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RECORD NUMBER OF INTERNS FOR RURAL HOSPITALS

Acting Premier and Nationals Leader Andrew Stoner and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today welcomed a record number of interns who are beginning their medical training at rural and regional hospitals across the state.

“Interns will not only benefit from living and working in the bush, but rural areas will see young, bright new residents joining their communities,” Mr Stoner said.

“I congratulate these interns on graduating from their studies and choosing rural and regional hospitals as the place to develop their clinical expertise.”

“This is a memorable day for our young doctors and it’s wonderful to see a record number being trained in our rural and regional hospitals,” Mrs Skinner said.

“I congratulate all our interns for embarking on this journey and particularly those that have moved to rural and regional towns to start their careers.”

Interns will gain broad experience during their year-long placement, rotating through regional, rural and metropolitan hospitals, as well as GP practices. They will complete compulsory terms in the fields of medicine, surgery and emergency.

“I am proud of NSW’s investment in training interns, ensuring they become doctors who can deliver the highest quality care to the people of our state,” Mrs Skinner said.

Rural and regional hospitals in which graduates will commence their internship include: Coffs Harbour (19), Dubbo (12), Gosford (36), John Hunter in Newcastle (52), Lismore (13), Orange (15), Port Macquarie (16), Tamworth (16), Tweed Heads (18), Wagga Wagga (20), Wollongong (46), Wyong (25).

Mrs Skinner said the demand for intern places continues to grow. This year’s intake of 925 is an increase of almost 80 from 2012.

On February 22, NSW will host a National Medical Intern Summit in Sydney, bringing together Commonwealth, state and territory health ministers, medical deans from universities and representatives of peak medical bodies to explore options to increase the number of internships across both the public and private health sectors.