



North Coast Area Health Service

Chief Physicist

Area Cancer Stream – NSW, Australia

Vacancy Ref: 613/04

The North Coast Area Health Service is searching for an enthusiastic Chief Medical Physicist with the experience to lead the design and development of three new integrated cancer centres on the North Coast of NSW. Two units are scheduled to open at the end of 2006 or early 2007 whilst the third, at Lismore, is in the final stage of planning. An early appointment will enable input into the selection of radiotherapy equipment and the design of the units to be located at Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

Each unit will have the capacity for two bunkers with one linear accelerator at each centre initially. Within ten years, it is expected that there will be five linear accelerators serving the population of more than half a million. The Medical Physics Department will be part of an integrated cancer care service with active multidisciplinary teams and a commitment to the best possible patient care, clinical education and research. It is envisioned that the cancer centres will be paperless, with integration of patient information systems and planning systems across the three sites, as well as additional peripheral clinics.

The Chief Physicist will be an important member of Area Cancer Stream committees, and will also hold the responsibility as the Radiation Safety Officer for the 15 hospitals of the North Coast Area Health Service. A high value is placed on excellent communication skills and the adoption of contemporary management practices. The Chief Physicist will be expected to lead a vibrant, Area-wide physics team that is dedicated to achieving modern treatment techniques, protocol development, research and training.

The North Coast is enjoying a high growth rate with people attracted by the natural beauty, informal lifestyle and range of recreational activities. With 700kms of scenic coastline and beaches, tourism is a major industry. Offshore, the Solitary Islands Marine Park provides excellent scuba diving with coral reefs, grey nurse sharks and both subtropical and temperate fish species. Inland, the National Parks of the Great Dividing Range offer opportunities to explore the rainforest and waterfalls. Housing is affordable, the cost of living low, local produce and seafood are readily available. The average summer temperature is 26°C (80°F) with warm winters of 18°C (65°F) average. This climate supports a burgeoning wine industry, abundant tropical fruit and lush vegetation.

A competitive salary of \$A90,504–\$A111,725 (depending upon qualifications and experience) is offered along with five weeks annual leave attracting a 17.5% loading. In addition, there is one rostered day off per month, two months of long service leave after ten years of service, and the employer pays 9% superannuation per annum. Salary packaging and salary sacrifice for superannuation is available and assistance is offered with migration formalities and relocation expenses.

Contact Assoc. Professor Tom Shakespeare by email TShakespeare@mncahs.health.nsw.gov.au or on (+612) 6656 5125.

Applications for this position will close on 30 June 2005.

Other important positions located within the Area Cancer Stream will be advertised within the next 12 months. For further information regarding these positions, please call the contact person above.

Eligibility lists are created for all vacancies. The Health Service follows the principles of EEO, OHS&R, EAPS and Ethical practice and is working towards becoming a smoke-free workplace.

Relevant criminal history checks will be conducted prior to appointment.