

Peer Cadet Program Overview

What is the Peer Cadet Program?

The Lived Experience Peer Cadet Program was created in response to the Royal Commission's recommendation to increase the number of entry points into the lived/living experience workforce (LLEW) and provide a supportive and structured environment for learning. The program offers an opportunity for people with lived/living experience to enter paid employment while undertaking Certificate IV Mental Health Peer Work within a participating community mental health organisation.

What does the Peer Cadet Program entail?

The Lived Experience Peer Cadet Program is an employment opportunity for people with lived experience undertaking the Cert IV in Mental Health Peer Work, to enter paid employment across participating Victorian non-government community mental health services.

The program offers a paid part time cadetship over 8 -12 months (Dependant on organisation)

Peer Cadets will develop knowledge, skills, and confidence in a structured and supported environment. Throughout their employment cadets will receive supervision, training, and reflective practice opportunities that are discipline specific.

Organisations Involved Program Descriptions

Organisation: Neami National

Length of Cadetship: 8-months - 2.5 days per week

Location of offices: Broadmeadows, Boronia, Glen Waverly, Fairfield, Whittlesea, Heidelberg and Geelong

Organisation: MIND

Cadetship Length: 9-months - 2 days per week

Site Locations: Deer Park, Heidelberg, Mooroopna, Greensborough

Organisation: Wellways

Cadetship Length: 12-months – 2 days per week

Site Locations: Travancore and other's TBC

Organisation: EACH

Cadetship Length: 12 months – 2 days per week

Site Locations: Ferntree Gully, Narre Warren, Box Hill, Boronia and Dandenong (TBC)

Organisation: BCHC

Cadetship Length: 12 months – 2 days per week

Site Locations: Lucas, Coinda (Wendouree), Ballarat and Sebastopol.

Organisation: Eating Disorders Victoria

Cadetship Length: 12 months – 2 days per week

Site Locations: Abbotsford

Extra eligibility Requirement EDV:

For consumers: This position requires consumers to be recovered (**min 2 years**)

For carers: Must have supported someone who has recovered (**min 2 years**)

Organisation: ERMHA

Cadetship length: 12 months – 2 days per week

Site Locations: Barwon/Geelong and South East Melbourne

Organisation: Cohealth

Cadetship Length: 8 months – 3 days per week

Site Locations: Footscray, Sunshine, Werribee, Melton, Kensington, Reservoir and St Albans

Organisation: Uniting

Cadetship Length: 12 months – 2 days per week

Site Locations: TBC

Note: Application for Peer cadetship does not guarantee cadetship

Note: Completion of Peer Cadetship does not guarantee continued employment with organisations