

Medics make the move

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WAGGA welcomed two new doctors recently with the arrival of Dr Ayman Shenouda and Dr Samiha Azab at the Fernleigh Medical Centre.

The married couple have decided to call the Riverina home after spending the past seven years working at the Royal Hobart Hospital in Tasmania.

"We wanted to move somewhere new but wanted to go to a smaller city than Sydney and the Fernleigh Medical Centre was a very good practice with good standards so we chose Wagga," Dr Shenouda said.

"It is good to get out of a hospital and work in your own surgery - there is much more patient contact," he said.

The pair will also work at The Rock branch of the surgery with Dr Azab in attendance on Mondays and Dr Shenouda on Fridays.

"We want to work on developing a strong doctor - patient relationship and a close relationship with the community, especially at The Rock," Dr Azab said.

"Then you feel like you are doing something for the community."

"The future of The Rock surgery is very promising and it will soon become fully computerised in line with the Fernleigh clinic," she said.

The pair have been in Wagga for about eight weeks and while they are still settling into their new surroundings have so far found the Riverina an enjoyable place to work and live.

They originally trained in Egypt and have been practicing medicine in Australia for about seven years.

Patients at the Fernleigh Centre have responded warmly to the new doctors and already the pair is fully booked out.

NEW DOCTORS: Married couple Dr Samiha Azab and Dr Ayman Shenouda now call Wagga home.

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