

Good carer move



A
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worker
uses
past

HELPING OUT: Mariam Van Vliet providing much-needed care at a client's home. Picture: TOBY ZERNA

experiences to help find new work



26,100 MORE CARE JOBS
ARE FORECAST TO EXIST IN
2019

THE APPLICANT

Name: Mariam Van Vliet

Former role: Process
worker **Qualifications**

obtained: Certificate III in
Aged Care, now studying a
Certificate IV in Aged Care

New job: Carer, Better

Caring

Before I started my career in care I had grown up caring for my family but had never even thought of it as a profession or job.

I cared for my elderly grandmother and mentally ill uncle, living with them in my home in Africa. I made the move to Australia seven years ago after my husband found work here.

I gained work as a process worker at Ugg Boots which I enjoyed but realised that by being a carer I had the opportunity to help people.

I set out to make sure that I could care for those in need and aid their self-confidence.

To become a care worker, I gained my Certificate III in Aged Care, first aid and also a manual handling certificate. I found the classes extremely helpful in learning the policies, legislations and rights of the workers and clients.

I started work in the care industry through an agency but moved to Better Caring once I gained my driver's licence.

I like the way Better Caring enables me to choose clients and for the clients to choose me. Running my own business allows me to build relationships with clients.

I'm currently completing my Certificate IV in Aged Care while still working.

THE TRAINER

Name: Fran Butterworth **Position:** Executive director, Northern Beaches Community College Inc **Skills workers require:** Aged care and disability support can be a satisfying and rewarding career choice for people of any age who enjoy helping others.

People with skills and attitudes of empathy, initiative, responsibility, concern and consideration for others are well suited.

The most sought-after qualification to enter the industry has been the Certificate III in Aged Care or the Certificate III in Disability, but from 2016 aged care, home and community care and disability care are merging into a new qualification, the Certificate III in Individual Support. New technology such as the Better Caring platform allows motivated people to have full control over their own schedules and rates of pay, which is a real positive.

THE EMPLOYER

Name: Peter Scutt **Position:** Founder, BetterCaring.com.au **Growing demand:**

There has never been a better time to consider a career as a care or support worker. With our ageing population and the rollout of the national disability insurance scheme, there is going to be strong demand for quality workers.

There are many people who need support to live independently in their own home. Support can vary from help with day-to-day tasks around the house, with shopping and preparing meals, or companionship.

Bettercaring.com.au is a new online innovation allowing care and support workers to run their own small business supporting people in their community. It's a flexible way to work locally, ideal for a variety of people.