

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

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<b>Position:</b>	<b>PHYSIOTHERAPIST</b>
<b>Time Fraction:</b>	As contracted
<b>Reports to:</b>	Community Care Manager
<b>Award:</b>	Victorian Public Health Sector (Health Professionals, Health and Allied Services, Managers & Administrative Officers) Enterprise Agreement 2011-2015
<b>Department:</b>	Community Care
<b>Position Tenure:</b>	As Contracted

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### OUR MISSION:

To promote and enhance the health and wellbeing of the people of the East Gippsland High Country

### STRATEGIC PILLARS AND KEY OBJECTIVES:

#### Healthy Community

Reach out to our local rural community in the planning and delivering of our services

#### Quality Care & Safety

Deliver first class care to our clients, community and key stakeholders

#### People & Culture

Build a highly engaged and skilled team of health care professionals and volunteers with a commitment to creating a culture of achievement and service excellence

#### Sustainable Services

Develop a fully sustainable health care service model to fund future growth and investment in new markets and emerging technologies

#### Effective Governance

Create a comprehensive and accessible governance framework that ensures compliance with our legislative, ethical and statutory obligations

#### Collaborative Partnerships

Invest in strategic partnerships and alliances that allow us to achieve better outcomes for our service

### OUR VALUES – WE CARE

#### WELLBEING

Maintain a healthy balance of work, rest and play

#### EMPATHY

Show compassion and understanding for the perspectives and experiences of others

#### CREATIVITY

Encourage new ideas, explore ways to innovate

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Act with integrity. Take responsibility for our decisions and actions

#### RESOURCEFULNESS

Be responsive in overcoming challenges and changing circumstances

#### EXCELLENCE

Expect, recognise and reward excellence

**At ODH we are an equal opportunity employer offering a totally smoke free workplace**

## **Key Selection Criteria**

Omeo District Health is an equal opportunity employer. ODH has adopted a common set of values across the organisation and developed associated behaviours around these values. Selection will be based on assessing demonstrated performance of the skills, knowledge, behaviours and other personal qualifications relevant to the role.

### **Essential**

- Demonstrated ability to work with confidential and sensitive information.
- Experience and commitment to quality improvement.
- Current National Police Check.
- Degree in Physiotherapy
- Current registration with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- Demonstrated ability to work within the code of conduct and ethical principles as outlined by the Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA).
- Minimum two years of experience in the health sector. Demonstrated physiotherapy clinical care skills, experience and ability to manage and prioritise a varied caseload.
- An understanding of Health Policy and Funding arrangements for health service delivery.
- Valid Victorian Driver Licence.
- Current First Aid certificate.
- Highly professional and effective behaviour, interpersonal and communication skills including computer literacy.
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team in an organisational environment of rapid change.

### **Desirable**

- An understanding of the health issues facing the Omeo District community and surrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work within the key performance indicators of this position.
- Demonstrated leadership skills and experience in managing and supervising Allied Health Assistants.

## **Position Summary**

As part of a multidisciplinary team, the Physiotherapist provides clinical assessment and treatment of various musculoskeletal and pain related conditions in a manner that is person centred and in line with a best practice approach. The Physiotherapist will undertake assessment of clients, determine individual capabilities and apply professional expertise to maximise independence and quality of life. The role may involve the development, monitoring and review of responsive programs and health promotion activities relating to physiotherapy for both individual and targeted groups of clients and/or their families and staff.

## **Key Responsibilities and Duties**

The Physiotherapist should be self-motivated and have the ability to gain the acceptance of a wide range of people. The role requires a responsible person with a professional attitude, high level of motivation, flexibility and willingness to provide excellent service with minimal supervision.

- Provides clinical assessment and treatment of various musculoskeletal and pain related conditions
- Ensure services are provided in a way which enhances and maintains an individual's abilities and independence.
- Development, monitoring and review of responsive programs and health promotion activities for individuals and targeted groups.

## **Organisational Keys**

### **Customer Service**

- Deliver services that reflect the Organisation's mission statement and values with a strong focus and commitment to Customer Service.

### **Privacy, Dignity & Confidentiality**

- Recognise and respect each Resident's/Patient's/Client's right to privacy, dignity and confidentiality.
- Demonstrate a commitment to and understanding of the Information Privacy Principles concerned with empowering individuals to manage, as far as practicable, the collection, use and dissemination of personal information about themselves.

### **Team Contribution**

- Demonstrate commitment to co-operation and a team approach, while exhibiting a positive, strong personal contribution to maximising the performance outcomes of the relevant program / area and ODH as an organisation.

### **Legislation, Regulations and Standards**

- Comply with the requirements and compliance responsibilities of relevant legislation, regulations and standards where they directly impact on the service activity and delivery of care.

### **Occupational Health and Safety**

- Ensures that work practices are carried out in accordance to the Occupational Health & Safety policies of the organisation.
- Promotes a safe working environment by identifying and reporting hazards.

### **Infection Control**

- All employees must have knowledge of Infection Control policies, located on Prompt. Employees will assess the risk of any potential infectious incident and utilise the appropriate action as outlined in ODH policies.
- Infection Prevention is the responsibility of all health care workers and is an essential part of quality health care. Hand Hygiene is the single most important factor in reducing the risk of spreading infection.

### **Quality and Safety**

- Demonstrate a commitment to the delivery of safe and high quality services.

- Demonstrate a focus on partnering with consumers in the planning, delivery and evaluation of services and care, by actively seeking feedback and engaging consumers in their care planning as appropriate to employee role.
- Ensure all activities are in accordance with the following standards as applicable to the employee's work area:
  - National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (organisation wide);
  - Aged Care Standards (Llewington House);
  - Home Care Common Standards (Home and Community Care);
  - Department of Human Services Standards (Disability Support);
  - Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Standards (Medical Centre).
- Actively participate in the Omeo District Health quality improvement program and accreditation processes against the above standards, as appropriate to employee role.
- Be confidently able to complete an incident report and submit a quality activity in Riskman.
- Be able to identify risks and follow the Omeo District Health Risk Management Policy and procedure.
- Have, or participate in, processes to monitor and evaluate the performance of the services provided by the work area.

### Professional Development

- Participates in annual performance review and development program.
- Maintain knowledge required for the performance of the position.
- Attend ODH Mandatory Education Training annually.

<b>Risk Assessment / Job Analysis</b>
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Under Occupational Health and Safety, potential risks associated with this position are detailed below. Employee familiarity and compliance with emergency procedure codes apply to all areas of the organisation.

Aspects of Normal Workplace	Frequency
<u>Work Environment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage demanding and changing workloads and competing priorities.</li> <li>• Work a flexible roster spanning all shifts with the possibility of extended hours.</li> <li>• Sitting at the computer or in meetings for extended periods of time.</li> <li>• Work in a team environment and at times independently.</li> <li>• Work in locations geographically separated from the main facility.</li> <li>• Single beds for patients. All beds are fully electric. There is no requirement to lift bed heads or foot ends. Height adjustment is via a button.</li> <li>• Exposure to Substances. Hazardous substances are part of the hospital workplace (eg. blood). Protective equipment and procedures are in place to prevent contact.</li> </ul>	
<u>Work Activity</u>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake administrative tasks including intensive computer / keyboard work, filing, writing, participating in meetings, concentrating for long periods of time (regular, daily basis)</li> <li>• Use of technology including photocopiers, telephones including mobiles, fax, overhead projectors, televisions, video, electronic white boards, drill presses and guillotines.</li> <li>• Undertake manual handling of equipment (eg, lifting, pulling, pushing, transferring, twisting) on a daily basis.</li> <li>• Participation in hazard identification and improvement strategies.</li> </ul>	
<p><u>Work relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work within a team environment</li> <li>• Professional interaction with medical nursing and admin staff</li> <li>• Interact with colleagues and other hospital staff</li> <li>• Interact with members of the public</li> <li>• Interact with patients and relatives</li> </ul>	

**Performance Review:**

Six months after commencement of employment, then annually thereafter. Interim reports are completed after every six months or less, as determined by the Department Line Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

I, .....

Agree to undertake the duties as specified in the position description, and accept the appointment in accordance with the responsibilities stated above. My signature acknowledges confirmation of the terms and conditions offered.

As an occupant of this position, I have noted this statement of duties and agree to perform the duties indicated and observe all requirements of the organization’s policies and procedures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: ...../...../.....