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A Day in the Life of a... Speech Pathologist



Hello! My name is Isla Caskie, and I am a Speech Pathologist at NWRH, Mount Isa. I moved from Brisbane early 2022 to commence my career in the outback.

What appeals to you about NWRH?

It has been so exciting to have the opportunity to travel to remote parts of Queensland and provide care to those who may not otherwise receive allied health services. It is a privilege to work within these remote communities and develop relationships with clients and stakeholders whilst providing holistic healthcare.

Being a rural generalist has been a great decision as a new graduate, as I am able to work across all areas of practice, age ranges, and contexts. I enjoy working within a flexible and dynamic team environment and having the opportunity to drive my own caseload.

What does a day in your role look like?

I am based in Mount Isa but have the opportunity to travel to four outreach communities: Urandangi, Camooweal, Dajarra and Boulia. On outreach trips, I travel alongside an occupational therapist and physiotherapist, which allows me to develop my skills working as part of a multidisciplinary team and skill sharing. I am challenged by my variety of caseload, including NDIS, aged care, and pediatrics.

Tell us about the Isa experience...

Living and working in Mount Isa has allowed me to experience a range of social events that I wouldn't have otherwise been exposed to! I have had a great time travelling around the Northwest with friends, attending rodeos and race days, camping trips, and more relaxing weekends at Lake Moondarra. It's been exciting to meet lots of new people and establish a new routine and lifestyle in Mount Isa.



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