

Position Description

Position Title:	Towards Change Lead
EBA / Award:	Victorian Public Mental Health Services Enterprise Agreement
Classification:	RPN5 or Allied Health Grade 5
Reports to Operational:	Mildura Local Clinical Manager
Primary Site:	Mildura
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Be part of a major boost to mental health and wellbeing in Victoria!

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals are an important part of Victoria's reformed mental health and wellbeing system.

In Mildura, Wellways, Mildura Base Public Hospital, Mallee District Aboriginal Services and Sunraysia Community Health are working together to offer an easy way to access care and support for people aged 26 years and over who are experiencing mental health concerns – including people with co-occurring alcohol and drug support and care needs and their family, carers, and supporters.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals are free, voluntary, and easy to access, with no referral required. Importantly, these new services will be delivered on the basis of *'how can we help?'* and a *'no wrong door'* approach, focused on giving choice and control over how the participant wants to receive support.

This new service will make it easier for the participant to access the support they need, closer to home and family, carers, and support networks.

Most importantly, Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals are safe spaces for everyone.

Commitment to Reconciliation

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Local knows that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have not always been well-served by mental health and disability organisations. Their social and emotional wellbeing has been impacted by generations of trauma, injustice and deprivation. As partner organisations, we recognise our responsibility in addressing these issues of injustice, inequality and stigma as part of ensuring our services are both welcoming and helpful for people and their families. As part of our commitment to reconciliation, we are working to create culturally aware and safe services for First Nations Community Members.

Working together - how we will deliver services

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is community-led and integrated through partnership that shares power, creating a responsive, flexible and helpful service.

The Local will operate seven days a week, with extended operating hours to support a flexible and responsive service. The Local Service model will provide integrated clinical support, care, and wellbeing support to participants and their family members or carers. The provided services will be in response to participants experiencing a mental health challenge and co-occurring substance use or addiction. This approach will improve the capacity of individuals to engage in our community and respond to any future psychological distress.



Community

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Local Services will be community-led, coproduction will be the means in which we ensure a diverse range of perspectives are included in design, delivery and governance of the local ensuring it reflects, responds and is accountable to the local community it supports.

Connected

An integrated service system connected through governance (partnership, operational and clinical) systems and workforce ensures people can access the right support at the right time.

Creating capacity for citizenship

Our model of care and governance structure has been designed to create capacity; in community, our workforce, individuals and their natural supports to recognise and respond to psychological distress and to address the barriers that impact people from participating in community and leading meaningful lives.

Team

This role makes up part of the Towards Change Team and is a crucial part of the Victorian Mental health reform work that Mildura Base Hospital and its partners are undertaking. This role will be part of a growing service system which places the community in the centre of the Local Mental Health and Wellbeing (Local) network across Victoria.

The Towards Change Team provide a range of assessments depending on participant need and will provide evidence-based interventions for participants beyond mental health, extending to physical health, substance dependence, employment and relationships support, as part of the broader Local workforce.

The Towards Change Team provide assessment, planning and therapeutic interventions to participants in partnership with the Support and Connect and Building Community Capacity teams.

Role Purpose

The **Towards Change Lead** will be employed by Mildura Base Public Hospital and will support ongoing operations for Mildura's Mental Health and Wellbeing Local.

The role will have overall responsibility for managing the Local's Towards Change Team, a clinical and therapeutic team providing assessment, care planning and treatment for participants. Working alongside dedicated Wellbeing Navigator Peers

How you will make a difference

The Towards Change Lead will play a vital role in ensuring that participants, carers, and their families receive valuable and supportive mental health care.

Key areas of accountability

Area	Deliverable
General	- Working as part of the Mildura Local leadership team, contribute to the development of the program and regional plans. - Lead the Towards Change Team to help participants identify, engage and remain engaged with the range of health and social care services they need, as well as access local social and community activities. - To work with the Local Clinical Manager to ensure high quality care is provided - Work collaboratively with the Support and Connect Team and partners to create safety assessments, including assessment of suicide and violence risk, develop action and safety plans to mitigate any risks and provide follow up support if required. - Support your team in ensuring a "no wrong door approach", whilst creating a warm and safe environment for participants accessing the Local.

	- Facilitate and participate in joint participant planning and Network Meetings at key stages to ensure a coordinated response between the participants health, wellbeing, disability supports and other needs. - Provide direct line management support and supervision to the Towards Change Team. - Undertake any additional tasks as requested that reasonably fall within the scope of the position and classification.
Management, Leadership and Guidance	- Provide operational management to the Towards Change Team in line with mental health evidence based, best practice. - Ensure the Towards Change Team work effectively to assess and deliver evidence-based support to participants accessing the Local. - Support the team to meet program needs, ensuring each member is appropriately orientated to the Local service. - Work with the Local Clinical Manager and the Operations Manager in the implementation and development of the service, ensuring it remains locally relevant and responsive.
Promote continuous improvements	- Oversee the development and evaluation activities of the program, ensuring they are evidence-based, driven by lived experience and tailored to meet the needs of the local community. - Ensure all services are delivered according to the Local's policies, procedures, applicable legislative and accreditation standards and service level agreements. - Ensure the Local's funding obligations, key performance indicators and targets are met in the areas of family, peer and community services. - Ensure the Service Model is delivered with a continuous quality improvement lens applied. - Assist the Local Operations Manager to ensure operational and administrative requirements of the program are met including OH&S reporting, fleet management, finances, purchasing, QDC and other such requirements. - Ensuring that participant complaints/issues are promptly addressed. - Adhere to organisation policies and procedures relating to Workplace Health and Safety and at all times, take responsibility for own and colleagues wellbeing.

Key Requirements

Qualification	Essential: • Qualification as a Registered Nurse, Social Worker, Psychologist or Occupational Therapist • Post graduate diploma in psychiatric/mental health nursing or completion of a specialist undergraduate Mental Health Nursing Program. • Current Registration, membership (or eligibility) with relevant governing body • Demonstrated experience, skill and / or knowledge in the provision of direct clinical care to people who have experienced mental illness • Experience in a Team/Senior Leader or Management role • Demonstrated time management abilities, excellent communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills. • Demonstrate a friendly, proactive approach and work with competing needs, deadlines and balance priorities with efficiency and professionalism. • Ability to work independently and within a team. Desirable: • Experience working with vulnerable/priority populations in a mental health setting. • A good understanding of Federal, State and Local mental health policy and current reform along with a working knowledge of the relevant Mental Health Act and associated regulatory frameworks
Information Technology	• Good working knowledge of MS Office Suite • Experience in using an electronic medical record system • Proven extensive experience establishing and maintaining appropriate health records.
Compliance	• National Police Check • International Police (if required) • Current Victorian Working with Children Check – Employment • NDIS Worker Screening Check • Evidence of right to work in Australia • Evidence of Booster COVID vaccination • Current Victorian Drivers Licence • Immunisation Checks

Required Values & Behaviours

Area	Description
Authenticity and Integrity	- We will bring our whole selves to the table and work from a position of trust and belief in the other, recognising community and wellbeing belongs to all of us. - We are committed to leading a culture that is helpful and understands people exist and have complex intersectional circumstances that can lead to psychological distress.
Compassion	We will commit to a compassionate approach and understanding leading with curiosity.
Respectful Collaboration	We are respectful and recognise the power in our different experiences and organisations work views and recognise we all have something to learn from each other.
Quality and Safety	- Ensure any risks are identified and reported promptly and that prevention strategies are implemented to ensure the safety of all participants. - Ensure and take all reasonable care for your personal safety and the safety of, participants and colleagues. - Actively participate in workplace health and safety initiatives and consult with colleagues and management in relation to issues that impact on the safety of the workplace. - Comply with all Policies and Procedures - Maintain confidentiality as per Mildura Mental Health Local policies and procedures and in accordance with relevant privacy and health records legislation. - Actively involve participants and/or carers in quality and safety improvement activities. - Maintain up-to-date immunisation status related to own health care worker category. - Ensure that the principles of operational and participant manual handling are adhered to.
People & Culture	- Act in accordance with the 'Code of Conduct' and 'Workplace Behaviour' Policies. - Actively participate in relevant professional development. - Display high levels of professional behaviour at all time

Equality and Equity	• We will strive for equality and equity in our approach to partnership and the community we serve. • We aim to break down the barriers of power and privilege recognising we come together toward a common goal.
Honesty and Courage	• We will have robust feedback mechanisms in our model of care and governance structure to actively engage with community and participants to ensure we are meeting their needs and we are accountable to these. • We lean into difficult conversations realising this is when there is the greatest opportunity to learn.
Excellence and Appreciation	• Our work will be evidence based and we commit to continuous quality improvement processes to ensure the people using our service have excellent outcomes.
Commitment to reconciliation	• Demonstrates commitment to reconciliation. • Work towards creating culturally aware and safe services for First Nations Community Members.