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Volunteer role description

Trauma Teddy® Knitter

Department	Social Inclusion
Availability	Flexible Commitment
Location	Port Pirie & Mid North
Category	Working in our Services and Programs

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

Role purpose

Trauma Teddy® is the cuddly face of Australian Red Cross Community Services and Emergency Services. Knitted by Red Cross volunteers all over Australia, these woollen teddies are given freely to children and adults needing comfort or gentle distraction during traumatic events. The Trauma Teddies are delivered to local hospital wards, school sick bays, fire stations, ambulances, police stations, medical and dental clinics and emergency centre.

Based in the Port Pirie and Mid North region, *Trauma Teddy® Knitter* role is an opportunity to support this important program. By bringing your excellent knitting skills and knowledge, attention to detail and good communication skills to this project, you will be helping us strengthen and expand the program.

Role responsibilities

- Read and understand thoroughly the Red Cross Specifications and Trauma Teddy® pattern for knitting trauma teddies
- Follow the Red Cross standards and specifications regarding materials, size, knitting, embroidery, sewing, stuffing and labelling
- Ensure that the trauma teddies are made of clean and safe materials and will not cause any allergic reactions
- Seek feedback on knitting and embroidering of teddies and work to improve the quality of trauma teddies by implementing feedback
- Possess interest to learn and improve knitting and embroidery skills by adopting the recommended pattern and techniques
- Attend inductions and skill development trainings as and when required
- Attend team meetings as required

Knowledge, skills and experience

- Practical and creative crafting skills as a knitter with good understanding of knitting patterns
- Excellent attention to detail to ensure full compliance to Trauma Teddy® pattern, Red Cross standards and other relevant specifications in knitting trauma teddies

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- Sufficient knowledge and experience in knitting, embroidering, stuffing, sewing and labelling techniques
 - Willingness to learn and adopt new techniques and methods for knitting and embroidery skill development
 - Strong interpersonal and communication skills and demonstrated ability to work with a diverse range of people
 - Ability to work efficiently in a group or as part of a team setting
 - Ability to work autonomously and within agreed timeframes
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Check requirements

- A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every three years (Red Cross will arrange this)
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Learning and development

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
 - Attend Red Cross Volunteer Induction, Program Training and ongoing training as required
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General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Code of Conduct and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality
