

## A star in the south

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Less than 200 km south of Perth lies the South West Health Campus in Bunbury and within this ever growing, near new, large complex operates an extensive state of the art medical imaging centre.

All imaging modalities are provided, including MRI and shortly the installation of a PET/scanner.

Managed by Global Diagnostics the service provides 24/7 imaging with afterhours radiological reporting. Seventeen full- and part-time radiographers, as well as six ultrasonographers, complete the staff of this busy centre. The team is supported by four radiologists and one radiological registrar.

Within the main campus there are two general rooms, one multi-purpose fluoroscopy unit, dedicated mammography, three ultrasound suites and two sets of off campus clinics. Up to six students are taken each year as part of their course training and the "one-on-one"

experience provided is invaluable to those beginning their careers as a MIT.

The Health Campus combines both St. John of God Hospital as well as the Bunbury Regional Hospital and provides the full range of medical services including 24-hour A&E, Surgical, Medical, Out Patient Clinics, Palliative Care and comprehensive diagnostic facilities. This is a service highly valued by the South West community of Western Australia.

Members of the imaging team regularly attend AIR events and are focussed on further education and the provision of quality health care. But what's best I discovered about this gem of the South, was the happy professionalism of the group. Obviously, great people, premises and equipment make this centre the place to be (maybe that's just the country boy coming out in me), but next time you are travelling south, take time to call in and experience it for yourselves. s