



Murray Mallee
General Practice
Network



**Recruitment
Information Package.
Assisting you in your application to join
our team.**

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Vacancy Information:

- Position:** *headspace Aboriginal Engagement and Youth Worker*
- Salary:** *Remuneration will be negotiated depending on skills, experience & qualifications. Additionally, you will be offered a range of outstanding benefits including generous salary packaging options. TOIL & 5 weeks Annual Leave, all of which will significantly boost your overall package.*
- Status:** *FTE 0.5. Fixed term until 30 June 2021.*
- Closing Date:** *Friday 31st January 2020*

Thank you for your interest in applying for the above position.

If you have a passion for making a difference in the lives of young people, 12 – 25 years, particularly those at risk of developing mental health issues and/or substance use disorders as well as young people who have economic and social recovery needs, then we want to hear from you. We have a rewarding professional part time role available, based at our Murray Bridge Office.

headspace Murray Bridge is seeking an Aboriginal Engagement and Youth Worker to join our team in Murray Bridge. The key purpose of this role is to support Aboriginal clients and their families, promote headspace services in the community, coordinate community awareness raising activities in the region, and seek to reduce stigma around mental health issues for young people.

We are looking for an applicant with a youth worker or relevant tertiary qualification (or working towards or willing to work towards), and/or extensive experience in working with young Aboriginal clients and their families/communities.

Remuneration will be negotiated dependent on skills, experience and qualifications. Our organisation offers generous salary packaging options, 5 weeks Annual Leave, TOIL and a flexible and supportive working environment.

Job description and advice on how to apply can be obtained on our website:

headspace.org.au/murraybridge. All enquiries to suzannef@mmgpn.org.au or phone (08) 8531 2122.

Applicants are requested to send a covering letter, addressing the key selection criteria, and resume to the Clinical Lead, PO Box 558, Murray Bridge 5253 or emailed to suzannef@mmgpn.org.au by

COB Friday 31st January 2020.

This information package contains information about the Murray Mallee General Practice Network, and guidelines on submitting your application.

You will find within this information package:

- ***An overview of the Murray Mallee General Practice Network***
- ***Position Description & role requirements.***



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How to apply:

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About Us:

Established in 1995 as the **Murray Mallee Division of General Practice**, the organisation has evolved to become the **Murray Mallee General Practice Network**, a primary care provider to the Country SA PHN, and other government and non-government funding bodies. Our current programs have been funded in response to identified needs in the community and services include:

Youth Mental Health:

We are the lead agency for headspace Murray Bridge which provides holistic early intervention services through a range of primary health care providers and consortium partners.

Mental Health Team

Mental Health Clinicians provide from our Adelaide Road offices and through General Practices in outlying communities including, but not limited to Karoonda, Tailem Bend and Meningie.

Demography:

The Murray Mallee General Practice Network is based in the major population centre of the region - the Rural City of Murray Bridge. It includes an area of 23,000 square kilometres from the eastern Adelaide Hills through to the Victorian border.

The Sturt Highway and rail route from Adelaide to Melbourne pass through the region. The River Murray, Coorong and Murray Mallee areas are significant environmental features.

The general practitioner workforce in the region operates from practices in seven towns, with outreach Clinics to some smaller communities. In addition, there are regular placements of students, registrars, trainees and interns within our practices.

The MMGPN is fully accredited under SAI GLOBAL. Our accreditation status is oversighted and maintained by our internal Quality, Risk and Safety practices, which aims to build, maintain and support a culture of continuous quality improvement with a proactive approach to risk management and work health & safety.

Murray Mallee GP Network abides by the Ombudsman SA Information Sharing Guidelines (ISG) and ensures all our staff are appropriately trained in the ISG. For further information on the ISG, go to: <http://www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au/isg/>



Seeking employment with the Murray Mallee General Practice

Network:

Job seekers considering employment with the Murray Mallee General Practice Network should understand that our recruitment process is similar to that of the public sector. This may be different in some respects to the process used in the private sector. This document will help you to understand our recruitment practices.

Broadly speaking, our recruitment is based on the merit principle. Each position has selection criteria, described in the job and person specification. The selection process involves assessing an applicant's suitability for the position, based on a comparison of their relevant skills, experience and qualifications in terms of the position's requirements. The person who is best able to demonstrate the match of their knowledge, skills and abilities with the requirements of the job, will win the job.

All applications are closely scrutinised to determine if the applicant meets the selection criteria. Failure to address the selection criteria will result in the applicant not being considered for an interview. It is essential that your application meets the specific requirements that are set out in detail in the information package provided by the Murray Mallee General Practice Network.

When advertising vacant positions, we provide information packages that set out the selection process, the type and format of information required from applicants and a copy of the current position description, along with contact details of officers within our organisation who can provide additional information.

If you are interested in applying for a position with the Murray Mallee General Practice Network, you may find the following information useful:

- 1) Do not apply for a position by just submitting a resume – in most instances it is only used to provide background information and alone will not get you an interview.
- 2) A resume may be attached to an application, but it should complement the information provided in the application and focus on the broader skills and competencies
- 3) Address the advertised selection criteria. Each criterion should be carefully examined to fully understand the requirements of the role. Some criteria may contain multiple requirements, look for action verbs and conjunctions. Failure to respond to even one part of criteria could result in the application not moving to the interview stage.
- 4) The selection criteria can be addressed in “dot point” form or in paragraphs; there is no specific requirement, unless otherwise stated. However, as indicated previously, the quality of the document may provide an advantage, provided the content relates to the position requirements.
- 5) Follow the application instructions provided, complete any forms and provide accurate, verifiable information. If you provide false information in your application and this is discovered after you have been appointed, it can lead to dismissal.



- 6) Try to find out as much information as possible about the agency. The Murray Mallee General Practice Network website www.mmgn.org.au contains a lot of useful information.
- 7) Check and recheck your application document, do not rely on your computer's "spell check". Get a friend or family member to read the document.
- 8) If you are invited to an interview it is highly likely that you are one of several candidates considered suitable for the role. The interview may involve at least three panel members.
- 9) Candidates for interview are asked the same questions and your responses are compared with those provided by the other candidates.
- 10) Your preparation for the interview is the same as for any job interview, i.e. dress appropriately, pay attention to your grooming, arrive slightly early – do not arrive late, read any pre-interview material carefully, listen attentively, think before answering questions, speak clearly, be confident, always ask questions if invited to do so and thank the panel for the opportunity.
- 11) If you are unsuccessful, you should contact the interview panel convener to get some feedback on your interview performance. The information provided will help you to improve your approach to future employment opportunities. You can also request feedback at the application stage if you were not successful in being shortlisted for an interview.

Adapted from article by Greg Lewis, AACC Member, www.workplace.gov.au



JOB AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Title of Position:	Aboriginal Engagement and Youth Worker
Classification:	MMGPN EBA 2017 - HPSO 1 / MMGPN 3 (Dependent on qualifications and experience – salary sacrifice arrangements available)
Status of Employment:	Contract Position (Renewal dependent upon ongoing funding and performance)

Approved by Chief Executive Officer: July 2019

The mission of **headspace** Murray Bridge is to reduce the burden of disease in young people aged 12-25 years caused by mental health and related substance abuse disorders through early identification and effective, evidence-based intervention delivered by primary care and specialist providers working together within a unified, accessible and integrated service framework. **headspace** Murray Bridge is funded through the Country SA Primary Health Network.

The **headspace** Murray Bridge program is under the auspices of the Murray Mallee General Practice Network as the Lead Agency and is supported by a range of consortium partners who share the **headspace** vision.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Aboriginal Engagement and Youth Worker is to be part of the headspace Murray Bridge team and will work to incorporate participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and their families in a meaningful and effective way into the ongoing operations of headspace Murray Bridge. The role will strengthen processes and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people participation and engagement across the headspace service. This role will support community engagement activities and provide supportive mental health input alongside a mental health clinician or group context.

The Murray Mallee General Practice Network is the lead agency for **headspace Murray Bridge**. The Murray Mallee General Practice Network employs the Aboriginal Youth Worker.



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REPORTING/WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

The Aboriginal Engagement and Youth Worker will operate within the headspace Murray Bridge service and will report to the headspace Operations Manager.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- It is an operational requirement that an Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander person occupies this position.
- The position will be based at the headspace site in Murray Bridge.
- Participation in regular performance management reviews and development appraisals is required.
- Flexible working hours (some out of business hours and weekends) may be required for which time in lieu may be taken.
- Intrastate travel, particularly throughout the headspace region may be required.
- Current SA driver’s license essential.
- A vehicle is available for work purposes. If use of own vehicle is required for work purposes reimbursement will be made as per the rates determined by the relevant Modern Award.

STATEMENT OF KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

To support community awareness raising activities and networking in the region for Aboriginal young people and families that seeks to:

- Promote early help seeking to improve early access to health and other services for young people who have (or may be at risk of) developing a mental health and/or substance use disorder or have economic and social recovery needs
- Ensure that accessible information is provided to young people, their families and the local community to increase the capacity of young people and their community to connect with appropriate health and well-being supports at a time they are needed.
- Increases community awareness of mental illness among young people, facilitate consumer participation, organise and deliver health promotion activities and special events to engage identified target populations, in conjunction with clinical staff as needed.
- Support the Murray Bridge headspace team to further develop their culturally appropriate services to young Aboriginal clients and their families.
- Provide support services to young people and their families alongside of Mental Health clinicians, that might involve working individually with young people or in group programs.
- Represent **headspace** & MMGPN to various agencies and professional networks, the local community and young people
- Support the aims and objectives of MMGPN through understanding and implementation of the MMGPN Strategic Plan

CHILD PROTECTION

In accordance with the South Australian Children’s Protection Act 1993, the successful applicant will be required to attain and hold a current National Police Certificate prior to employment.



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Murray Mallee General Practice Network require all staff to undertake the following Department Community & Social Inclusion (DCSI) screening checks:

- Child Related Employment Screening
- Vulnerable Person Related Employment Screening

The incumbent is required to either currently hold or be trained in (within the first three months of employment) Child safe environment

COMPLIANCE

- Be aware of and adhere to MMGPN’s policies and procedures
- Display a commitment and passion for MMGPN Values

WORK HEALTH & SAFETY

- The employee has a responsibility to protect his or her own health and safety at work, as well as co-workers & clients.
- The employee has a responsibility to abide by the organisations WH&S policies and direction as set out in MMGPN’s Operation Manual.
- The employee shall avoid adversely affecting the health or safety of any other person through any act or omission at work

and in particular, so far as is reasonable, shall:

- use any equipment provided for health or safety purposes
- obey any reasonable instruction that the employer may give in relation to health or safety at work
- comply with work health and safety policy in the workplace
- ensure that he or she is not, by the consumption of alcohol or a drug, in such a state as to endanger his or her own safety at work or the safety of any other person at work.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Equal Opportunities Legislation
Promoting and implementing policies, procedures, and the prevention of harassment, bullying and intimidation.
- Professional Codes of Conduct and Ethics
Complying and practicing within relevant Federal and State Legislation and the profession’s code of practices/ethics



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OTHER DUTIES AS DIRECTED.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential Minimum Requirements

The essential experience, knowledge, skills, competencies and qualifications a person requires in order to successfully fulfil the responsibilities of the position are:

- Youth worker or relevant tertiary health qualification (or working towards) and/or extensive experience in working with young Aboriginal clients and their families/communities
- A demonstrated passion for and commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people
- Demonstrated understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of young people with mental health and/or substance use problems
- Demonstrated ability to engage with and communicate to groups of people-
- Demonstrated ability to use creativity and innovation in a community / project setting--
- Demonstrated highly developed oral and written communication skills, including networking-
- Demonstrated ability to manage and prioritise a range of tasks and projects simultaneously-
- Well-developed computer skills-
- High levels of professionalism, confidentiality and discretion
- Positive, respectful and collaborative team player
- Adaptability and flexibility to changing work environments and requirements
- Highly self-motivated and dynamic personality to participate in the development of a culturally appropriate service

Desirable

To distinguish between applicants who have met all the essential requirements

- Demonstrated understanding of the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, including barriers to engagement, participation and help seeking.
- Demonstrated awareness of/and connection to local Aboriginal services and relevant networks.

Incumbent is obligated to refer to their job and person specification along with MMGPN's Manuals and Registers and other relevant Roles and Responsibilities statement as required.

The duties and responsibilities for this position should not be considered as limited to the above activities. Duties may be added, deleted or modified, in consultation with the incumbent, as necessary. Job Descriptions and staff performance will be reviewed regularly.