

ST GEORGE 4487

MMM6

Distribution Priority Area Workforce Shortage for Specialists

St George is a rural town serving a large farming community. It is located 495km from Brisbane and is classified as MMM6. It falls within Balone Shire Council. 62.7% of the population are employed. Average household income is \$1,399 which is \$275 above the national average.

Health services

St George falls within the South West Hospital and Health Service and is supported by Western Queensland PHN. There is a 25 bed hospital in the town and the nearest large hospital is in Toowoomba over 360 km away. There are limited medical services in the town. St George has an ambulance service.

Access and distance



Local services

There are six accommodation options in St George with an average cost of between \$90 and \$170. St George has an airport which Regional Express (Rex) Airlines provide a twice weekly service –from St George to Brisbane, Toowoomba, Cunnamulla and Thargomindah. Hire cars and taxi service is available in St George. There are a number of food options available in St George with a choice of restaurants and road house open for dinner.

Access to GPs

There are a few options for GP service in St George however of our two local respondents to the survey, one received healthcare from a doctor within their own practice and one travelled 400km. On average, they rated the care as 3.6 with the out of town care rating much higher. Services received included GP, pathology, procedures and specialist care. The respondent receiving care locally felt there was continuity of care and the traveller was unsure. One would like to receive more information about the doctor exchange program.

DEMOGRAPHICS



3,130



49.6%



50.4%



799

Median Age

25

COUNTRY OF BIRTH



82.5%



1.1%

ANCESTRY



42.9%

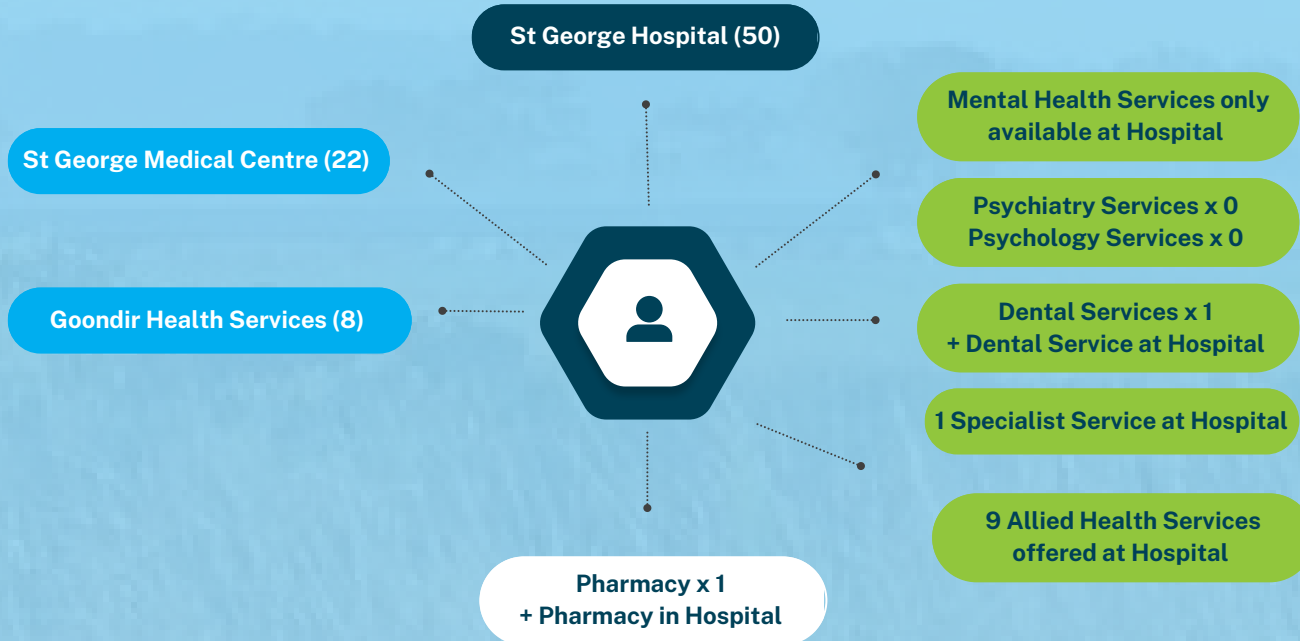


32.5%



20.2% Indigenous Australians

HEALTH SERVICES



KEY HEALTH ISSUES

