



Dentist Aidan Tinney moved to Australia in search of some brighter weather.

PICTURE: Gavin Schmidt

Scottish dentist enjoying the outback

By Emily Roberts

A Scottish dentist who was looking for a change in his life is now working in the city and plans to stay.

Aidan Tinney moved to Australia in November last year. He lived in Perth for a few months before applying to work in Broken Hill.

Now works at the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Dental Centre.

"I moved to Australia because of the weather; it is so wet and grey in Scotland," Aidan said.

"I'm going into my third year of dentistry. I work at the RFDS four to five days a week and then I work

at the Dental Centre on Fridays and Saturdays.

"With the RFDS I fly to certain locations, including Packsaddle, Tilpa. I also work with Maari Ma and do clinics for Far West Local Health District," he said.

"They take me to Menindee, Wilcannia and Morgan Street School.

"My working week is very varied. It is quite good."

Aidan said his work was a privilege.

"I see more of Australia than most Australians. I'm getting more experience. I hope to stay for quite a while."

Aidan has joined the Celtic soccer club and is interested in playing cricket next summer.

"Broken Hill has got everything you need if you go out and find it," he said.

"There is something for everyone and you can meet new people when you join up to clubs."

Aidan said he is happy to be here and enjoys being busy.

"I enjoy driving around as well. I am going to the Barossa and the Louth races," he said.

"I like places where there isn't much traffic. I am quite happy here."

The Dental Centre's Greg Cocks said it was great to see a successful collaboration between the RFDS and The Dental Centre to improve oral health outcomes in the Far West.