

Position Description

Operational Support Officer

Section A: Position Details

Position title:	Operational Support Officer
Employment Status:	Part time (0.6FTE)
Classification and Salary:	CSS Level 2 \$57,960 - \$63,239 (pro rata) dependent on skills and experience
Location:	Neami Geraldton, 2 Larkin Street, Geraldton
Hours:	Mon – Fri 9am to 2.30pm (flexible)
Contract Details:	Maximum Term Contract until 30 June 2025, subject to a 6 month probation period

Neami National is a community-based recovery and rehabilitation service supporting people living with mental illness and psychiatric disability to improve their health, live independently and pursue a life based on their own strengths, values and goals.

We provide services in more than 54 locations, ranging from the inner-city and suburbs to regional and remote parts of Australia.

Our vision is for full citizenship for all people living with a mental illness in Australian society. Our mission is to improve mental health and wellbeing in local communities across the country.

We believe that recovery is an individual process and that with the right kind of support everyone can live a life based on their own strengths, values and goals for the future.

We use an approach called the Collaborative Recovery Model (CRM) to support people through our services. The CRM assists individuals to identify their personal strengths and values, to set goals and then helps them make progress towards achieving them.

As an organisation based strongly on our mission, vision and values, Neami is committed to demonstrating the highest standards of safety and quality across all of our services. Neami views quality, safety and clinical governance activities as key components of the role and responsibilities of all staff and an essential process in the provision of safe and high quality support services to consumers.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities as the Traditional Custodians of the land we work on and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise that their sovereignty was never ceded. Neami National is committed to cultivating inclusive environments for staff, consumers and carers. We celebrate, value and include people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities. We are an environmentally conscious organisation.

We are a smoke free organisation.

Position Overview

The Operational Support Officer will support and contribute to the delivery of high quality services to consumers by ensuring that staff at the Geraldton Step Up Step Down Service receive administrative support that is flexible and responsive to their needs.

Period of Employment

Maximum Term Contract until 30 June 2025, subject to 6 month probationary period.

Accountability

The Operational Support Officer is accountable to the Service Manager.

Conditions of Employment

The terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Neami National Employment Agreement – CSS Level 2 \$57,960 - \$63,239 (pro rata) dependent on skills and experience.

A number of benefits are available to staff, including generous salary packaging with rewarding NFP fringe benefit tax exemptions.

Core requirements prior to any offer, or commencement of employment:

Police check	Whilst a criminal record check is completed as part of the recruitment process, a criminal history does not disqualify someone from working at Neami. In cases of a criminal history, a staff risk assessment will be completed. Neami National will cover the cost of an Australian check. Where a new employee has lived outside of Australia for 12 months or more within the last 10 years, the cost of an International check will be borne by the applicant.
Working with Children check	A valid Working with Children check must be supplied by all new employees (employee responsibility).
Car licence	A valid Australian driver's licence (P plate or above) must be supplied by all new employees.
Suitable Vehicle	You may be required to use your own roadworthy vehicle insured to a minimum level covering 3rd party fire and theft (comprehensive cover is recommended).
Right to work within Australia	You must maintain a right to work in Australia, in the position and location of employment during your employment with Neami. You must comply with all terms of any such grant of a right to work in Australia.

Section B: Key Responsibilities

Carry out daily operational support tasks

- Consumer database data entry
- Ordering stationery and office supplies
- Petty cash administration and reconciliation
- Processing invoices
- Coordinating site maintenance

- Maintaining filing and archiving systems
- Coordinating meeting room, venue and catering bookings
- Assisting operational support audit and compliance processes
- Orienting new site staff to administrative systems
- Performing reception duties
- Word processing and spreadsheet development
- Participating in six-monthly reflection forums with other Operational Support Officers, to foster peer support and learning, identify emerging issues for consideration at either a state or organisational level and celebrate operational support success stories
- Additional duties as required, depending on site needs – examples might include vehicle maintenance coordination and compiling information for reports to funders
- Undertake an administrative check of all referrals to ensure they are complete and appropriate
- Maintain electronic client records
- Exercise confidentiality
- Assist in the preparation of reports

Participate fully as a team member

- Actively participate in reflective practice through team meetings, decision-making processes, supervision and staff development activities

Section C: Key Competencies

Creating diverse staff teams

The values, skills, attributes and commitment of our staff are key to our success and reputation as a national mental health service that provides high quality support services to people living with a mental illness.

We are strongly committed to further developing and diversifying our work force as part of our strategic directions.

We celebrate multidisciplinary teams and value the rich skills and experiences brought by applicants from a range of sectors and professional backgrounds.

Further depth is brought by those from diverse cultural backgrounds, Aboriginal staff, and those with lived experiences of mental illness and recovery, all of whom are strongly encouraged to apply for any roles that match their skills and interest.

The following competency criteria will inform our selection decision:

Adhering to principles and values

- Demonstrates integrity and credibility, and fosters open honest communication
- Demonstrates commitment to the organisation and its values
- Upholds ethical behaviour, consistent with values as characterised by honesty, fairness responsibility and hope

Working with people, building relationships

- Adapts to the team and contributes to a positive team dynamic
- Clearly and effectively conveys information verbally to staff and guests
- Adapts communication style to meet the needs of others and takes responsibility for understanding what others are saying
- Relates to people in an open, friendly and professional manner, demonstrating courtesy, tact and empathy
- Shows respect and sensitivity towards diversity
- Clearly conveys organisational knowledge, providing others with clear direction
- Establishes professional respectful relationships that have clear boundaries with staff and other services
- Speaks clearly and fluently and writes succinctly in a well-structured and logical way

Planning, organising and analysing

- Follows and applies procedures and policies, demonstrating an understanding of the broader organisational context
- Structures and organises administrative tasks to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the office
- Manages time, prioritises tasks and accounts for potential barriers in order to effectively to meet deadlines
- Takes initiative, acts with confidence and works under own direction
- Demonstrates the ability to work effectively while managing a range of tasks

Adapting and responding to change and coping with challenges

- Adapts to changing circumstances and responds to the reactions and feedback of others
- Accepts feedback, reflects, learns and makes changes
- Maintains a hopeful and positive outlook during challenging times at work
- Self regulates emotions and reactions to enable the display of a calm demeanor in any working environment.

In addition you will need:

- Sound knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite (including email and internet) and proven experience working in a computerised environment
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively while managing a range of tasks; and the skill to organise and prioritise tasks on a daily, weekly and monthly basis