



# Job Description Form



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**Position Title**

**Position number: 614956**

**Consultant Psychiatrist**

## Regional Profile

The Great Southern is situated on Western Australia's south coast and covers 39,007 square kilometres. The region is known for its award winning beaches, wineries, hiking, restaurants and local produce. Albany is the regional centre, located 450km south of Perth, with a population of just over 30 000 people with a thriving arts and sporting scene and a university campus. The Albany Health Campus is the regional hospital and has 16 inpatient mental health beds, on site surgeons, geriatricians, physicians and obstetricians. Specialists have regular public and private visiting clinics. The one main health facility is widely supported by a network of smaller Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) sites at Bremer Bay, Denmark, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Katanning, Kojoonup, Plantagenet, Ravensthorpe and Tambellup.

## About the WA Country Health Service

### Our Strategic Priorities



### Our Values

#### Community

We live and work in country communities. We are invested in the health, wellness and viability of country communities and the vibrancy, diversity and future of country WA.

#### Compassion

We are inclusive, respectful, and considerate. We care deeply about the people in our care and country communities.

#### Quality

We provide safe, high-quality care, constantly striving to innovate, improve and achieve trust in our care.

#### Integrity

We bring honesty, collaboration and professionalism to everything that we do.

#### Equity

We are passionate about fairness in healthcare for all Western Australians, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities.

#### Curiosity

We continually enquire and seek to understand, using the best evidence, insight and research to improve care.

### Our Vision

To be a global leader in rural and remote healthcare.

### Our Mission

To deliver and advance high quality care for country WA communities.

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## Directorate overview

There is a well established Older Adult mental health team including a training registrar, nursing and allied health staff. The team is based in Albany, but provides outreach services across the region and has a regular visiting clinic in the town of Katanning. The psychiatrist also works with the local geriatrics team to run the local Memory Clinic. The Older Adult Team has been successful in obtaining funding for projects novel in West Australian Country Health, including the sexuality in dementia project and the ongoing role of a dementia navigator. The team and the service welcomes ideas for service improvement or research which can benefit clinicians and patients. The service also has well established links with the local Rural Clinical School and Universities for research and teaching opportunities.

The Older Adult team is co-located with the other local mental health service, including a 16 bed adult inpatient unit and adult and child Community Mental Health Services. There are currently a total of five consultant psychiatrists and seven training registrars, one resident medical officer and two interns providing the medical needs for patients and providing a strong local and supportive peer group.

Our strategies are located at [www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au)

## Position Details

Position Number:	614956	Registration Date:	28 June 2024
Classification:	MP Year 1-9	Location:	Albany
Award / Agreement:	Medical Practitioners Agreement		
Organisational Context:	Great Southern Mental Health Service - Lower Great Southern		

## Position Overview

Responsible for the provision of clinical assessment and psychiatric treatment for Older Adult consumers in the Great Southern catchment population.

## Reporting Relationships

<b>Responsible to:</b>		←	<b>Other positions reporting to this position:</b>	
007756	Director of Psychiatry MP Year 1-9		005544	Director Clinical Services Mntl Hlth MP Yr 1-5
↑			008028	Trainee Psychiatrist MP Yr 1-7
<b>This position:</b>			008077	Consultant Psychiatrist MP Yr 1-9
614956	Consultant Psychiatrist MP Year 1-9		614291	Consultant Psychiatrist MP Yr 1-9
↑			614975	Senior Medical Practitioner MP Yr 1-3
<b>Positions under direct supervision:</b>			615443	Consultant Psychiatrist MP Yr 1-9
	Nil		615578	Trainee Psychiatrist MP Yr 1-7

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## Key Duties/Responsibilities

### 1. PROFESSIONAL/CLINICAL

- 1.1. Provides psychiatric care and general treatment for Older Adult patients of the Great Southern Mental Health Service.
- 1.2. Provides supervision for community care including community treatment orders.
- 1.3. Participates in an on-call roster.
- 1.4. Supervises trainee psychiatrists and medical officers and participates in the teaching of other health professionals.
- 1.5. Travels within the Great Southern region as required.
- 1.6. Liaises and confers regularly with general practitioners, other health care professionals and agencies on clinical matters and treatment programs.
- 1.7. Attends to statutory requirements under the Mental Health Act 2014 concerning the assessment, admission, detention and discharge of patients.

### 2. ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1. Maintains clinical records, PSOLIS and NOCC records and provides clinical letters as required.

### 3. RESEARCH/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1. Initiates and participates in research projects which are relevant to the operation of the Great Southern Mental Health Service and will contribute to positive consumer outcomes locally.
- 3.2. Participates in professional development activities which are relevant to the operation of the Great Southern Mental Health Service and will contribute to positive consumer outcomes locally.

### 4. OTHER

- 4.1. Carries out other duties as requested.
- 4.2. Maintains good public relations with patients, relatives, media, and non-government services including General Practitioners.
- 4.3. Demonstrates a capacity to manage diversity in the workplace.

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## Work Related Requirements

The following criteria are to be read together with the Brief Summary of Duties and considered in the context of the WACHS Values.

### Essential

1. Eligible for registration by the Medical Board of Australia
2. Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists or approved equivalent
3. Extensive clinical experience in older adult mental health
4. Knowledge of/and experience in biological and psychotherapeutic interventions
5. Effective communication (oral and written) and interpersonal skills with a multidisciplinary interest
6. Demonstrated analytical ability
7. Highly developed report writing and policy formulation skills
8. Ability to manage people, including leadership and motivation skills
9. Demonstrated computer skills to enable management of medical and patient records, navigation of online policy access, internal communication and completing online learning resources
10. Eligible for / or in possession of a current C or C-A Class drivers licence

### Desirable

1. Knowledge of the Western Australian Mental Health Act 2014 and other related legislation
2. Experience working in community based mental health services
3. Experience training postgraduates and clinical supervisory skills
4. Current knowledge and commitment to Equal Opportunity, Disability Services and Occupational Safety and Health in all aspects of employment and service delivery

## Appointment Pre-requisites

Appointment is subject to:

- Evidence of registration by the Medical Board of Australia must be provided prior to commencement
- Provision of the minimum identity proofing requirements
- Successful Criminal Record Screening Clearance
- Successful Pre-Employment Health Assessment
- Successful WA Health Integrity Check
- Successful Working With Children Check
- Completion of training for Mandatory Reporting Of Child Sexual Abuse
- Evidence of a current C or C-A Class driver's licence

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