



POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE	Youth Residential Support Worker
PROGRAM	Hope Street in Whittlesea Support for Young People That Really Counts (SFYPTRC)
REPORTS TO	Program Manager (North East)
LOCATION	This position is based in Whittlesea (Thomastown). From time to time the incumbent may be requested to work from, or to be based at, other Hope Street sites.
DAYS & HOURS	Part Time: Friday – Sunday (Hours by agreement)
CLASSIFICATION	Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services (SCHCADS) Award 2010 – Level 3 Access to NFP tax concessions specifically salary packaging scheme offering up to \$18,550 of our salary tax free.
OVER AWARD CONDITIONS	Personal Carers leave – 12 days in first year of service and 14 days per year thereafter

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

Hope Street Youth and Family Services Limited ("Hope Street") based in the Northern and Western regions of Melbourne, is one of the longest established specialist youth homelessness services in Victoria delivering a broad range of support services to young people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

With 45 years' experience in delivering responsive services to young people in local communities, Hope Street provides both strategically targeted and holistic programs for young people aged 16 – 25 years old, including young families. These programs incorporate the following:

- Short term supported crisis accommodation
- Assertive outreach support
- Youth reconciliation involving counselling and support for young people and families
- Advocacy, resource and referral services
- Supported transitional housing

Hope Street is a not-for-profit organisation whose vision is a society in which all young people and young families have a safe place to call home. Our purpose is to influence change to end youth homelessness and empower young people and young families to reach their full potential. Our values are Fairness, Collaboration, Social Justice, Integrity, Diversity and Hope.

Hope Street has a zero tolerance to all forms of violence, including child abuse, and is committed to creating safe communities which focus on the best interests of children and young people. The organisation promotes the safety and empowerment of all children and young people acknowledging both their individual diversity and cultural heritage.

Visit our website www.hopest.org for more information.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Hope Street in Whittlesea program is a State Government initiative developed from the Youth Homelessness Action Plan Stage 2 - Creating Connections* and released as Support for Young People That Really Counts (SFYPTRC). This is a key government strategy for responding to youth homelessness utilising a housing and support model based on the Victorian Step Forward approach.

The program's target group is young people with connections to the local government areas of Whittlesea who are either currently engaged or ready to engage in employment, education and training and the



activities of the program. The program aims to proactively assist young people to develop their skills and abilities to live interdependently in their local community including enjoying meaningful and sustainable relationships. Young people may live in the units and participate in the program for the length of their tenancy prior to moving into interdependent living in their community. Outreach support is available after exiting the units.

Hope Street in Whittlesea program is located in Thomastown; comprising of 5 single bedroom units for individual young people and 2 two-bedroom units for young families and Preston; 4 two-bedroom units for young families. The program operates from Thomastown on the same site which has been refurbished to provide office and workshop space.

With the leadership, support and direction of the Program Manager, Team Leader Hope Street In Whittlesea & Melton, the two case managers and two residential support (weekend) workers are responsible for the delivery of services to young people and the community in accordance with the model.

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The purpose of this position is to provide a range of support to young people and families to strengthen their participation in the 'Living Skills' program, group work sessions and activities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Residential Support

Ensure that all activities of client service delivery are met in accordance with standards, policies, procedures and practice manuals. Activities such as:

- At all times interact with and support young people in accordance with the values and philosophy of Hope Street.
- Provide client-centered support and assist with day-to-day living skills, connections with the community, cultural support, personal and social development, employment education and training.
- Assist in following actions per their case management plans including housing, budgeting, education and training, health and wellbeing and general living skills and recreational activities.
- Complete daily client file notes and store in accordance with policy and procedure.
- Maintain a harmonious, safe and secure environment at all times.
- Perform the duties of the day-to-day operation of the program including household tasks such as food orders/shopping, cleaning, cooking and tidying.
- Uphold young people's rights and responsibilities as developed by Hope Street including the delivery of the tenancy and support component.
- Manage the implementation, monitoring and reporting of compliance requirements such as Risk Management and OHS policies.
- Contribute to the ongoing strengthening of collaborative, productive and harmonious team relations.
- Perform shift coverage including sleepovers, in the Youth Residential Program when no other staff are available.
- Maintain a safe and secure environment for young people, staff and visitors.

Administration & Reporting

- Contribute to statistical records and data files within an effective case management framework and principles.
- Administrative duties to ensure maintenance of day-to-day operations.
- Contribute to internal administration and reporting as required.
- Undertake other duties from time to time as negotiated with the Manager.

General

- Adhere to Hope Streets values of Fairness, Collaboration, Social Justice, Integrity, Diversity and Hope.



- Adhere to the Child Safe Standards and Hope Street Code of Conduct
- Comply with organizational policies and procedures as updated from time to time.
- Always maintain a safe environment.
- Undertake a police check prior to commencement and every three years thereafter and inform Hope Street immediately of any convictions.
- Maintain an up to date Working with Children Check.
- Actively participate in supervision and performance review procedures.
- Contribute to a positive organisational culture.
- Actively work individually and collectively to achieve a service and work environment where equality of opportunity, access and inclusion are fostered.
- Undertake other duties as requested.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Minimum Bachelor Degree qualification in Social Work, Human services, Community studies or other welfare related qualifications.
2. Demonstrated experience in working with young people who are disadvantaged and/or have experienced or are at risk of homelessness.
3. Understanding the requirements in delivering services that manage client: risk factors, protective factors, support and developmental needs.
4. Demonstrated knowledge of youth focused practice frameworks such as strength based or trauma informed practice.
5. Excellent written and verbal communication skills including professional record keeping, active listening, negotiation, promoting respectful and solution focused outcomes.
6. Demonstrated ability to collaborate, listen, motivate and support young people to enable change and engagement in the service and within their life.
7. Experience in managing the household duties required for the residents such cooking, cleaning, laundry, utilising an experiential learning approach.
8. Competency in using Microsoft applications and Case Management Software (SHIP/SRS) and the capacity to write effectively and maintain appropriate case notes, records and files.
9. Current drivers' licence (desirable)

Employee Name _____

Manager Name _____

Employee Signature _____

Manager Signature _____

Date _____

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