



## Job Advertisement: Graduate Occupational Therapist

<b>Position Title</b>	Graduate Occupational Therapist
<b>Employment Status</b>	Full-time preferred.
<b>Supervisor</b>	Supervision can be internal or external depending on applicant's requirements. The supervision will be in line with the requirements of Occupational Therapy Australia & AHPRA.
<b>Location</b>	Our office is in Marshalltown Road Grovedale, with services provided at the location best suited for our participants.
<b>Start Date</b>	January 2024

### Business Description

Barwon Occupational Therapy was founded in 2015 by Director Anna Treloar-Tanner to meet a gap in the provision of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funded therapeutic services for adults living with chronic psychosocial and behavioral conditions. Since 2015, our service has evolved and we now offer multidisciplinary services to youth and adults with both psychosocial and physical conditions across the Greater Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula, Surfcoast Shire, Colac Otway and Golden Plains Shire regions.

We exist to help make a positive impact in the lives of our participants. We do this by working with the individual, and the important people in their life, to find workable, participant-focused solutions that assist the individual to overcome barriers associated with their condition. Our aim is to help our participants live more independent lives, improve their overall health and wellbeing, and better manage day-to-day with physical or mental illnesses, emotional difficulties, or behaviours of concern where applicable. We are here to make a difference.

Our office has multiple consultation rooms, a large training room, a sensory gym, and a kitchen designed for use in participant assessments. There is ample on-site parking, and staff benefit from full-time administration and IT support. The service aims to keep a friendly, collegial atmosphere while providing high quality services to participants.

### Position summary

With a focus on achieving participant goals, the Graduate Occupational Therapist will be responsible for the provision of holistic participant-focused services through comprehensive and integrated assessment, planning, intervention and service evaluation. The successful applicant will work with a variety of people with psychosocial and/or physical conditions, with consideration to their clinical experience and areas of interest.

The Graduate Occupational Therapist will be mentored by a senior occupational therapist, who will be matched based on the successful applicant's learning and development needs. The successful applicant will receive regular professional supervision, and operational line management, as well as participate in team development days and have access to a CPD budget for external learning opportunities.

### Qualifications

The candidate must hold a recognised qualification within occupational therapy profession and be registered or eligible for registration with AHPRA.



## Position requirements

- Good interpersonal skills, and a high level of verbal and written communication skills.
- Eligible to obtain necessary clearances prior to commencement of employment, including NDIS worker screening check & police check.
- The ability and willingness to travel within the greater Geelong area.
- Own vehicle and current driver's license.
- Ability to work independently, as well as being part of a multidisciplinary team and working with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Effective collaboration and team membership to support implementation of strategies and plans.
- A commitment to evidence-based assessment and intervention approaches.

## Position Responsibilities and Accountabilities

- Provide therapeutic sessions for referred clients using evidence-based interventions.
- Understanding of models of occupation and their application to the physical and psychosocial function of people across the lifespan.
- Ability to identify and conduct occupational therapy-specific and other relevant assessments in a professional and timely manner. Assessments may relate to, but are not confined to, physical function, home-based safety assessments, mental health assessments, sensory modulation, and paediatric functional assessments.
- Ability to interpret and evaluate assessment outcomes and develop meaningful interventions that are specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely.
- Consult and liaise with participants, and the important people in their life, in a sensitive, inclusive, and professional manner, whilst at all times upholding the rights of participants to safety, privacy, confidentiality and autonomy.
- Ability to actively collaborate with all team members, as well as active participation in team activities and a team approach to practice.
- To demonstrate clear and effective verbal and written reporting and interpersonal skills.
- Maintain an independent case load suitable to a graduate occupational therapist.
- Liaise with other professions to ensure a multidisciplinary approach to participant care.
- Maintain confidentiality of both participants and Barwon Occupational Therapy intellectual property.
- Maintain a commitment to continuous improvement and quality service.

## Key relationships

The Graduate Occupational Therapist will:

- Report to the Allied Health Team Leader for day-to-day support, and when relevant to the Director.
- Work under supervision in accordance with Occupational Therapy Australia & AHPRA requirements.
- Work within a multi-disciplinary framework, in collaboration with other health professionals, service providers, and stakeholders across government and non-government departments.
- Work collaboratively with other members of the occupational therapy team & profession.

## For more information

Contact the Allied Health Team Leader – Nicole Burgess on [n.burgess@barwonoccupationaltherapy.com](mailto:n.burgess@barwonoccupationaltherapy.com) or 5200 2684  
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