

# Position description Community Support Worker

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Position holder	Vacant	
Program	Community and In-Home Assist	
Funded by	Commonwealth and State Departments	
Based at location	Horsham, Stawell or Ararat	
Responsible to	<ul> <li>Senior Response Officer</li> <li>Program Leader Community Assist</li> <li>Manager Community and In-Home Assist</li> </ul>	
<b>Direct reports</b>	None	
Award	Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010	
Classification	Home Care Employee – Level dependent on qualifications and experience	
Hourly rate	\$30.11 to \$36.61	
Status	Part time/Casual (Casual +25% casual loading on hourly rate)	
Hours per week	As per contracted hours	
PD last updated and approved by CEO	July 2023	

# **Position summary**

The Community Support Worker is responsible for delivering home care, personal care and respite services according to the client's care plan. Assistance includes a range of practical, basic household tasks for older people, people with disabilities, their families and carers to promote independence and enhance the client's quality of life.

# **Key responsibilities**

- 1. Work with clients on a one-to-one basis and assist with appropriate tasks that have been agreed with the client.
- 2. Perform a range of practical, basic household tasks for frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers to promote independence and enhance their quality of life including:
  - Work with clients to undertake a range of cleaning tasks the clients are no longer able to complete
  - Maintain a safe hygienic living environment
  - Undertake a range of cleaning tasks.
- Undertake a range of personal assistance tasks and other associated assessed activities
  as detailed in the care plan to assist clients or the family unit with daily living
  requirements including:
  - Assist with meal or snack preparation based on nutritional requirements
  - Escort client to locations approved within the care plan such as shopping, doctor appointments or leisure activities including planned activity group programs]
  - Assist with client bathing, sponging or showering
  - Assist with mobility such as getting out of bed, transferring to a commode or wheelchair
  - Assist client with self-monitoring of medication



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- Assist with development of prescribed exercise programs.
- 4. Undertake as determined by the care plan a social support and monitoring role to:
  - Encourage and promote client independence and coping mechanisms
  - Monitor client circumstances and needs and ensure changes or concerns are reported immediately
  - Assist with recreational activities such as reading as appropriate to the client's preferences'
  - Encourage client participation in all tasks as appropriate to assist the client to maintain their independence.
- 5. Act in accordance with relevant codes of conduct.
- Other duties commensurate with current skills, competence, training and experience as agreed with the Program Leader, Manager, General Manager or the Chief Executive Officer.

## **Key selection criteria**

#### Qualifications

- Certificate 3 in Home & Community Care (inclusive of Personal Care and Medication modules), or
- · Certificate 3 in Aged Care, or
- · Certificate 4 in Disability, or
- Certificate 3 Personal Care, or
- Recreation, Leisure, Activities, Diversional Therapy

#### Mandatory

- Minimum Certificate 3 qualification
- First aid qualification

#### Desirable

- Knowledge of Home and Community Care Guidelines
- At least six months experience working in Aged Care, Disability, Home and Community Care
- Social Welfare, Community Service and Certificate 4 in Mental Health.
- Full COVID-19 vaccination status (including booster).

#### Demonstrated skills and experience

- Ability to maintain consumer confidentiality and a clear understanding of rural confidentiality issues.
- Ability to effectively meet goals, targets and priorities; plan and manage time and satisfactorily achieve objectives within a timetable
- Ability to solve problems efficiently and effectively.
- Ability to communicate effectively and empathetically with clients.
- Ability to work without direct supervision, but within directed framework.
- Ability to prioritise time and organise work according to directed tasks.
- Demonstrated observation and reporting skills.
- Flexibility and compatibility in providing non-judgemental support to meet a wide range of assessed needs.
- Ability to undertake repetitious, physically demanding tasks.
- Knowledge and use of computer software, including Microsoft Office and the Internet.
- Verbal and written communication skills that enable effective and appropriate communication with a broad range of people at all levels.
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to positive workplace culture and practices.



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# Licences and registrations

- Current Victorian driver licence
- Current National police check (less than 3 months old)
- Current Employee Working with Children Check
- NDIS Worker Screening Check

# Personal attributes

- Empowering
- Inclusive
- Professional
- Courageous
- Compassionate

# **Conditions of employment**

This position is ongoing and is subject to successful completion of a six-month probationary period

And requires the following checks:

- Satisfactory police check
- Employee Working with Children Check
- NDIS Worker Screening Check

**Note:** Checks must be obtained and provided prior to commencement as a condition of employment at Grampians Community Health. Where check results are unsatisfactory in relation to the role to be carried out, the offer of employment will be withdrawn.

# Required training

- Sentrient online learning management system courses as required
- First Aid/CPR

Employee acceptance of	oosition:
Employee signature	Vacant
Date	