

Position Description

Position Title:	Nurse Practitioner
EBA / Award:	Non Award Contract
Classification:	Non Award Contract
Reports to:	Towards Change Team Leader
Primary Site:	Primary location - Greater Shepparton Shire Outreach - Strathbogie & Moira Shires
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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. The Victorian Government has committed to establishing 50 Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals.

In Greater Shepparton Strathbogie - Moira, Wellways, APMHA Healthcare and GV 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, and co-production will ensure a diverse range of perspectives are included in the design, delivery, and governance of the Local Services, 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. Our workforce, individuals, and their natural supports recognise and respond to psychological distress and address barriers that prevent people from participating in their 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 Wellways and its partners are undertaking. This role will be part of a growing service system that places the community in the centre of the Local Mental Health and Wellbeing network across Victoria.

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

The Towards Change Team are responsible for providing assessment and care planning for clients referred via the Support and Connect Program, working alongside dedicated Wellbeing Peer Navigators.

Role Purpose

The **Nurse Practitioner**, employed by APMHA, provides advanced nursing with a key focus on mental health, AOD (Alcohol or Other Drugs) and physical health screening, assessment, treatment, and referral. In addition, the Nurse Practitioner will bring professional leadership and guidance to the team, as well as providing biopsychosocial advice for mental health staff within the Local, contributing to their education, training and professional development.

How you will make a difference

The **Nurse Practitioner** will play a vital role in ensuring participants, carers, and their families receive valuable, supportive evidence based, biopsychosocial and therapeutic mental health care, from dual disability and dual diagnosis competent workers.

Now is your chance to shape the future of mental health and wellbeing in Victoria to ensure that everyone is supported and included.

Key areas of accountability

Area	Deliverable
<p>Nurse Practitioner - General</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with clinical partners and colleagues to create safety assessments, including assessment of suicide risk and violence risk, develop action and safety plans to mitigate any risks, providing follow up support if required, and communicating all risk/s to the Towards Change Team Leader. • Undertake comprehensive mental health and AOD assessments including diagnostics, pathology, radiology, medication management, referral to medical specialists providing quality clinical care, in close liaison and partnership with identified primary care practitioner (GP) and Clinical Director (aligned with scope of clinical practice). • Undertake any other work appropriate to the Local setting, in line with identified scope of clinical practice. • Participates in the transition of care / discharge for participants utilising the clinical risk screening, assessment and care planning approach adopted by the Locals. • Facilitate and participate in joint planning/case conferencing to ensure a coordinated response between the participants health, wellbeing, disability supports and other needs. • Participates in the admission and transition of care / discharge of clients within a stepped mental health approach between GV Health and the Local • Provide leadership, guidance, and support to relevant Towards Change clinical staff, ensuring service deliverables are achieved effectively and safely.
<p>Promote continuous improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support 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. • Adhere to the Locals policies, procedures, and applicable legislative, accreditation standards and service level agreements. • Support the Local to meet funding obligations and key performance indicators and targets are met in the areas of family, peer, and community services. • Deliver the service with a continuous quality improvement lens. • Assist the Towards Change Team Leader to meet requirements of the program, including OH&S reporting, fleet management, finances, purchasing and other such requirements.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure 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. • Ensure entry and collection of program data in line with Local Guidelines. • Ensure comprehensive intake and clinical note recording, via the designated Client Information Management Systems (CiMs). • Ensure all services are delivered according to the Locals policies, procedures, and applicable legislative, accreditation standards and service level agreements.

Key Requirements

Area	Description
Qualification	<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tertiary qualifications in a relevant field (Mental Health / AOD) • Experience in a Team / Senior Leadership or Management role • Registration with Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) with endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner. • Experience working in the mental health &/or AOD sectors (minimum 4 years). • Demonstrated time management abilities, excellent communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills. • Demonstrate a friendly, proactive approach and ability to work with competing demands and balance priorities with efficiency and professionalism. • Ability to work effectively independently and within a team. <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working with vulnerable/priority populations in a mental health setting. • A good understanding of Federal, State and Local mental health policy and reform.
Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good working knowledge of MS Office Suite

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in using a Client Information Management Systems (CiMs) and Customer Relationship Management Systems (CRM) • Proven extensive experience establishing and maintaining appropriate health records.
Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification of qualifications • National Police Check • International Police (if required) • Current Working with Children Check- employment. • Evidence of right to work in Australia. • NDIS Workers Screening Check • NDIS Workers Orientation Modules – free online course • Current Victorian driver's license.
Other - desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, people living with a disability and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people and who identify as LGBTIQ+ are encouraged to apply.

Required Values & Behaviours

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Authenticity and Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will commit to a compassionate approach and understanding leading with curiosity.
Respectful Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Greater Shepparton Strathbogie - Moira 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 general and participant manual handling are adhered to.
People & Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates commitment to reconciliation. • Work towards creating culturally aware and safe services for First Nations Community Members.

Scope of Authority

Direct employees to start or cease work	Authorised
Recruit/terminate employees	Not authorised
Appoint contracts	Not authorised
Approve expenditure	Authorised (Amount - TBC)
Media contact	Not authorised

Acceptance/ agreement

I declare that I have read, understand, and will abide by the above position description.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Authorisation

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____