

## Community Internship Program

### Sample Internship Roles

**Court Support Worker** - This role provides court assistance to men attending the Magistrates Court as perpetrators or as victims. This strategic service provides information about court process and endeavours to bring clarity to mens' thinking as to why they are at court and the seriousness of domestic violence as well as offering access to professional referrals to information around the effect of violence and abuse. This role is integral to breaking the cycle of domestic violence, and is a terrific opportunity for experienced and mature-minded criminology students to gain critical experience in the court system and working with perpetrators and victims of crime in a high-intensity environment.

**Children's Hospital Bedside Play Volunteer** - Volunteers in this role provide critical support to sick and disadvantaged children who have been placed in the hospital. This support is vital to the continued well-being of the children. Volunteers in this role will be tasked with engaging with sick children, via games, toys and entertainment, and providing a brief escape from the seriousness of their illness. The role is an entry-level, highly supportive role which provides many students studying allied health courses with opportunities to develop rapport skills and experience within a hospital environment.

**Environmental Planning, Research and Protection Assistant** - This role provides an excellent opportunity for a student with a good grasp of environmentalism and conservation. Students can undertake a variety of tasks according to their own academic focus and skill level, ranging from basic re-vegetation and wildlife monitoring to more complex soil surveys or geographic mapping of the ecosystem. This role provides students from a range of environmental and science disciplines with an opportunity to develop greater understanding of conservation and fieldwork.

**Homelessness Mobile Laundry Volunteer**- Volunteers assist with a mobile laundry service for the homeless - setting up the van, helping service users wash and dry their clothes, but most importantly, will engage the homeless clients in conversation whilst they wait for their laundry to be completed. This peer model

allows for real engagement and provides entry-level students from a variety of disciplines such as psychology or social work with opportunities to develop skills in approaching clients, mental health support, working with people from diverse backgrounds, and creating and maintaining boundaries.

**Media and Marketing Project-** This role is targeted at promoting positive outcomes to intravenous drug users. High-skill level students from disciplines such as journalism, communications, marketing, and digital media have opportunities to utilise their significant knowledge and experience to develop a range of promotional and educational material for the organisation. This could include developing brochures promoting safe injecting techniques to intravenous drug users, animation features for the website, or developing highly engaging content for the newsletter or social media portfolio. Students approaching graduation have a great opportunity to highlight their skills and demonstrate an ability to create innovative content and collateral in this role.