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PROFESSIONAL ORGANISERS

# Job placement

## Janita Singh

WHEN you hear the words “professional organiser”, thoughts often turn to reality television shows about hoarders

Professional organising seems to be new in the service industry but remains a bit of a mystery.

So we reached out to Linda Eagleton, a professional organiser and owner of Creative Surrounds.

Ms Eagleton said that as a professional organiser, she was a trained and skilled specialist who helped people create the order lacking in their lives so that they could

make long-term improvements. And it’s not a fad. “Busy families need this service and benefit from an organised space. Simplified space means organised lives,” she said.

“It’s a very personal service. We provide information, solutions and systems to assist people regain control of any cluttered space ... it’s about helping people.

“It’s mainly for those of us too busy, too confused, too tired or too stressed to deal with our own clutter.”

Ms Eagleton said clients sought a professional organiser for two main reasons:

they didn’t know where to start on their own and they didn’t have the time.

“It can take a while for clients to feel comfortable with the process. They need to realise they’re not alone. A big step is asking for help.

“I love walking into a space and seeing the potential. I’m a busy mum and wife so understand how overwhelming life gets.”

And she practised what she preached. “My test is when a friend rings and says she’s coming over in 15 minutes and if I can tidy it then I’m happy.”

Go to [creativesurrounds.com.au](http://creativesurrounds.com.au) for more details



## Organising your organiser

» Choosing a professional organiser is a bit like choosing a therapist or a contractor. You need to find someone with the right skills and who suits your needs. The Australasian Association of Professional Organisers ([aapo.org.au](http://aapo.org.au)) maintains a code of ethics and provides lots of information, from becoming a professional organiser to hiring one.

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