

# Ready to make the move to Melbourne?

**We look forward to working with you!**



*The calling of the Rainbow Serpent,  
Daryl Naylor (Gundugurra), donated 2007*

## Melbourne (Narm) is on Kulin Nation Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are the longest living cultures in the world.

Narm is the traditional place name for Melbourne in the Woi Wurrung language.

At Austin Health, we respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land where we work, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

## Melbourne: a fantastic city to live and work

Come and join us in one of the world's most liveable cities. Don't just take our word for it. Melbourne is consistently at the top of the world's most liveable cities rankings.

Our cohesive and stable society, with world-class healthcare, education and infrastructure make Melbourne a magnificent city in which to live, work and study.

We have great restaurants with cuisines from all corners of the world and our coffee is the best in the nation. One downside of living in Melbourne is that you are at risk of becoming a coffee snob.

Our thriving arts and music scenes mean we are home to some of Australia's best art galleries. Many of Australia's most famous musicians and artists are from Melbourne.

If sport is more your thing, we also have the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground which hosts cricket over summer and Australian Rules Football in winter. The city is bursting with international visitors and superstars every January during the Australian Open and in March during the Australian Formula One Grand Prix.

When you visit Melbourne you will be struck by our luscious greenery – the central business area includes almost 20% of green space and parks. Suburban streets are most often lined with trees and there are usually parks in each neighbourhood for people to enjoy. There's a reason why Victoria is referred to as 'The Garden State'.

Melbourne is also one of the most multicultural cities in the world, with 35% of the population being born overseas and 38% of households speaking at least one additional language at home.

## Helping you make the move

We can help you make the move to Melbourne to come and work with us!

We can support with:

- initial **work visa application** and **application cost**, depending on visa
- a **generous financial incentive** to relocate, including allowances for a partner and/or dependents. This includes nurses moving to Melbourne from regional Victoria, other areas of Australia or outside of Australia (as of April 2022, conditions apply)
- excellent **leave entitlements**
- **salary packaging** to increase your take-home pay
- **staff discounts** and special deals.



*Our 11,000 staff work across four campuses in three locations.*

## Our locations

Austin Health has three main locations:

- The Austin Hospital (including the Olivia Newton-John Centre), Heidelberg
- The Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg
- Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Hospital, Kew.

We also have sites all over Victoria for our Austin Pathology service. You can read more about the locations and services provided on the [Austin Pathology website](#).



*The Austin Hospital and Olivia Newton-John Centre are on the same site in Heidelberg, across the street from Heidelberg train station. The Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital is about 1km away.*

## Our Heidelberg campuses

Heidelberg is a leafy suburb 11km north-east of Melbourne's central business district.

The drive from central Melbourne takes about 22 minutes but can vary with traffic. The drive to and from the city is against the flow of peak-hour traffic.

Parking is available onsite at both the Austin Hospital and Repatriation Hospital.

If you prefer to leave the car at home, the Austin Hospital is well serviced with public transport options. The Heidelberg train station is immediately opposite the hospital entry (less than 50 metres away) and bus services are within minutes' walk.

If you are traveling to the Repatriation Hospital via public transport, you can walk from Heidelberg station (approximately 20 min walk) or take the free staff shuttle bus between the two campuses, which runs every 15 minutes from 6.15am to 6.30pm. There are also buses that stop within easy walking distance to the site.

Our two Heidelberg campuses are located less than one kilometre from each other.

## The Austin Hospital

**This is the main campus for Austin Health and includes the Olivia Newton-John Centre, where patients receive cancer and wellness treatments and services.**

We are home to a number of state-wide services:

- Ventilation Weaning Unit
- Victorian Liver Transplant Unit
- [Victorian Respiratory Support Service](#)
- [Victorian Spinal Cord Service](#)
- Victorian Toxicology Service
- [Victorian Poisons Information Centre](#).

The Austin Hospital features:

- an expansive Emergency Department that treats nearly 90,000 patients each year and houses a 6-bed children's unit and state-of-the-art 24-bed Short Stay Unit for adults, children and mental health clients
- a 22-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) that is recognised as one of the world's leading research ICUs
- the Olivia Newton John centre, which offers patients world-leading treatment and care complemented by evidence-based wellness programs. There are currently over 200 clinical trials in progress, providing access to new, breakthrough therapies
- our Surgery and Endoscopy Centre, where we perform all emergency surgery as well as a large number of elective surgery and endoscopy procedures
- a Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory that performs over 2,000 catheterisations and 600 other emergency cardiology procedures each year
- a specialised 26-bed Spinal Unit servicing Victoria and Tasmania
- the leading epilepsy centre in Australia, which treats patients from all around the country, New Zealand and South East Asia
- an 82-bed mental health precinct
- the home of Austin LifeSciences and a number of state-of-the-art teaching, training and research facilities.

There are two cafes and hot food kiosks on site. There are also many outdoor areas with comfortable seating and beautiful gardens for staff to take their meal breaks.

Burgundy Street and its shops, cafes and restaurants are only five minutes' walk from the Hospital.

## The Repatriation Hospital

**The Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital is a specialist centre for elective surgery, mental health services, rehabilitation and aged care.**

Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital has:

- the Surgery Centre, with eight operating theatres
- an expansive mental health precinct, incorporating our statewide [Psychological Trauma Recovery Service](#), [Community Recovery Program](#) and [Transition Support Unit](#)
- Austin Health's [Aged Care](#) programs and [Medical and Cognitive Research Unit](#); the largest dementia clinical trials site in the southern hemisphere
- world-leading researchers from the Parent Infant Research Institute and the University of Melbourne's Centre for Research and Education in Diabetes and Obesity
- the Health and Rehabilitation Centre, a state-of-the-art community rehabilitation hub that includes the Kokoda Gym, a hydrotherapy pool and clinics
- the [Northern Centre Against Sexual Assault](#).

There is a café on site and a free staff shuttle drives the 1km between the Repatriation Hospital and Austin Hospital every 15 minutes.

## Childcare and Schools in Heidelberg

Both of our Heidelberg locations are well serviced with schooling options.

There are numerous early childhood, primary, secondary and additional support schools, including government, religious and private.

As an example, Austin Childcare operates from the Austin Hospital site and offers high quality childcare to the children of staff employed by Austin Health and the Heidelberg Primary school is less than 900 metres from the Austin Hospital site.

To find out more about Austin Childcare, contact Donna Cosentino, Centre Manager at [donna.cosentino@austin.org.au](mailto:donna.cosentino@austin.org.au).

## Local Attractions

The Austin Hospital is located within five minutes' walk to the Burgundy Street shopping and café strip. Here you will find restaurants, a large gourmet supermarket, pharmacies, florists, clothing and specialty shops, and more.

Heidelberg boasts beautiful parklands and playgrounds, including Heidelberg Park, Possum Hollow Playground and Artist Walk.

The famous [Heide Museum of Modern Art](#) is located in Heidelberg amongst a sprawling sculpture garden.

The Yarra River snakes its way through the area, providing beautiful views and activities such as rowing and canoeing.

## About our Royal Talbot site in Kew

**Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre is dedicated to providing the best rehabilitation services in Australia, complemented by creative therapies including art, music and horticultural therapy.**

Our rehabilitation facilities are state-of-the-art, including:

- a hydrotherapy pool
- gymnasiums
- leisure facilities
- all faiths chapel
- Health Sciences Library and General Library
- A varying range of accommodation to suit various independence levels
- orthotics & prosthetics design and fabrication facility.

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre is home to a number of our state-wide services:

- [Victorian Spinal Cord Service](#) (rehabilitation service)
- [Brain Disorders Program](#).

Parking is available onsite.

The Royal Talbot rehabilitation hospital is set on a sprawling site with luscious and carefully tended gardens. While the city is close by, the site is peaceful and feels like it is in a remote location.

## Childcare and Schools in Kew

Kew has a large range of schooling options, from early childhood, to primary and secondary, including government, religious and private schools.

## Local Attractions

Kew is a friendly inner-city suburb, just 5km from the centre of Melbourne, with many beautiful parks and areas around the Yarra River. A favoured spot is the Fairfield Park Boathouse and Tea Gardens, which features a restaurant with riverside views. Boats can be hired nearby.

The Kew shopping strip is 7-minute drive from Royal Talbot. It has numerous shops, supermarkets (including a gourmet supermarket and a specialist bakery), banks and other services.

The shopping and café strip at Station Street in Fairfield is a 6-minute drive from the site. The strip has an abundance of cafes and restaurants, supermarkets and a train station (Fairfield). The train trip from Fairfield to the city takes about 25 minutes.

Only 11 minutes' drive from Royal Talbot is the inner-city suburb of Clifton Hill. The main shopping strips includes gourmet wine, fruit and food shops as well as numerous cafes and restaurants. The local train station (Clifton Hill) is a major hub and trains run frequently. The train trip to the city takes 12 minutes from Clifton Hill.

## Resources

Here are some resources to help you find what you need.

### Getting your Australian registration

- You must be registered to work in Australia. To find out more, go to [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) which is the agency that looks after registration on behalf of the Boards for each profession.
  - For nurses, go to: [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation/IQNM.aspx](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation/IQNM.aspx)
  - For medical practitioners, go to: [www.medicalboard.gov.au/registration/international-medical-graduates.aspx](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/registration/international-medical-graduates.aspx)

### Housing

- To search for houses for sale or rent, go to [www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au) or [www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au).
- If you're looking to share a house, there are Facebook groups such as Fairy Floss Real Estate, where you can post or search for properties and housemates. There are also websites such as [www.flatmates.com.au](http://www.flatmates.com.au) and [www.housesharemelbourne.com.au](http://www.housesharemelbourne.com.au).

### Public transport

- The [Public Transport Victoria](#) app lets you plan your journeys on public transport around Melbourne and provides a broad range of information.
- The [Tram Tracker](#) app gives information about your nearest tram stop, time until the next tram, travel times and delays.
- Public transport in Melbourne uses the Myki ticketing system. [This website](#) explains how it works and lists prices.
- Regional travel across Victoria can be booked through [VLine](#).

### Buying a car

- Websites such as [www.carsales.com.au](http://www.carsales.com.au) and [www.carsguide.com.au](http://www.carsguide.com.au) list cars for sale from both dealerships and private sellers.
- COVID has changed how people buy and sell cars. [This article](#) provides more information.

## Get in touch to take the next step in your career!

### Apply for a vacancy

Go to [www.austin.org.au/careers](http://www.austin.org.au/careers) to see our vacancies.

### For nurses:

- Apply for a current vacancy through the website at: [www.austin.org.au/nursing-careers](http://www.austin.org.au/nursing-careers)
- Or, if you're not sure what kind of role you are interested in, you can email your CV to: [nursingworkforce@austin.org.au](mailto:nursingworkforce@austin.org.au)
- For information about being a nurse in Australia, go to: [www.austin.org.au/nursing-in-australia](http://www.austin.org.au/nursing-in-australia)

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