

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	Early Career Mental Health Allied Health Graduate Program
Directorate	Mental Health and Wellbeing Services
Division:	Mental Health
Business Unit:	Mental Health
Enterprise Agreement	Victorian Public Mental Health Services Enterprise Agreement
Reports to:	Relevant Program Manager



MILDURA BASE PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Mildura Base Public Hospital (MBPH) was established as a new entity in September 2020. From day one, MBPH has aspired to provide exceptional consumer care and be a leading healthcare provider in the north west of Victoria, known for its high level of professionalism, quality care and community engagement and positive and aligned workplace culture.

MBPH employs over 1200 staff and has 172 beds and provides a range of acute services in emergency, maternity, intensive care, rehabilitation, community services, psychiatric in and out consumer care, palliative care, renal dialysis and chemotherapy service to the people of North West Victoria. The hospital also provides medical imaging and pathology services.

MBPH is proud to be affiliated with Monash and La Trobe Universities for the provision of undergraduate and postgraduate Medical, Nursing and Allied Health education. Affiliations also exist with other universities for clinical placement and training.

VISION

Mildura Base Public Hospital – providing exceptional care.

PURPOSE

To improve health outcomes for our tri-state communities by creating partnerships, leading culture and building our team to deliver sustainable services.

VALUES

All employees of the Mildura Base Public Hospital are required to uphold the HEART values of our organisation. For information on our **HEART** values and the expectations to uphold the values, please refer to **page 5** of this document.

INCLUSION

At MBPH, we firmly believe that fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion is essential to the success of our health service, our employees, our consumers, and the wider community. We wholeheartedly embrace diversity and highly value the diverse experiences of individuals from all ethnicities, faiths, ages, disabilities, cultures, languages, gender identities, sexes, and sexual orientations.

We extend a warm welcome to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and non-binary, intersex, and queer (LGBTIQ+) individuals, inviting them to be a part of our inclusive health service.

Aligned with our HEART Values, we are dedicated to further enhancing accessibility and promoting inclusive practices across all aspects of our workplace.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



POSITION SUMMARY

The Allied Health Mental Health Graduate Program offers new allied health graduates a fully supported graduate program in a positive learning environment. The program is part of a broader inter-professional early careers program (incorporating nursing and other allied health disciplines) and aims to support graduates to develop their skills, knowledge, applied experience and values to become an effective member of the mental health workforce.

MBPH Mental Health & Wellbeing Service provides tertiary inpatient and community care across the lifespan ages and affiliates with the Mental Health & Wellbeing Local (*the Local*) as the primary mental health care partner of this program. The Local is an integrated wellbeing and support service delivered through partnership in Mildura. We provide clinical support, care, and wellbeing services to people aged 26+ experiencing mental health challenges, including co-occurring substance use or addiction. The service is community-led and co-designed by consumers, carers, and the local community. Wellways is the lead agency, and works in a partnership with Mildura Base Hospital, Mallee District Aboriginal Services, and Sunraysia Community Health Services.

Graduates will be supported by an Allied Health Mental Health Educator within a structured program that includes comprehensive orientation, professional development days, discipline specific clinical supervision and a group supervision program.

The 12-month program will include rotations in two different streams:

- MBPH Area Mental Health & Wellbeing Service stream – rotations in the AMH&WS Acute Intervention Teams and/or Recovery & Wellbeing teams.
- Mildura Mental Health & Wellbeing Local (The Local) stream – rotation at the Local and with a MBPH AMH&WS rotation

This program is derived from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health system recommendations.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- To assist in the planning, delivery and evaluation of a high standard of care in consultation with the health care team, lived & living experience peer workforce, consumer/client and carers
- To provide safe client-focused care in an interdisciplinary environment.
- To develop and maintain professional standards and practice
- To complete all Graduate Program competencies and assessment requirements and identify continual learning needs through reflective practice.
- To engage in effective communication so as to include the consumer/client, carers/family and the inter-disciplinary team in the immediate and ongoing health care.

- To assess the need for and provide health education for consumers/client and their carers/family within the scope of practice for the beginning practitioner.
- To refer relevant, significant and important issues to senior staff.
- Biopsychosocial Assessments, including: mental state, IAR/DST assessment (*the Local*), social state and physical assessments of consumers, which will assist with recommendations for formulation of individual treatment/recovery plans and ensure accurate documentation of client records.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees are required to comply with the **Victorian Government's Code of Conduct**. All staff must ensure they comply with **policies, procedures** and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work.

Employees are responsible to take reasonable care of their own **health and safety** and the safety of others, to cooperate with the group's OH&S policies and to participate in appropriate safety education and evaluation activities. All staff are expected to participate in reporting any health, safety and wellbeing issues. All staff must adhere to the policies and procedures as set out in the hospital's **infection control** manuals.

All information concerning Mildura Base Public Hospital, its consumers, clients, residents and staff should remain strictly **confidential**. Any unauthorised disclosure of such information may result in disciplinary action. As a Mildura Base Public Hospital employee you have a responsibility to participate in and commit to ongoing **quality improvement** activities using the framework of the NSQHSS (National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards).

Any breach in compliance to any of the above general responsibilities may result in disciplinary action.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- An approved degree in Social Work (Bachelor or Masters of Social Work) and in the first 1-2 years of professional practice and full registration or eligibility for membership with AASW.
- An approved degree in Occupational Therapy (Bachelor or Masters of Occupational Therapy) and in the first 1-2 years of professional practice and current registration with AHPRA and membership to OT Australia.
- An approved degree in Speech Pathology and eligible for membership with Speech Pathology Australia.
- An understanding of the concept of recovery and an awareness of trauma informed care.
- A willingness to provide mental health support across multiple mediums including telehealth and other digital platforms.
- Demonstrated reflective practice skills and passion for professional growth.
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to effectively interact and communicate with a diverse range of people.
- A basic understanding of the mental health system and the Mental Health & Wellbeing Act.
- A willingness, ability and commitment to learn and contribute to further self-development and education.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Registration with Professional Association:

For example, AHPRA, AHRI, etc. The work to be performed is set out in this position description and, where relevant, any professional standards and codes of conduct and ethics issued by the relevant professional association.

National Police Record Check

A current and satisfactory National Police Record Check must be presented to the Division of People and Culture by all new staff prior to commencement at Mildura Base Public Hospital.

Working with Children Check:

Mildura Base Public Hospital has a responsibility to provide a child safe environment. This position is a defined "child-related role" at Mildura Base Public Hospital. As such you must maintain a valid working with children check. In addition, you will be required to assist Mildura Base Public Hospital in providing a child safe environment by participating in any training or reporting required to ensure the protection of children in our care.

Immunisation Requirements

As part of your employment conditions, you will be asked to provide documented evidence of healthcare worker immunisation or immunity to communicable vaccine-preventable diseases prior to commencing employment with MBPH. If you do not provide satisfactory evidence that you have the required immunisation and you have commenced employment, consideration will be given to your ongoing employment and termination may result.

Drivers Licence

A current Victorian driver's licence is required for this position

All Mildura Base Public Hospital sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Mildura Base Public Hospital's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY EMPLOYEE

I acknowledge having received and read the content of this position description (including but not limited to aspects of the role contained within) and understand the requirements of the position.

Employee Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____



Happy WE ARE POSITIVE

As an organisation

We aspire to be happy in all our dealings with people. Everyday we strive to be the best version of ourselves, and we seek to continuously improve our organisation, ourselves and each other through personal and professional growth. We believe that happy people do their best work. We know that joy in our journey is invaluable to a sustainable and lasting success.

Individually

- Use positive language in interactions with staff, patients and community
- Honour the work we do and choose candour, respect and kindness everyday
- Focus on the positive aspects of a situation, what is going well and what can be learned
- Share in moments of joy
- Welcome others to MBPH
- Bring an energy to work that is infectious to others
- Provide growth opportunities and effective feedback to staff to ensure they are supported to achieve their best



Empathetic WE ARE CARING

As an organisation

We put our patients first, and we listen and deal with their needs. We are compassionate people who make MBPH a place for healing, growth and success for patients, their families and our staff.

Individually

- Make time to actively listen and understand one another
- Walk in others' shoes
- Consider an individual person's needs when making decisions and recommendations
- Treat others how I would like to be treated
- Recognise and support one another
- Make decisions based on patient's needs and in consultation with others involved in care



Accountable WE ARE COMMITTED

As an organisation

We take ownership of the actions and decisions made. We do the right thing in all our interactions. We reward based on great outcomes, and we are transparent in both our successes and failures. We use good judgement and everyday we make our patients' journey better.

Individually

- Be courageous in challenging the process to get a better result
- Ensure the project is clear on roles, responsibilities and timeframes
- Be engaged throughout
- Keep a 'whole of life' picture
- Comply with Code of Conduct; company policies and procedures; industry standards and legislation
- Be responsible for monitoring the right way to do things.



Respectful WE ARE OPEN TO OTHERS

As an organisation

We build effective relationships and emphasise the importance of diversity and inclusion in our workplace. We recognise and value the views and the experiences our staff and patients bring to our organisation.

Individually

- Show pride in our roles and our workplace
- Recognise and understanding the influence of a person's situation, background and beliefs and how they can be shown due respect
- Include all backgrounds – gender/ age/sex/abilities/race/religion/sexual orientation/culture
- Be aware of assumptions and biases when making decisions
- Take care of and sustain our workplace, equipment and environment
- Embrace awareness for other perspectives and experiences



Team-based WE ARE ONE TEAM

As an organisation

We do our best work when we collaborate within and across teams. Everyday we strive to be our best selves. We know that individual differences can strengthen teams and we trust and respect each others' contribution. We make sure we have the right people in the right jobs with the right tools, resources and equipment. And we know, no single person is bigger than the team.

Individually

- Acknowledge contributions of team members
- Seek to understand the bigger picture, collaborate with others openly and honestly
- Lend a hand, always
- Encourage connections with relevant internal and external stakeholders to meet patients' needs
- Collaborate and share knowledge within and across teams
- Connect with exceptional industry leaders to build capabilities
- Recognise and foster talents in others

LANGUAGE WE USE

"I choose..."
"I care..."
"I prefer..."
"I will..."
"I can..."
"Is there a better way to do this?"
"Can we explore that more so I can understand it better?"
"We will...us...we can..."

LANGUAGE WE DON'T USE

"I have to..."
"I must..."
"If only..."
"Ah well, that is because of XYZ..."
"Our processes do not let us do it"
"Things have always been done this way"
"Them and us"

THINGS WE DON'T DO

- Negativity, sledging, rumours or gossip
- Unprofessional, inconsistent or showing lack pride in our work
- See only problems, block progress
- Wait for others to do the work
- Do nothing
- Find fault, see obstacles
- Victim mentality
- Lack of understanding for others' needs
- Emphasis on status, hierarchy, egos
- Ignore, disregard and show lack of appreciation for a person's situation, background and experience when making decisions and reacting to situations
- We will not waste others' time or keep people waiting
- Dismiss the efforts of others to achieve an outcome

