

# Distribution Priority Area Workforce Shortage for Specialists

Cunnamulla is a small rural town located 790km west of Brisbane. It is classified as MMM7 and falls within Paroo Shire Council. It has a high indigenous population and there are a number of tribes in the community. 51.6% of the population are employed. Average household income is \$994, which is \$130 below the national average.

#### **Health services**

The town falls within the South-West Hospital and Health Service. There are several health services with the nearest hospital being Charleville. There is an ambulance station in Cunnamulla. Toowoomba Base Hospital is 681km away and Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane is 801km from Cunnamulla.

#### **Access to GPs**

For those health practitioners in Cunnamulla, there are limited options for independent GP services with resourcing being shared between the hospital and the health centre. For those living in Cunnamulla, they may travel 200km to see a GP in Charleville and over 650km for specialist services in Toowoomba and Brisbane.

### **Distance and Access**







1,233



53.3%



46.7%



308

Median Age 40

### **COUNTRY OF BIRTH**



88.6%



1 4%

### **ANCESTRY**



39.6% Indigenous
Australians



38.8%



30.9%

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

Centre

**Cunnamulla Primary Healthcare** 

Mental Health Services x 2
+ Mental Health Services at Hospital

Psychiatry Services x 0
Psychology Service at Hospital

1 Dental Service at Hospital

3 Specialist Services by CACH
+ Specialist Services at Hospital

Allied Health Services x 4
+ 8 Allied Health at Hospital

## **KEY HEALTH ISSUES**

Pharmacy x 1
Pharmacy at Hospital

