

POSITION DESCRIPTION

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| Position | Errinundra to Snowy Registered Nurse - Bendoc | | |
| Department | Orbost Medical Clinic | Level of Authority: (as per ORH Instrument of Delegation) | NA |
| Reports to | Practice Nurse | | |
| Responsible to | Director Community Health | | |
| Enterprise Agreement | Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) (Single Interest Employers) Enterprise Agreement <i>And subsequent agreements as may be approved in accordance with Fair Work legislation during the course of employment</i> | | |
| Pay Scale | As per employment contract | | |

ORBOST REGIONAL HEALTH

Orbost Regional Health provides acute, urgent care, medical and specialist services, and an array of community health, welfare and aged care services. We aim to meet the community needs utilising a flexible funding model. Partnership arrangements enhance our ability to delivery services to an area covering one million hectares across Far East Gippsland. At Orbost Regional Health our innovative multipurpose service has the capacity to embrace a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. We provide not only the Acute and Aged Care facilities, but also many other services to maintain the physical and mental well-being of the community.

BACKGROUND ABOUT THE ERRINUNDRA TO SNOWY PROJECT

This position is funded by the Gippsland Primary Health Network until 30 June 2026, as part of the community-led Building Healthy and Resilient Communities through Service Equity project.

Established as a pilot program, diverse healthcare services are provided to approximately 300 residents in the Errinundra to Snowy district of East Gippsland, Victoria. The remote rural district is located north of Orbost, Victoria and encompasses the area from McKillops Bridge to Bendoc, along the NSW border. Communities are located an hour apart via unsealed roads.

The service model delivers diverse health services at Bendoc, Tubbut and Goongerah. There is a high demand for physical health and psychological support in the district due to the remote catchment area, geographical isolation, an ageing population, low socioeconomic status and recent drought, bushfire and covid-19 pandemic lockdowns.

POSITION OBJECTIVE

The Registered Nurse will deliver and coordinate care from Bendoc Neighbourhood House. They will work collaborative effectively with other healthcare providers to establish trusting relationships with Bendoc community members. The ability to develop relationships and engage with communities, external health support services and stakeholders is vital.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

| Position Requirements | |
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| Satisfactory National Police Check (no older than 12 months) <i>Certificate must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Satisfactory Working with Children Check <i>Evidence of application must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Satisfactory NDIS Worker Screening Check <i>Evidence of application must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Not Required |

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| Satisfactory Health Declaration (ORH will provide documentation for completion) <i>Completed document must be provided prior to commencement</i> | Required |
| Immunisation History (ORH will provide documentation for completion) <i>Completed document must be provided prior to commencement</i> <i>Participation in the annual influenza vaccination program is a requirement</i> | Required |
| Evidence of Professional Registration | Required |
| Evidence of Professional Qualification | Required |
| Valid Victorian Driver's Licence | Required |
| Typical Work Schedule | |
| The Registered Nurse is rostered at Bendoc Neighbourhood House one weekday per week for an eight hour shift. Job sharing is possible. | |

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

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| Primary Responsibilities and Key Performance Indicators |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish trust with isolated community members who are disengaged from mainstream healthcare Provide clinical care to patients/clients attending Wellbeing Spaces at Bendoc Liaising with Delegate Multipurpose Service Community Nurses when clients require home visits Conduct comprehensive assessments and involve patients in their care planning Plan and deliver monthly health promotion activities Maintain accurate and concise progress notes in the clinical information system Ensure infection control practices and maintain sterile clinical equipment stock levels Support clients to navigate the healthcare system and ensure the safe transfer of patients between healthcare providers Offer referral pathways to clients Identify and provide integrated support to clients Maintain accurate service statistics and participate in service evaluation activities Coordinate effectively with Registered Nurses at Goongerah and Tubbut to achieve consistency of service provision Undertake other duties as requested by the Practice Nurse that are within the scope and skill consistent with the position |
| Qualifications and Experience |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current registration as a Registered Nurse with AHPRA |
| Skills, Knowledge and Attributes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of rural health issues relating to nursing Strong communication skills and ability to work as part of a team Familiar with the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia's Codes of Conduct, Practice and Ethics |
| Strategic Imperatives |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of ORH's strategic plan and contribute to the team's work plan to achieve organisational objectives. Ensure all work practices comply with current ORH policies, procedures and/or guidelines. Be familiar with organisation's vision and values and demonstrated alignment with the trademark behaviours in day to day practice. Demonstrate an awareness and compliance with the ORH Partnering with Consumers framework to foster person-centred practice. Adopt and maintain a progressive and evidence-based approach to service delivery. |
| Professional Development |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete LGBTIQ+ and cultural competency training every two years, per contract with Gippsland Primary Health Network |

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- Actively engage in the annual performance review and development appraisal with direct supervisor.
- Maintain professional competencies and registration and undertake relevant professional development, continuing education and training.
- Ensure completion of mandatory competencies (both organisational and profession-specific) as required upon commencement, annually and in accordance with timelines specified in relevant health service policies and procedures.

Work Health and Safety

- Regular monitoring and review of personal work practices and the environment to ensure a healthy and safe workplace in accordance with ORH and Bendoc Neighbourhood House policies/procedures and legislative requirements.
- Adhere to Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Employment Opportunities, Emergency Management, Waste Management, Environmental, Sustainability and Infection Control policies, procedures and legislation.
- Proactively report OH&S hazards, incidents and injuries to supervisor.
- Ensure that infection control guidelines and requirements are known and incorporated into daily work activities.

Quality and Risk Management

- Actively participate and contribute to quality improvement activities, by identifying and making recommendations on opportunities to improve processes, workplace health and safety, and quality service delivery outcomes.
- Be aware of Orbost Regional Health's approach to quality and safety that includes: Risk management, Clinical governance, Patient centred care and Consumer rights and responsibilities, Diversity, Workplace Health, Safety and Wellbeing, Performance reporting and Monitoring, Partnering with Consumers, Quality Improvement and Open Disclosure.
- Adhere to ORH incident and complaint investigation policies and procedures.
- Actively participate in the Orbost Regional Health quality program and accreditation processes against the relevant standards.
- Manage risk in daily work practices.
- Adhere to all organisational policies, procedures and health legislations.
- Ensure a good knowledge of polices relating to reportable conduct, child safe standards and hospital response to family violence.

Information and Resource Management

- Understand the purpose of, and be able to use client/corporate records systems and common software applications confidentially and appropriately.
- Prepare documentation using clear, concise and grammatically correct language appropriate to the role and service requirements.
- Record and maintain accurate and timely data as directed to meet relevant funding and policy requirements.
- Work within budget requirements and use resources appropriately.
- Comply with record and information management requirements in accordance with relevant ORH policies and guidelines.
- All employees of Orbost Regional Health must sign a Confidentiality Statement. This is to ensure that employees shall not at any time, either during the period of employment, or at its completion, divulge either directly or indirectly to any person, confidential knowledge or information acquired during the course of this employment.
- All employees of Orbost Regional Health are required to recognise consumer rights and operate within the Charter of Human Rights.
- Ensure information relating to patients/clients/consumers and colleague's is kept private and confidential at all times in accordance with ORH policies and procedures.

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| <p>Communication and Teamwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participate in E2S Governance group meetings, staff forums and other meetings relevant to the role, and as required. Work in a cooperative and collaborative manner with all team members to foster a positive and supportive work environment and person-centred provision. Provide guidance and support to others within your work area to contribute to a valuable and constructive learning experience. |
| <p>Immunisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a condition of appointment that all employees comply with our immunisation requirements during employment. This position is classified as Category A. Yearly flu vaccinations are required for Category A and B. |
| <p>Diversity and Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support an inclusive environment where all individuals are treated fairly, with respect and receive the same opportunities. Recognise and respect diversity and inclusivity within the workplace. Everyone has the right to high quality health care and opportunities regardless of diversity factors which include cultural, ethnic, linguistic, religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic status. Inclusiveness improves our service to our community and promotes engagement amongst all Orbost Regional Health employees. Actively participate in developing cultural competence including an awareness and understanding of the diverse range of cultures and backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with a disability. |

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Orbost Regional Health is an equal opportunity employer. ORH Has adopted a common set of principles across the organisation and developed associated trademark values and behaviours. Selection will be based on assessing demonstrated alignment with the skills, qualifications, knowledge, behaviours and other personal qualities required to carry out the role effectively.

Essential Criteria:

1. Current Registration as a Nurse with AHPRA
2. An unrestricted driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle to attend weekly clinics at Bendoc.
3. Proven ability to work independently with minimal supervision and collaborate effectively with other healthcare providers
4. Experience conducting comprehensive assessments, developing complex care plans and ensuring the safe transfer of patients between healthcare service providers
5. Understanding of occupational health and safety issues relating to outreach nursing services, including infection control issues
6. Excellent communication and organisation skills.
7. Excellence maintaining accurate and concise progress notes and service statistics for program evaluation activities
8. Competency using Clinical Information Systems (e.g. Best Practice), telehealth care platforms and Microsoft Office programs such as Outlook, Word, Excel and Teams

Desirable Criteria:

- Understanding of health issues affecting isolated rural communities
- Experience establishing trusting relationships with marginalised community members.
- Experience using Best Practice Medical Software

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JOB DEMANDS CHECKLIST

Orbost Regional Health endeavours to provide a safe working environment for all staff. The table below describes the demands and risk factors associated with this job. Applicants must review this information to ensure they can comply with these requirements. Successful applicants will be required to sign the acknowledgement at the end of the position description to confirm their ability to perform the job demands of this position.

| Frequency definitions: | |
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| I = Infrequent | Activity may be required very infrequently |
| O = Occasional | Activity required occasionally, not necessarily on all shifts |
| F = Frequent | Activity required most shifts, up to 50% of the time |
| C = Constant | Activity that exists for the majority of each shift and may involve repetitive movements for prolonged periods |
| NA = Not Applicable | Activity not performed |

| Aspects of Normal Workplace | | Frequency | | | | |
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| Demands | Description | I | O | F | C | NA |
| Physical Demands | | | | | | |
| Sitting | Remain seated to perform tasks | | | x | | |
| Standing | Remain standing to perform tasks | | | x | | |
| Walking | Periods of walking required to perform tasks | | | x | | |
| Bending | Forward bending from waist to perform tasks | | x | | | |
| Kneeling | Remaining in a kneeling position to perform tasks | | x | | | |
| Lifting / Carrying | Light lifting and carrying | | x | | | |
| | Moderate lifting and carrying | | x | | | |
| | Assisting lifting (mechanical, equipment, person assist) | | x | | | |
| Climbing, working at heights | Ascending and descending ladders, stools, scaffolding | x | | | | |
| Pushing / Pulling | Moving objects e.g. trolleys, beds, wheelchairs, floor cleaning equipment | | x | | | |
| Reaching | Arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder | | x | | | |
| Crouching | Adopting a crouching posture to perform tasks | | x | | | |
| Foot Movement | Use of leg and/or foot to operate machinery | x | | | | |
| Head Postures | Holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forwards) | | x | | | |
| Fingers / Hand / Arm movement | Repetitive movements of fingers, hands and arms e.g. computer keyboarding | | x | | | |
| Grasping / Fine Manipulation | Gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands | | x | | | |
| Driving | Operating a motor powered vehicle e.g. use of hospital cars, deliveries, visiting clients, ride on mower, bus, etc | | x | | | |
| Psychosocial Demands | | | | | | |
| Distressed People | Highly emotional people crying, upset, unhappy, distressed. E.g. Crisis or grief situations | | x | | | |

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| Aggressive / Unpredictable People | Raised voices, yelling, swearing, arguing e.g. Drug/alcohol, dementia, mental illness | | x | | | |
| Exposure to distressing situations | E.g. child abuse, delivering bad news, viewing extreme injuries, viewing deceased | | x | | | |
| Environmental Demands | | | | | | |
| Gases | Working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures | | | | | x |
| Liquids | Working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | | x | | | |
| Noise | Environmental / background noise necessitates people raising their voice to be heard | | x | | | |
| Biological Hazards | E.g. exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases requiring PPE | | x | | | |
| Cytotoxic Materials | Handling and/or preparation of cytotoxic materials | | x | | | |
| Radiation | Working with radiologic equipment | x | | | | |

AUTHORISATION

I confirm that I have read and understood this position description and believe that I am able to carry out the requirements of this role safely and effectively and that the conditions and requirements therein form part of my contract of employment.

Employee signature

Employee name (printed)

Date

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