



History and Purpose

Eureka Clubhouse Incorporated officially opened its doors on the 27th of February 1995. In 2006 Eureka amalgamated with Colony 47. We did this in order to be able to provide a stronger service to members with more opportunities.

Eureka is based on the Clubhouse Model (a community based model), which originated in the United States during the late 1940s.

The model was designed to be used for those people within our society who suffer or have suffered with a mental illness. The basis of the model is a work-focused day, which engages members and staff together, side-by-side, in the running of the clubhouse. The work we do has real purpose, value, and mirrors the workplace in the general community.

With the support of staff and existing members, the individual has the opportunity to regain confidence, self-esteem, a work ethic, and assimilation into the wider community, which is sometimes lost during periods of illness. Duties include: working in administration, commercial style kitchen duties, house maintenance, planning/decision making and external training and work programs.

Our aim is to provide an environment that is conducive to the reintegration of the individual into the wider community and the world of work. Once an individual becomes a member of a Clubhouse, membership is for life; therefore, the support from staff and members is ongoing even when a member has entered the workforce outside of Clubhouse.

Our mission statement

Eureka Clubhouse is a place where people who experience mental health can belong, be needed and find the help and support they deserve. Eureka Clubhouse offers respect, hope, and opportunity to access worlds of friendship, housing, education, and employment. Our vision is that all people who experience mental health achieve their potential, are respected as co-workers, neighbours and friends, and be contributing and valued members of society."

Transitional Employment

Recently Clubhouse was successful in obtaining additional funding for a Transitional Employment (TE) program. Transitional Employment acts as a gateway for people who, for various reasons, struggle to find a job independently. A member who is selected for a TE placement would obtain a part-time entry level position based and located in a local business and their tenure would be 6 to 9 months in duration for 10 -20 hours per week.

Staff

Clubhouse has a staff of five comprising of FTE 4.0. These roles are divided between Clubhouse generalist, housing and TE.

Activities

Amongst the myriad of activities is compliance with the International Centre For Clubhouse Development Standards (www.iccd.org), low cost meals, Member surveys, public information sessions, 100% member participation in the running of the program and integrating with other Mental Health services and the community.

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