



## WALWA & TUMBARUMBA VETERINARY PRACTICES

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### FULL-TIME MIXED PRACTICE VETERINARIAN

Walwa, NE Victoria

Do you want to work in a true MIXED practice? Do you want to have the opportunity to tackle some challenging and interesting cases? Walwa Vet Practice is a bustling, friendly, country practice nestled in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains, and right on the banks of the Murray River. You won't find a practice like it anywhere else!

We are strong believers in taking an individualised approach to any new team members. New graduate vets are not expected to work unsupervised for at least the first three months and will often shadow a senior vet for the first six months. This will vary according to skill development and confidence but allows all to have the opportunity to build a level of comfort and trust before having to take on a higher level of individual responsibility. Daily rounds allow everyone to discuss cases, and what their objectives are for the day ahead.

We currently have 4 vets (including a recent new graduate from CSU), in addition to our office manager, administrative assistants and six wonderful vet nurses. Our caseload REALLY is 50% small animals and 50% large, something that is unique in today's Veterinary environment. All our vets have an interest in and have developed expertise in a wide range of fields, but special interests are encouraged. No matter how busy the day may get, there will always be a reassuring voice on the other end of the phone, and no one is expected to have all the answers! We work as a team and support each other always.

Large animal work is varied and rewarding, with the business servicing several significant beef enterprises along with a small number of dairy farms. We do around 30,000 pregnancy tests a year, and many bull breeding service exams. Cattle AI is an area that is growing year to year. Our 'whole of farm' approach also gives the opportunity to attend regular individual clinical cases including lameness exams, downer cows, dystocia's, calf illness etc. Preventative medicine and strategic parasite management advice is given regularly.

There is a large equine component. We do basic horse work on farm including castrations, wound repair, and colic cases. We have hospital facilities for more challenging cases, and a specialised reproduction barn for the breeding season. We have many equine clients that are involved in a range of competitive endeavours, from camp drafting and stockman challenges to rodeo and show jumping. We have seen a steady rise in popularity of artificial breeding amongst this community, and we are hoping to soon add stallion collection and semen handling to our repertoire.

Our small animal hospital is busy and growing. We have clients bringing their animals to us from far and wide. From the feedback we have received, we know this is because we provide an inclusive, cost effective and caring service, which is centred on providing a high level of patient care without

compromising client relationship and satisfaction. We service four different animal rescue groups, which makes for all sorts of interesting cases. We deal with most surgical challenges, including orthopaedics, but will refer those that require further diagnostic work up or treatment. A good working relationship with CSU's small animal and equine centres allows this to happen smoothly. No day in this practice is the same! Besides the usual species, we see alpacas, sheep, goats, bison, camels, birds, kangaroos, wombats, mice, ducks- the list goes on!

Our major city centres (Wagga Wagga and Albury/Wodonga) are only 1.5 hrs away, but there is a general store in Walwa, and supermarket in Tumbarumba that provide the essentials. There are plenty of things to do outside of work, thanks to our unique location. Fishing, horse riding, swimming, kayaking, bushwalking, skiing, camping, AFL and netball clubs, just to name a few. Walwa is friendly little town with a great sense of community. Clients will soon become friends, and make you feel right at home. The purchase of the Tumbarumba Veterinary Practice in July 2018 has further expanded our client base, and range of cases. Vets are on rotation between the two practices depending on case load, with most major surgery being referred down to Walwa.

One of the partners also owns and runs a practice in Tennant Creek, NT (Barkly Veterinary Practice). This operates via a rotation of vets from Walwa, as well as locums when needed. Tennant Creek is on the Stuart Highway, roughly halfway between Alice Springs and Katherine, in the centre of the Northern Territory. The town is the administration base for the vast and beautiful Barkly Region. The town population is around 3,000, over half of which are Indigenous. There are six Community Living Areas outlying the township, six main remote communities, and about 20 Homeland communities. We also do horse work, and there is potential for cattle work on the closer stations. The clinic is supported by an indigenous vet nurse and an office administrator.

The Barkly practice also implements Animal Management Programs within the township and across the Region, in collaboration with Barkly Regional Council. Remote AMP work generally involves a team headed by two vets. We have a designated remote work 4WD, as well as a town 4WD. Comfortable accommodation is provided close to the clinic, and travel costs covered.

Whilst no one is excluded from the ever-increasing cost of living, there are several affordable accommodation options close to Walwa. The successful applicant will be offered a generous salary, beginning at \$70k for a new graduate (an annual salary review is typical). A five-day working week is standard, with no current requirement for after hours. Your registration and AVA membership fees will be covered by the business. CPD is important and encouraged, with 1 week of paid conference/training provided per year.

This job offers a unique opportunity, in which the applicant will have the close mentorship of four fantastic, very experienced vets. We are ideally looking for a vet with 1-2 years of experience, but enthusiastic new graduates are encouraged to apply.

If you are hardworking, energetic and have a "can do" attitude - we would love to talk to you!

Check out our website [www.walwavet.com.au](http://www.walwavet.com.au)

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