



**Swan Hill
District Health**
Connected Care. Best Experience.



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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Part-time – 32 hours fortnight

A parttime position is available for an **Occupational Health and Safety Officer** to join our enthusiastic team of Health Professionals in the People & Culture Department at Swan Hill District Health.

The Position

The Occupational Health & Safety Officer is responsible for supporting the effective day-to-day delivery, administration, and continuous improvement of the organisation's health and safety programs, systems, and processes. Working closely with the OH&S Manager, the role provides high-level administrative and operational support to ensure compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017, and relevant safety management standards.

The position assists in maintaining the Occupational Health & Safety Risk Management System and Emergency Preparedness System, ensuring organisational policies, procedures, records, and reporting requirements are current and compliant. The OH&S Officer contributes to hazard identification, risk management, incident reporting, safety monitoring, and staff support initiatives that promote a safe and healthy workplace. The role also supports compliance with Department of Health emergency management requirements for Victorian health services and contributes to building a positive safety culture through collaboration, education, communication, and continuous improvement activities across the organisation.

You Bring

- Completion of at least a Certificate IV or Diploma in Work Health and Safety, Business Administration, or a related discipline, or an equivalent qualification relevant to the field of practice.
- Strong organisational and administrative skills, with the ability to maintain accurate records, manage multiple priorities, prepare reports, and coordinate occupational health and safety activities in a timely and systematic manner.
- Demonstrated knowledge of workplace health and safety principles, legislation, and risk management practices, with the ability to provide routine safety advice, support compliance activities, and contribute to continuous improvement initiatives.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills, enabling you to build positive working relationships with employees, managers, Health and Safety Representatives, contractors, and external stakeholders.
- A collaborative and proactive approach, with the ability to work independently, exercise sound judgement within defined procedures, and contribute to a positive safety culture that aligns with SHDH's values of Connected Care and Best Experience.
- Commitment to confidentiality, professionalism, and continuous learning, including a willingness to undertake further OH&S training and development opportunities.

Mandatory requirements

- Current National Police Check, or will to obtain.
- Working with Children's Check, or will to obtain.
- NDIS worker screening check, or will to obtain.
- Evidence of immunisation records/history as part of the Health Services Act 1988, 2020 Amendment (Mandatory Vaccination of Healthcare Workers).

About Swan Hill: Swan Hill is situated in North-West Victoria. Located on the beautiful banks of the Murray River with multiple tourist attractions and community events in the surrounding region.

About Swan Hill District Health: Swan Hill District Health is a 143 bed (including Aged Care), fully integrated rural public health facility servicing a greater community of around 35,000 people. At Swan Hill District Health (SHDH), our vision is to provide connected care, best experience for our community.

SHDH is a compassionate, family friendly employer where every employee is a valued team member. Whilst encouraging and supporting work/life balance, SHDH also provides:

- ®A dynamic workplace
- ®Discounted Corporate gym memberships
- ®Salary Sacrifice/Packaging
- ®Professional Development opportunities
- ®Employee Assistance Program

Attract Connect Stay; our community are excited to see you and your family arrive. Let us help you connect; schools, partner employment, clubs, housing and the things that matter to you when building your new life.

To apply for this position please email your Cover letter responding to the Key Selection Criteria, up-to-date CV and a completed application for employment form, to employment@shdh.org.au.

You will find the position description and application form on our website – [Vacant positions](#)

Swan Hill District Health is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with disability. If you require any reasonable adjustments to the recruitment process or the role, please let us know by contacting employment@shdh.org.au

Applications close: 29th October 2026

Swan Hill District Health reserve the right to interview and appoint candidates prior to this date.



Position:	Occupational Health and Safety Officer
Classification:	Managers & Administrative Worker - Grade 42 (HS2)
EBA/Award	Health and Allied Services, Managers and Administrative Workers EBA 2021 2025
Department:	People and Culture
Location:	Swan Hill District Health Main Campus – 48 Splatt Street, SWAN HILL VIC 3585
Reports to:	Occupational Health and Safety Manager
Direct Reports:	Nil
Immunisation Risk Category:	Category C: Position within a non-clinical setting.
Position Summary:	Effective and efficient day to day completion of duties to comply with the following: - The SHDH Occupational Health & Safety Program that ensures compliance to the OH&S Act 2004, The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 and ASNZS 45001 2008. - The Occupational Health and Safety Risk Management System. - The Emergency Preparedness System to support compliance with the relevant Department of Health guidelines for Victorian health services. - The OH&S Officer will provide a high level of administrative support to the OH&S Coordinator and will assist by ensuring systems are maintained to meet compliance with the various health and safety legislation and regulations.
Responsibilities:	This position's key responsibilities are: - Maintain OH&S data, information and records in accordance with SHDH policies, procedures and legislative requirements, undertaking routine data collection and entry as required. - Maintain OH&S dashboards, and prepare monthly OH&S reports for management and relevant committees, collating month-end data from multiple sources for review by the OHS Manager. - Coordinate and run the fit-testing program as a defined activity-managing the schedule, applying technical judgement within respiratory guidelines and SHDH policy, and ensuring timely employee communication regarding test dates, locations and results. - Supervise adherence to the Area Safety Inspection schedule as a defined activity, report any non-compliances to OHS Manager. - Establish and maintain appropriate work patterns, procedures and forms for the OHS activities within scope, ensuring current policy and procedures are understood and adhered to.

	• Contribute to the review and updating of the OH&S & Emergency Procedures, in accordance with organisational policy and legislative requirements. • Provide routine OH&S advice and guidance to staff, HSRs and managers as one of the sources of OH&S support, referring complex or higher-risk matters to the OH&S Manager. • Support HSRs, managers and employees to access OH&S documents and information. • Assist in OH&S incident review and undertake evaluation and assessment of identified hazards / near misses with the view to eliminate potential / further risk in consultation with HSR's and managers. • Liaise with Workcover, return to work stakeholders and other external agencies in relation to routine transactions. • Assist in the development, delivery and review of OH&S training and competences requirements.
Key Selection Criteria	1. Selection will be based on personal qualities, knowledge and skills required to achieve the objectives this position. 2. A certificate or Diploma-level qualification in work health and safety, administration or related field. 3. Demonstrated technical or administrative capability sufficient to lead one or more defined OH&S activities within established procedures. 4. The ability to work within a team, take direction and manage time effectively whilst prioritising work in a systematic, accurate and timely manner. 5. Excellent communication and persuasive skills, with the ability to obtain cooperation and convey technical or administrative information clearly. 6. A thorough understanding and respect for privacy and confidentiality. 7. Ability to work with minimal supervision, show initiative and technical judgement within a defined scope. 8. Experience in Microsoft Office programs and the ability to learn new software programs. 9. Demonstrated experience in the delivery requirements to ensure compliance with OHS/WHS legislation, standards, directives, policies and procedures. 10. A desire to undertake further OHS training when available. Highly Desirable: • Previous work experience/ exposure to OHS/WHS delivery requirements. • Return to Work Coordinator certificate. Mandatory Requirements • Current National Police Record Check • Current "Working with Children Permit" • Evidence of immunisation records/history as part of the Health Services Act 1988, 2020 Amendment (Mandatory Vaccination of Healthcare Workers), through either documentation or copy of

	serology report. It is required that there is immunization for all vaccine preventable illnesses.
First Nations:	Swan Hill District Health would like to acknowledge First Nations communities of Wamba Wamba, Wadi Wadi, Barapa Barapa, Latji Latji and the Tatti Tatti people on whose land, we work and live. We pay respect to all Elders past and present and honour their connection to the land and water.
Continuous Quality Improvement:	- Each staff member is expected to demonstrate a commitment to best practice. - All staff shall take responsibility for their own practice and share responsibility for creating and maintaining a system that provides safe, high quality health care. - All staff will participate in quality improvement activities aimed at improving patient outcomes and maintaining accreditation standards. - It is the responsibility of every staff member to be familiar with Health Service-wide and specific Department Policies & Protocols.
Person Centred Care:	The Health Service supports in its values the philosophy of Person Centered Care to ensure all people, including health service providers, clients, their carers and family members are respectfully cared for and encouraged to participate in the provision of quality health care. Recognise diversity is part of every person & as such providers of health care must be actively involved in developing models of care that are person centred.
Child Safety:	All children have the right to feel and be safe. Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. SHDH is committed to providing a child safe environment where children are safe and feel safe, and where their voices are heard about the decisions that affect them. SHDH have zero tolerance to child abuse. Each employee has a responsibility to adhere to this requirement. Any breach of this standard will result in disciplinary action.
Our Purpose:	Connected Care / Best Experience SHDH commits to meet the growing health care needs of our community through our new vision to provide better connected care and to achieve the best care experience.
Privacy and Confidentiality:	SHDH are committed to protecting patient and staff privacy and confidentiality, as it is an important aspect of our commitment to providing high quality services. In accordance to both the Health Records Act and the Information Privacy Act, information should only be used and disclosed for the primary purpose of its collection. Each employee has a responsibility to adhere to SHDH's Privacy and Confidentiality Policy, as it is a condition of employment. Any breach of the rules of privacy and/or confidentiality relating to health service business, patients or medical records will result in disciplinary action.
Mandatory Training:	All employees must be aware of and complete designated mandatory training within the required time frame.

Safety:	RESPONSIBILITIES: It is the responsibility of every staff member to: • Take reasonable care for their safety and the safety of others while at work. • Report accidents, incidents and potential hazards as soon as reasonably practicable to their supervisor and record on VHIMS reporting system. • Advise their supervisor if they have an injury or illness that may affect their ability to perform the inherent requirements of their position. • Be familiar with emergency and evacuation procedures as detailed in the Emergency Procedures Manual. • Complete all Mandatory training requirements as identified and directed. • Comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and all SHDH O.H.& S. online Policies and Procedures.
Asset Management:	Staff with asset management responsibilities are required to adhere to the Asset Management Policy and Protocols.
Review:	Completion of My Work Plan on a yearly basis.

Job Demands List		
Swan Hill District Health endeavours to provide a safe working environment for all staff. The purpose of this section is to ensure that you fully understand and are able to perform the inherent requirements of the role (with reasonable adjustments if required) and that you are not placed in an environment or given tasks that would result in risks to your safety or others.		
Frequency Functions		
I	= Infrequent	Activity may be required very infrequently
O	= Occasional	Activity required occasionally, not necessarily all shifts
F	= Frequent	Activity required most shifts, up to 50% of the time
C	= Constant	Activity that exists for the majority of each shift and may involve repetitive movements for prolonged periods
N/A	= Not Applicable	Activity not performed

Aspects of Normal Workplace		Frequency				
Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	N/A
Physical Demands						
Sitting	Remain seated to perform tasks				x	
Standing	Remain standing to perform tasks		x			

Walking	Periods of walking required to perform tasks			x		
Bending	Forward bending from waist to perform tasks		x			
Kneeling	Remaining in a kneeling position to perform tasks					x
Lifting/Carrying	Light lifting and carrying		x			
	Moderate lifting and carrying	x				
	Assisted lifting (mechanical, equipment, person assist)	x				
Working at heights	Ascending and descending ladders, stools, scaffolding					x
Pushing/Pulling	Moving objects, e.g., Trolleys, beds, wheelchairs and floor cleaning equipment	x				
Reaching	Arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder	x				
Crouching	Adopting a crouching posture to perform tasks					x
Foot Movement	Use of leg and/or foot to operate machinery					x
Head Postures	Holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forward)	x				
Fingers/Hand/Arm movement	Repetitive movement of fingers, hands and arms e.g. computer keyboarding				x	
Grasping/Fine Manipulation	Gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands			x		
Driving	Operating a motor powered vehicle e.g. use of hospital cars, deliveries, visiting clients, tractor, ride on mower, forklift, bus. Etc.					x

Psychosocial Demands

Interaction with People	Tasks involving interacting with distressed and emotional people			x		
	Tasks involve interacting with people with mental illness, mental health issues or a disability.			x		
	Tasks involve witnessing or learning about disturbing or distressing personal circumstances and domestic violence.			x		
	Tasks require communicating with others (children or adults) to exchange information.				x	

	Tasks require giving direction and feedback on work undertaken by others.				x	
	Tasks require receiving direction and feedback on work undertaken to meet required work standards.				x	
Reasoning	Tasks require interpreting process documents, following plans and quality standards documentation.				x	
Responsibilities	Tasks involve being responsible for a group of children or vulnerable adults.				x	
Working requirements	Tasks require work to be conducted out of hours (such as overnight).					x
	Tasks are undertaken in a busy, demanding and dynamic work unit.				x	
	Tasks for the position require individual resilience and adaption to workplace change.				x	
Environmental Demands						
Gases	Working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures					x
Liquids/Chemicals	Working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)					x
Noise	Environmental/background noise necessitates people raising their voice to be heard					x
Biological hazards	E.g., exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases requiring PPE	x				
Cytotoxic hazards	Handling and/or preparation of cytotoxic materials					x
Radiation	Working with radiologic equipment					x
Previous Revision dates:		May 2023				
Current:		September 2026				
Approval						
Managers Name:						
Managers Signature:						
Employees Name:						
Employees Signature:						



The Application for Employment form is required to be submitted with the following documents:

- ☐ Covering letter in support of application
- ☐ Response to Key Selection Criteria
- ☐ Applicants Curriculum Vitae

Position Applying for

General Information

Name

Address

Contact

Home phone

Mobile

Email

Are you of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Origin? ☐ No ☐ Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander
(This question is voluntary)

Do you wish to be identified under this category? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date of Grant

If no, what is your current Visa Status – Visa type Expiry date

Place/Country of issue: Issue Number:

Do you require sponsorship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Conditions of Employment

Employment conditions are governed by the relevant Public Sector Health Industry Awards and EBAs relevant to the position applied for:

Initial employment is subject to:

- 6 months' probationary period (with a review at 3 months.)
- Requirement to work any shift
- Requirement to work in any department as required

Hours of Work – (Availability)

Discipline/Misconduct

Have you experienced discipline or misconduct action at any previous employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If **Yes**, please provide details:

Police and Working with Children Checks

Satisfactory Police Checks, and in some areas, Working with Children Checks are mandatory at the point of employment.

If you have a current Police Check and/or Working with Children Check, please show the check identifying numbers and the date of issue:

Upon engagement, you will be required to provide the necessary information to complete a Check. Please note that it is a condition of employment that you maintain a current satisfactory Police Check and, if required, Working with Children Check.

Pre-existing Health and Injury Declaration

Swan Hill District Health (SHDH) is committed to achieving a safe working environment for all employees. As part of this, it is our objective to ensure potential employees are not required to work in duties that they are not able to perform safely. As part of the application process for employment with SHDH, we request you to disclose any pre-existing injury or disease which may be adversely affected by the performance of the inherent requirements of the position you have applied for – as described in the Position Description for the position.

Pursuant to S.41 (1) and (2) of the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013*, you are required to disclose to SHDH any pre-existing injury or disease that you have suffered of which you are aware, and could reasonably be expected to foresee, could be affected by the nature of this proposed employment.

Failure to make a disclosure, or the making of a false or misleading disclosure, would disentitle you to compensation pursuant to the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013* should you suffer any reoccurrence, aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation or deterioration of your pre-existing injury or disease arising out of, or in the course of, or due to the nature of with SHDH. SHDH will rely upon any failure to disclose in accordance with the provisions of the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013* as grounds for denying compensation in accordance with S.41 (1) and (2).

Should any alteration, change or rearrangement be necessary to enable you to carry out the inherent requirements of the position, we also request that you disclose these requirements. SHDH is an equal opportunity employer and will arrange any reasonable adjustment to enable a person with a disability to perform the inherent requirements of the position and therefore compete equally with other applicants for this position. Please disclose in the place below any pre-existing injury or diseases that you suffer from, or have suffered from, which could be affected by the nature of your proposed employment with Swan Hill District Health.

Disclosure advice: - (to be completed by the applicant)

I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of the above information and state that I have disclosed all relevant information in relation to my health and physical ability to carry out the inherent requirements of this position.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date:

NOTE: If providing this form electronically, you accept that the information is true and correct by the action of submitting the form. You will be requested to sign the printed version at your interview if you are selected.

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