

Position Description

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Home Care Worker

The Organisation

LiveBetter Community Services is an organisation formed through an amalgamation of several like-minded, regionally based community service organisations that recognised the need for specialist service provision for the people of regional Australia.

Delivering a range of disability, aged, carer, child & family, mental health and clinical services, LiveBetter takes a holistic approach to working with customers, seeking to meet their needs and preferences. We also assist community members with information, linking and referrals.

The major organisations that merged to form LiveBetter are CareWest [Central West, Orana, Far West, Northern and Riverina Murray regions of NSW], Excelcare [Central Queensland], Age Concern [Albury NSW], Family Link [Wagga Wagga NSW], There4U [Central Queensland], Home and Community Care services [Broken Hill] and Translinc [Central West NSW]. Several other organisations had previously amalgamated with CareWest over the past ten years.

LiveBetter and its antecedent organisations have undergone a period of significant growth, with continuing growth in staff numbers, service capacity and diversity and in geographic spread. To support this growth, LiveBetter invests heavily in corporate infrastructure and management systems as well as staff training and development.

LiveBetter's annual revenue is in excess of \$100 million. 80% of revenue comes directly from Commonwealth and State Government funding, with service user contributions and revenue from commercial activities making up the balance.

LiveBetter has around 1,700 staff and 300 volunteers operating homes, day centres, respite cottages, offices and community hubs across Central Queensland and regional NSW.

LiveBetter is positioned as one of the largest regionally-based providers of community services in eastern Australia. LiveBetter remains focused on ensuring programs and services are provided by local staff and tailored to the individual needs of local people and communities.

Our Purpose: Enabling people in regional Australia to live their best lives

Our Values

LiveBetter's Values guide the way we conduct ourselves. This includes how we interact with our clients, community and business partners and how we treat each other. LiveBetter's Values are:

- **Integrity:** We live out our values, are honest and ethical in all our dealings and are accountable for our actions.
- **Respect:** We value the individual. We recognise the rights and choices of the client, employees and the community. We encourage teamwork and support diversity within the team.
- **Cooperation:** We strive to identify and create value from partnerships and alliances with other organisations, agencies, businesses, communities and within our own organisation.
- **Empowerment:** We believe that individuals and communities should be encouraged and supported to realise their full potential.
- **Excellence:** We strive for excellence and best practice in all that we do as individuals, teams and as an organisation.

The Position

Position title:	Home Care Worker
Location:	Cowra
Job Type:	Casual
Reports to:	Community Care Coordinator
Direct reports:	Nil

Service Description

Aged and Community Services (ACS) team provide support to the frail aged, people with disabilities and mental health conditions, people with dementia and their carers. Programs currently delivered include Home Care Packages, ComPacks, Commonwealth Home Support Program, Community Options, Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre, Transitional Aged Care Packages, and Dementia Respite services. The ACS team have offices in Orange, Condobolin, Broken Hill, Albury, Griffith, Bathurst and Wagga Wagga. Home Care Workers perform a vital role in supporting the ACS teams to deliver services to our customers in a professional and caring manner.

Key Position Responsibilities

The Home Care Worker works within a team providing services to Community Care customers. The role assists customers to maintain their independence in a community setting and provides ongoing domestic, personal and social support to people living in the community.

Home Care Workers are required to undertake personal care services with Community Care customers. They are also required to undertake and pass LiveBetter Clinical Care Core Competencies training and other mandatory training.

The Home Care Worker is primarily responsible for:

- Providing domestic assistance, personal care, respite, transport, social and emotional support to people living in the community. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Assisting customers with their personal care needs – this may include toileting, bathing, showering, oral hygiene and other personal hygiene needs.
 - Assisting customers with cooking, food preparation and meal planning.
 - Performing domestic duties such as (but not limited to) vacuuming, laundry, general cleaning, dusting, washing dishes, cleaning windows, cleaning carpets, making beds, basic home and garden maintenance.
 - Transport to medical appointments, social engagements, shopping (including assisting with shopping) and other outings as required.
- Supporting carers of people who are frail aged including people with dementia and assisting them to maintain their caring relationship.
- Delivery of services that promote the dignity, independence and empowerment of customers.
- Adhering to the documented and approved Care Plans.
- Monitoring any changes in customer needs and reporting them to the Community Care Coordinator or Team Leader.
- Immediately reporting any changes in customer conditions or incidents to the Community Care Coordinator or Team Leader.
- Respecting the privacy and confidentiality of customers in accordance with privacy legislation and LiveBetter Policies and Procedures, during and beyond the period of employment.
- Maintaining up to date accurate Customer progress notes in line with LiveBetter requirements.

Risk

All staff must be aware of operational and business risks. They should:

- Provide input into various risk management activities assist in identifying risks and controls.
- Report all emerging risks, issues and incidents to their manager or appropriate officer.

Person Specification

Background and Experience

Essential

- Current Australian Drivers Licence.
- Willingness to undertake personal care services with customers.
- Willingness to undertake and ability to pass LiveBetter Clinical Care Core Competencies training and other mandatory training.
- Availability of a fully registered and comprehensively insured vehicle.
- A caring and compassionate approach with the ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment as well as independently, whilst enjoying a degree of responsibility in your position.
- Ability to be flexible in work hours and approach to meet the needs of our customers.
- Experience in the use of technology such as smart phones and computer programs.

Desirable

- Previous experience in a similar role.
- Certificate III in Aged Care or Certificate III in Individual Support or equivalent.

Other requirements

1. Pass a National Criminals History Check and a pre-employment medical assessment (including drug and alcohol screening)
2. Advise LiveBetter in writing of any conditions which may impact ability to carry out the responsibilities required of the role
3. Ability to be flexible with work hours to meet reasonable demands of the position

Remuneration

As determined by the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010. Salary packaging opportunities are available.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received my Position Description and understand what my duties and responsibilities are:

Employee Name:		Date:	
Signature:			