of specialists visit from the large tertiary hospitals in suburban Melbourne

Education- The Mornington Peninsula is well serviced by educational facilities. In the public school system all suburbs have both primary and secondary schools. Both church based and non denominational private educational facilities are well established on the Peninsula. A bus service runs on the Peninsula that caters for children who attend private schools in suburban Melbourne. Tertiary educational services are provided by TAFEs at Frankston and Rosebud and the Peninsula Campus of Monash University which has an allied health and teaching focus.

Workforce Incentives- Parts of the Mornington Peninsula are an area of workforce shortage. Subject to certain conditions general practitioners may be eligible for financial rewards by committing to work in the area. Details are available from Peninsula GP Network.

General Practices- There are 77 general practices on the Mornington Peninsula

- 22 are solo practitioners
- 37% of general practitioners are female
- 36% of all general practitioners are over 55 years of age.
- Over 89% of practices use computerised medical records.
- 66% of practices have a practice nurse

Medical Education-General practitioners are well catered for with educational facilities on the Peninsula. The Peninsula GP Network provides regular educational and continuing professional development activities.

Travel- Frankston on the Mornington Peninsula is some 55 minutes by car or train from the centre of Melbourne. An electric train runs regularly from Melbourne to Frankston which is the largest city on the Mornington Peninsula. At its furthest southern extremity Portsea is 45 minutes by car. Public transport in the southern regions is limited to a bus service. Air travel requires a trip to Melbourne Airport which can be reached via a freeway and tollway in less than 80 minutes.

Real Estate-The Mornington Peninsula has real estate cheaper than inner suburban Melbourne and provides better value for your dollar. Residential properties vary from small units, to large residential home blocks to acreage.

Recreation-The Mornington Peninsula caters for all types of recreational activities. There are many well established sporting clubs. If you want to just sit around or dine out the Peninsula has many cafes, restaurants and wineries.