

Position description

Title of the role:	Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner
Classification:	SCHADS Level 3
Schedule:	Schedule B
Program Area:	Mental Health in Aged Care
Location:	Gippsland
Reports to:	Senior Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner Metal Health in Aged Care
Last Revised:	March 2026

About Wellways

Wellways Australia is a leading not-for-profit organisation dedicated to ensuring all Australians lead active and fulfilling lives in their community. We work with individuals, families and the community to help them imagine and achieve better lives. We advocate for change to make sure people can access the best possible care and information when they need it. We provide a wide range of services and assistance for people of all ages with mental health issues, disabilities, and those requiring community care.

Wellways is an equal opportunity employer that offers generous salary packaging and opportunities to undertake professional training and development. People with lived experience, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds bring highly valued skills to our workforce.

Our Values

Honesty:

- We are open and sincere in all interactions
- We show compassion and consideration to all our stakeholders
- We take responsibility for our actions

Acceptance

- We champion and respect all voices and choices
- We accept people no matter how complex their needs
- We see the person, the family and the community

Fairness:

- We believe everyone has the right to equal opportunities
- We challenge social injustice and advocate for change
- We collaborate to solve problems

Commitment:

- We are committed to our work and we won't give up
- We have the courage to make decisions and are accountable for our actions
- We dare to go down new roads and challenge accepted wisdom

Participation:

We promote participation and transform lives and communities
We value the expertise and contribution of everyone we work with
We build knowledge and lead conversations

Our approach to service delivery

Our recovery services are guided by our values and informed by our Well Together Model. This approach means we work at 3 levels, with the individual, with their families and friends and with the community. Well Together recognises that developing skills, building confidence and strengthening relationships will help people to recover and to live independently. The model provides an evidence-based approach to create individually tailored, effective recovery support packages. Wellways assists individuals to develop the capacity to manage their own wellbeing, equip family and friends with information and skills, and engage community members in support networks.



Advocacy Services

We have a strong advocacy program, informed by the lived experience of people with mental health issues or disability, their families and friends. Members of Wellways play a vital role in developing our advocacy platform. We advocate for systemic change that will create better conditions and improved opportunities across the range of services and supports we offer, including people and their families living with mental health and / or disabilities, and carers.

All our recovery services and advocacy programs:

- Support and create opportunities for recovery
- Value cultural diversity
- Value peer participation and leadership (participant and carer)
- Are underpinned by evidence-based best practice

Position Summary

Mental Health in Aged Care (MHiAC) supports in-reach services into Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) in Gippsland. The program supports residents of RACFs who experience mild to moderate symptoms of mental illness (e.g. depression, anxiety) or who are at risk of experiencing a mental illness.

Developed by Wellways, the program provides both face to face in-reach services and telehealth supports to residents within RACFs. Mental Health in Aged Care will compliment current RACF's programs and services through the addition of specific mental health psychoeducation programs, the development of peer leaders to support mental health outcomes, and the links to family support and education.

MHiAC provides:

- in-reach supports for residents with mild to moderate mental ill health
- reduces strain on 'upstream services'
- integrates into the stepped care service system
- is technologically friendly - blends face-to-face, telehealth and telephone delivery, providing greater reach for clients from rural and remote communities
- is a measurable service with clearly visible recovery outcomes.

Under the general direction of the Senior Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner (MHiAC), this role will be responsible for providing the day-to-day wellbeing sessions and supporting intake and assessment service functions for Gippsland. The Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner will be responsible for the following key areas:

- Supporting referrals into MHiAC
- Ensuring a catchment wide response to demand management and prioritization for allocation for eligible clients
- Facilitating referrals and supports for people not eligible for MHiAC
- Strengthening partnerships and building better links between various clinical and community support organisations responsible for delivering mental health services
- Supporting a caseload in addition to clients on a wait list.

The Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner will be the first point of call for those on a wait list and provide active wait-list management strategies. This role will also be responsible for ensuring all relevant client details and data are collected and recorded.

The Mental Health & Wellbeing Practitioner will develop and maintain positive relationships with key stakeholders (Residential Aged Care Facilities, GPHN) and others to ensure the service model and objectives are embedded into the service system, actively promoting the service to key stakeholders.

Refer to **Attachment 1** for a reference to the overall Wellways organisation structure.

Responsibilities

Key Functions	Key Performance Indicators
<p>Provision of Mental Health in Aged Care (MHiAC) program.</p>	<p>Working within the principles of recovery orientated mental health practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct initial screening of clients wanting to access MHIAC using the relevant intake forms and documents. • Ensure the efficient management of programs waitlists. • Liaise with Team Leader to ensure appropriate referrals, and manage caseload allocations. • Provide information and refer to external services when appropriate. • Maintain and participate in the development of resource information that supports clients. • Assist in service and organisational systems development for the intake program. • Improve referrals pathways that facilitate access to the range of psychosocial supports. • Provide strong links and professional partnerships between Wellways and other services to provide an efficient and coordinated approach to service delivery and referral. • Support delivery of MHIAC coaching as directed. • Support marketing of MHIAC as directed.

<p>Consumer and carer participation</p>	<p>Utilising Wellways Consumer and Carer Participation Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in ongoing consultation with participants, carers and members of natural support networks. • Engaging participants in the planning, delivery, development, monitoring and evaluation of services. • Regularly reviewing the ways in which services are provided to ensure the program is service aligned with individual needs. • Providing services in a culturally competent manner for participants and families from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds. • Working closely with the organisation’s consumer participation team.
<p>Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all documentation is completed in a timely and accurate manner. • Ensure accurate recording, maintenance and security of all client records generated. • Ensure adherence to Wellways policies and procedures and all relevant legislation and accreditation standards. • Participate in service review and development activities, including audits. • Complete monthly and quarterly KPIs as per program requirements.
<p>Team Effectiveness</p>	<p>Working as an active member of the program team to ensure the achievement of program goals and the application of best practice frameworks.</p> <p>This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as part of the team based on an ethos of collaboration, co-operation and mutual support. • Support for, and ongoing development of, an environment based on shared accountability and effective knowledge sharing. • Cooperating with all team members to ensure continuity of care and the provision of an exceptional service offer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participating in team meetings, service planning sessions, PDR supervision and staff development activities. • Other duties as directed to support program and service delivery.
Organisational Alignment	<p>Contributing to the effective operation and on-going development of the program offer to ensure that the program reflects Wellways values, best evidence-based practice and demonstrates innovation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the program provided reflect the core values of Wellways. • Participant needs are reviewed to ensure an effective service aligned with need. • Quality systems and standards are subject to on-going development to support enhanced program delivery.
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>Working with the wider community and key stakeholders to adding participant outcomes support value including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in program promotion and developing appropriate linkages with other community agencies, clinical services and other Wellways programs. • Participating in the development and delivery of community education in relation to mental health. • Representing Wellways in a variety of settings, including other agencies, members, participants, carers and families to raise awareness of mental illness issues at the local level and to 'market' the organisation regionally. • Provide support and direction to placement students.

Essential Requirements, Knowledge, Experience and Skills

<p>Qualifications & Essential Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Diploma in mental health or related field, or equivalent experience. • Demonstrated experience and skills in the delivery of face- to-face, phone supports, and referral services to individuals, families and communities with diverse and complex social needs. • Ability to relate well to clients and staff. • High level of competency in key components of Microsoft Office applications combined with the ability to learn and adapt to new information technology systems. • Experience working in a recovery oriented mental health environment, including an understanding of recovery and strengths-based principles. • Satisfactory Police Records Check. • Satisfactory Working with Children Check. • Right to Work within Australia. • NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Worker Screening Check and Orientation Module Certificate.
<p>Technical Knowledge and Experience</p>	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated skills, attitude and commitment to work collaboratively. • and effectively with diverse teams. • Ability to be adaptable in fluid working environments with shifting. • organisational, policy and service contexts. • Demonstrated sensitivity to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) individuals and communities. • Ability to liaise effectively with clients, community groups, staff and external service providers. • Extensive knowledge of the healthcare, welfare and community sectors systems.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexibility and capacity to adapt to a changing environment with a variety of co-workers.• High level communication and interpersonal skills.• Demonstrated ability to multi-task, work independently and to use initiative and problem-solving skills to organise and prioritise referrals and waitlists.• Strong networking skills and ability to liaise effectively with multiple stakeholders. <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fluency in other languages
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Additional Information

This position description may be modified from time to time to reflect organisational changes. Any changes will be discussed and agreed with the incumbent.

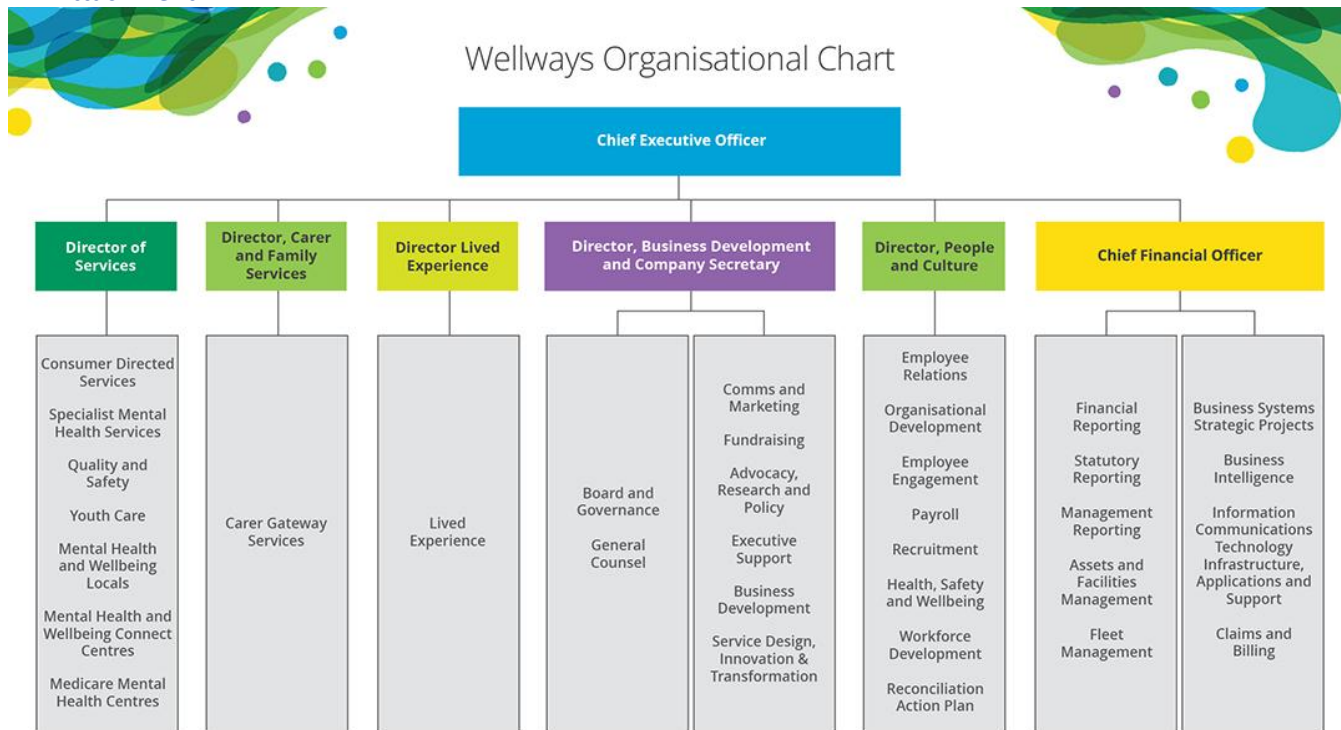
Financial Delegation: As per delegation schedule

People – Number of Directs: n/a

Travel Percentage: As required

On Call: n/a

Attachment 1



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