

Position Description

Lead Tenant

Wesley Dalmar – Kick Start Program; Adamstown January 2020

Agreement	
Signed-Manager	Signed-Employee
Date	Date

1 Overview of Wesley Mission

Wesley Community Services Limited, a company limited by guarantee pursuant to the Corporations Act 2001, is a Public Benevolent Institution operating as Wesley Mission to deliver services and programs to provide direct relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, adversity, disability, destitution, and helplessness in New South Wales and other parts of Australia as inspired by the work of Jesus Christ in Word and deed. Our vision is to:

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can".

Out of Christian love and compassion we are driven by Christlike servanthood, unfailing integrity and courageous commitment.

The organisational plan is based on four key result areas, namely:

- our clients
- our people
- our operations
- our financials.

Our position descriptions and performance plans are aligned with these four key result areas.

2 Overview of Wesley Dalmar – Kick Start

Wesley Dalmar is an Out of Home care service accredited by the Office of Children's Guardian (OCG) and regulated by the OCG standards. Permanency is a key driver in our work, as we seek to ensure that all children we care for are in the best placement to meet their needs and optimise their potential. Our work is underpinned by the legislated hierarchy of the Permanency Placement Principals.

Wesley Kick Start provides support to young people transitioning out foster care to independent living.

3 Overview of role

The Lead Tenant will work with young people who have exited from Wesley Foster Care, providing ongoing support to ensure a smooth transition to independent adult living. The position is a live in role ensuring the overall smooth running of the house and being an active mentor for the young people.

The lead tenant will live on the premises of the Kick Start program at Adamstown and be required to be available to the young people for up to 20 hours per week.

4 Relationships

Reports to: Kick Start Team Leader

5 Major role responsibilities

5.1 Our clients

- Work with young people transitioning out of Foster Care with Wesley Mission
 - i. Be young person centred and build capacity for change
 - ii. Use a strengths based approach to planning and implementation
 - iii. Use a wellbeing lens for holistic action

- iv. Build social connection within communities
- v. Recognise the impact of trauma and develop and implement trauma informed policies and practices
- vi. Be flexible and respectful of young people's changing needs
- Ensure young people are in compliance with Wesley Mission tenancy agreements
- Notify the Kick Start Team Leader where breaches occur.
- Work in collaboration with Take Charge of Your life team to maximise the outcomes for young people residing participating in the program.
- · Create a warm and welcoming environment for new residence
- · Coordinate regular house meetings with young people
- attend Take charge of your life/ Kick Start team meetings as required
- be a strong ambassador for the Wesley Dalmar, Kick Start and Take Charge of Your life team

5.1.1 Performance Measures

- achieve 90% client satisfaction
- · number of house meetings held
- participation in required meetings

5.2 Our people (our team)

- Complete Wesley Mission induction and orientation program and mandatory training
- · Attend and participate in regular supervision, support meetings and team meetings
- Attend and participate in annual Employee Contribution & Development process
- continue tracking achievement of goals, documenting your progress on the Employee Contribution
 & Development template
- Work collaboratively with other team members
- Be a part of creating a team culture of support and respect
- Promote and ensure adherence to Wesley Mission brand
- Commit to a continuing process of personal self-development, training and skills acquisition
- Ensure all policies and procedures are understood and adhered to, seeking clarity with supervisor as required
- promote and ensure adherence to Wesley Mission brand
- ensure all Human Resource (HR) policies and procedures are understood and adhered to
- Attend and participate in annual Employee Contribution & Development process
- on a quarterly basis, document your progress using the Employee Contribution & Development template and meet with your manager to discuss
- ensure your position description is up-to-date and identify career training and development and career growth opportunities for yourself
- regularly report to your manager on team issues such as resourcing needs, performance, training/development, disciplinary action, leave, Work, Health & Safety issues etc
- identify and recommend opportunities to increase job satisfaction
- attend all scheduled meetings.

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5.2.1 Performance Measures

- Successfully achieved induction and orientation and mandatory training
- Attendance record to scheduled meetings
- · Provide written reports as required
- Contribution to team

5.3 Our operations

- Ensure the reputation and integrity of Wesley Mission is maintained at all time
- Advocate and communicate the Wesley Mission brand and key messaging strategy to stakeholders, to build effective relationship and ensuring brand compliance and use of correct templates
- Contribute to reviewing internal systems including policies and procedures to ensure more efficient and effective methods of delivery and to ensure continual improvement
- Contribute to evaluation and quality improvement of programs
- As an employee, be responsible under the Work Health & Safety Act for the health and safety of all
 persons you come into contact with, during employment. Perform WHS tasks as directed by
 supervisor
- Embrace new developments and technological innovations including CRM and Carelink+, relevant to Wesley Mission's work
- Maintain industry specific standards and ISO9000 standards as per Wesley Mission's quality assurance policies

5.3.1 Performance Measures

- regular reporting requirements are met
- achieved working knowledge of:
 - Wesley Mission employee handbook
 - relevant policy and procedures

5.4 Our financials

- Wesley resources are maintained and serviced as required
- Commitment to retaining current funding through working within funding guidelines and providing a best practice service
- Notify Wesley Property and Youth manager of any damage to property

5.4.1 Performance Measures

- Wesley resources are well maintained including centres, vehicles and other equipment
- Evidence of proactive program planning and reduced over/underspend

6 Professional responsibilities

- as directed, other activities to support the delivery of the Wesley Dalmar Business Plan and Wesley Mission Strategic Plan, as requested by your manager
- as an employee, be responsible under the Work Health & Safety Act for the health and safety of all
 persons they come into contact with, during employment. All hazards and injuries must be reported
 through the normal process as set out in Wesley Mission's Work Health, Safety and Rehabilitation
 Quality Management System and site procedures

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- in relation to Wesley Mission and the Uniting Church in Australia, attend such functions, meetings, seminars, training courses as directed by your supervisor
- in relation to Wesley Mission attend worship services as encouraged by your supervisor
- take responsibility for personal career development and training
- participate in Wesley Mission's Orientation program, so as to gain an understanding of, and promote, the application of the EEO, Affirmative Action, Privacy Act, Work Health & Safety Act and other relevant legislation
- administer Wesley Mission's philosophy of care and other relevant policy documents as appropriate
- demonstrate responsible stewardship of all resources, and willingness to report impropriety in keeping with the values of Wesley Mission
- ensure the reputation and integrity of Wesley Mission is maintained at all times
- · maintain confidentiality.

7 Selection criteria

To be successful in this position, candidates must possess the following:

Demonstrated behaviours

- willingness to affirm Wesley Mission's vision, mission and values and enthusiastically advocate our Word and deed ministry
- demonstrated ability to work unsupervised as well as an effective team player with a positive can-do attitude
- relates well to a range of people with sound listening and problem solving skills
- · confident professional with strong initiative
- · displays emotional maturity and resilience.

Essential skills/knowledge

- experience with the Out of Home Care system
- inspired to partner with young people to create positive opportunities for their future
- ability to think creatively about supporting young people's needs
- · excellent communication skills
- ability to engage with a young person's social and recreational skills
- ability to exhibit positive role modelling
- demonstrated ability to establish positive and meaningful relationships
- able to work independently and as part of a team.
- · understanding of trauma informed care
- Current NSW Drivers Licence

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