

**Position Title:** Community Mental Health Clinician

**Campus:** Grampians Health

**Directorate:** Grampians Mental Health and Wellbeing Service (GMWHS)

**Department:** Mental Health

**Reporting to:** Team Leader – Adult Community

**Direct Reports:** Nil

### Appointment Terms/Conditions:

**Classification and Code:** Registered Psychiatric Nurse Grade 3 (NP81-NP82)  
 Psychologist Grade 2 (PK1-PK4)  
 Social Worker Grade 2 (YC42-YC45)  
 Occupational Therapist Grade 2 (YB20-YB23)

**Enterprise Agreement:** Victorian Public Mental Health Service Enterprise agreement, Medical Scientists, Pharmacists and Psychologists Enterprise Agreement

### ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

Grampians Health was established on 1 November 2021. Drawing on a regional history of over 150 years, we provide service to over 250,000 Victorians, operate across 21 campuses and sites, and employ more than 7,000 dedicated professionals. Our values reinforce our commitment to providing high-quality, accessible healthcare services close to home. Our mission is to serve the communities of the Grampians region with comprehensive care, ensuring every individual receives the attention they deserve. For more information, visit [www.grampianshealth.org.au](http://www.grampianshealth.org.au).

<b>Collaboration</b> <i>We are stronger together.</i>	<b>Compassion</b> <i>We show that we care.</i>	<b>Accountability</b> <i>We do what we say and say what we do.</i>	<b>Respect</b> <i>We appreciate and value all people.</i>	<b>Innovation</b> <i>We adapt and innovate to achieve best outcomes.</i>
Recognising and utilising strengths to share knowledge, solve problems, build relationships and deliver the best outcomes possible.	All people deserve to be treated with compassion, kindness and empathy.	Openness, honesty and transparency support us to be courageous, take responsibility for our actions and follow through on our commitments	Our actions and words reflect our commitment to a safe and fair health service for all.	Every day, we apply expertise and integrity to make responsible choices, always striving for continuous improvement.

## **POSITION PURPOSE**

GMHWS Adult Community Mental Health Team deliver a timely and consistent service to clients and families requiring mental health support. GMHWS adult community clinicians undertake biopsychosocial assessments and provide ongoing treatment in collaboration with the consumer, carers/families, the MDT and other supportive agencies to achieve agreed goals and outcomes. Clinicians use a recovery framework, focusing on a strengths-based approach.

Community clinicians are required to work a rostered duty function, covering weekends to facilitate urgent assessments and support to clients in their own homes, in addition to clients from aged and youth services. The duty function includes assessments over the telephone and medication management.

## **KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- Provide evidence based and best practice clinical assessments and treatments in accordance with GMHWS policies, procedures and discipline specific professional standards.
- Actively and effectively work within a Multi-disciplinary Team and contribute to the generic and discipline specific expertise of the team.
- Undertake comprehensive biopsychosocial assessments, identify and prioritise consumer and family needs, including risk assessment and management.
- For nurses - administer LAI medication as prescribed by treating psychiatrist.
- Refer to and engage with supporting agencies such as NDIS, forensic assessment services, private psychologist and GP
- Develop collaborative care plans within a recovery framework that works towards discharge from the service.
- Attendance at the Mental Health Tribunal and completion of tribunal reports.
- Monitoring of physical health conditions and promotion of physical wellbeing.
- Co-ordinate admission to the inpatient unit and actively engage with the inpatient unit to facilitate discharge planning.
- Completion and submission of contact stats daily.
- Compliance with all GMHWS Policies and Procedures.
- Adherence to infection control policies and procedures as identified in the Grampians Health Infection Control Manuals.
- Participation in the GMHWS integrated risk management and quality improvement systems by being aware of responsibilities to identify, minimise and manage risks and identifying opportunities for continuous improvement in your workplace through communication and consultation with managers and colleague
- You must ensure that the affairs of Grampians Health, its patients, clients and staff remain strictly confidential and are not divulged to any third party except where required for clinical reasons or by law. Such confidentiality shall extend to the commercial and financial interests and activities of Grampians Health
- At GMHWS we recognise and respect diversity. Each person has a right to high-quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors which might include aspects such as cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic status. Inclusiveness improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst GMHWS employees.
- GMHWS is committed to a patient/client centred approach in the provision of health care and services, consistent with the GMHWS values, mission and vision. It is expected that you demonstrate the core values of patient centred care in every interaction with patients, carers and colleagues.

## **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **Qualifications**

- For Registered Nurses: Approved degree/diploma/post graduate certificate from a recognised School of Nursing and current registration within the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

- For Social workers: Approved degree from a recognised Educational Facility for Social Workers
- For Occupational therapist: Approved degree from a recognised Educational Facility for Occupational Therapist and current registration within the Australian Health Practitioner regulation Agency.
- For Psychologist: Approved degree from a recognised Educational Facility and general registration under Australian Health Practitioner regulation Agency.

### **Technical/Professional Knowledge and Skills**

- Recent clinical experience in a mental health setting including inpatient and/or community.
- Well-developed mental health and risk assessment skills
- A commitment to providing high levels of consumer-focused care and service
- Good knowledge of the recovery model and how this informs engage with clients and families.
- Good knowledge and understanding of the MHA 2022 and other relevant legislation, policies and strategic directions of Public Mental Health Services
- Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills (written and verbal) and demonstrated ability to problem solve, negotiate and communicate with staff and other service providers.
- Sound working knowledge of understanding of ethnic and culturally sensitive issues and practice.
- Knowledge and experience of community liaison and the development of community networks.
- Sound knowledge of medication and side effects specific to consumers with a mental illness, use of side effect rating scales and physical co-morbidities associated with mental illness and prescribed medication
- Knowledge of trauma informed care.
- Knowledge of substance use and impact on mental health.

### **ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Grampians Health is committed to a consumer centred approach in the provision of health care and services, consistent with our values, purpose and vision. It is expected that team members demonstrate the core values of consumer centred care in every interaction.
- All team members of Grampians Health are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing and empowerment of children.
- Quality care is a strategic and operational priority at Grampians Health, achieved through our Governance Framework.
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- In accordance with current legislation and organisational policy, employees must be willing to undertake and maintain a police check, working with children check and where necessary a NDIS Worker screening check. Ongoing employment will be dependent on the provision of satisfactory checks.

### **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

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- All Grampians Health employees are required to take reasonable care of their own health and safety in the workplace as well as take reasonable care for the health and safety of others who may be affected their acts or omissions. Persons with delegated management functions have an additional duty to provide

and maintain a working environment that is safe and free of risks to health, so far as is reasonably practicable in areas where they have management or control. All employees have a duty to report issues they cannot rectify, follow all existing Grampians Health policies and protocols relating to health, safety, wellbeing and injury management and cooperate with any action taken by Grampians Health to comply with the OHS Act or Regulations.

- Statements included in this Position Description are intended to reflect in general the duties and responsibilities of this position and are not to be interpreted as being all inclusive.
- Management may alter this Position Description if and when the need arises. Any such changes will be made in consultation with the affected employee(s).
- An annual performance review will occur with your Manager. Your performance review is intended to be a positive discussion, outlining the key roles and responsibilities outlined in this Position Description. The performance review discussion provides an opportunity to clarify your role, revise key performance activities and identify any objectives or goals for the year ahead.