

# Position Description – Project and Design Engineer

Position: Project and Design Engineer

Band: 6

Position Number: 1129

Business Unit: Infrastructure Delivery and Environment

Directorate: Community Infrastructure

Name of Occupant Vacant

Date Approved 12 October 2020

Approved By Manager Infrastructure Delivery and Environment

## **Position Objective**

To design and deliver fit for purpose civil infrastructure projects for the community from a concept through to maintenance handover. Typically, this position will design and/or deliver 10 to 15 civil infrastructure programs each year. The allocated programs may include renewals, upgrades or new infrastructure across roads, carparks, footpaths, bridges, stormwater, buildings and recreation/open space improvements.

# Key Responsibility Areas

The following are the key responsibility areas for the position:

- Thorough planning for allocated civil infrastructure projects to a 'shovel ready' state. This will
  include undertaking feasibility studies, making funding applications, initial stakeholder
  engagement, site investigations and surveying, thinking through construction considerations,
  investigation of alternative options, the development of cost estimates, multi factored analysis to
  determine option preferences as well as the development of preliminary designs.
- Planning and leading stakeholder engagement/consultation. This will include stakeholder
  identification, the development and implementation of engagement plans, an ability to build
  strong and respectful relationships across a broad range of key stakeholders, having a political
  awareness as well as reporting the outcomes of community feedback.

- Civil Design work. This will include the development of concept, preliminary and detailed designs in both two and three dimensions, managing consultants as well as the coordination of design reviews with key internal and external stakeholders.
- Project management of allocated civil infrastructure projects. This will include obtaining the
  necessary permits and approvals for works, the development of quotation and tender
  documentation, managing best practice procurement processes, the development of contracts,
  site supervision during construction, managing the defects liability period through to handover
  and cross organisation involvement to ensure the project outcomes are achieved before final
  completion is reached.
- Managing and administering contracts. This will include having a solid understanding of fundamental contract management principles (particularly for AS4000 contracts), engaging specialist consultants and contractors, day to day contract administration in accordance with the relevant contract and a strong approach to contractor OHS management.
- The provision of technical engineering and construction knowledge. This will include an
  understanding of the relevant infrastructure standards and codes, knowledge about best practice
  construction techniques and materials, the development of accurate cost estimates and delivery
  timelines, assisting project sponsors in the the development of project plans, an appreciation for
  options relating to procurement as well as the provision of engineering advice to Council,
  consultants and contractors.
- Reporting. This will include writing high quality reports for Council briefings and meetings, asset handover reporting, presentations and updates to key stakeholders, monthly Capital Works progress and financial reporting as well as work relating to meeting the requirements of related funding agreements with other levels of government from time to time.
- Contributing towards the continuous improvement of the Infrastructure Delivery and Environment business unit. This will include active participation in business improvement discussions and delivering assigned activities from the annual business plan.
- Excellent customer service to both internal and external stakeholders.

All other duties and additional tasks as directed, within the skills and abilities of a position at this level.

# Organisational Relationships

Reports to: Coordinator - Infrastructure Delivery

Supervises: N/A

Internal Liaisons: A broad range of staff and teams including customer service, strategic planning,

communications, infrastructure maintenance, asset management, infrastructure

planning and growth, procurement as well as the Executive team.

External Liaisons: Residents, ratepayers and groups in the community, contractors, consultants,

other levels of government as well as service authorities.

#### Commitment to Culture

Baw Baw Shire Council is committed to creating a culture first environment that actively promotes and demonstrates above the line behaviours.

We will strive to be:

**Optimistic** - about our organisation's future and our ability to deliver quality services and projects to benefit our community.

Pragmatic - by resolving issues and making the best possible use of our time, effort and resources.

Respectful - of ourselves, our Council and of the diverse views and perspectives of our community.

**Supportive** - by valuing our team members, empowering them to be successful in their roles and investing in their growth and development.

Authentic - by undertaking our work in an open, honest and transparent manner.

## Commitment to Safety

Baw Baw Shire Council has made a committed to increasing our safety performance. A high performing safety culture is created by empowering all Councillors, Employees and Volunteers to be accountable to our ThinkSAFE approach.

Our expectation is that you will **Think, Stop, Assess, Foresee and Evaluate hazards and risks** in all you do to achieve our overall goal of creating a safe work environment.

## **Qualifications and Experience**

The qualifications and experience required for the position include:

- A tertiary engineering qualification that is eligible for registration in accordance with the Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019.
- Experience in operating computer aided design and drafting programs and ability to undertake engineering survey.
- At least two years full time experience project managing civil infrastructure projects.
- A current Victorian driver's licence.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check.

#### **Key Selection Criteria**

- 1. Qualifications and experience as above.
- 2. Relevant technical expertise.
- 3. Demonstrated contract management ability.
- 4. Strong communication and stakeholder management skills.
- 5. Demonstrated commitment and ability to work collaboratively within a team.

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## **Accountability and Extent of Authority**

The position's accountability and extent of authority will be as follows:

- Accountable for procurement and contract management of contractors and consultants.
- Accountable for ensuring that work is completed within agreed time frames.
- Accountable for the quality, effectiveness and cost of the work under their control.
- Accountable for ensuring that an appropriate engineering standard is maintained in design and construction.
- Ensure safe work practices through thorough OHS management.
- Accountable for writing high quality reports and providing good customer service.
- Accountable for ensuring all records and files are appropriately stored and maintained with upto-date with all information.
- Accountable for maintaining registration (as required) in accordance with the Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019.
- Freedom to provide specialist advice to the public subject to regulations and policies, with access to regular supervision and support with complex matters.
- Approval from the supervisor is required for changes to established standards, procedures and project priorities.

## **Judgement and Decision Making**

Judgement and decision-making skills required for the role include:

- Make decisions based on sound engineering practices, process or precedent and using technical knowledge with guidance and advice usually available.
- Sound analytical and independent judgement is required.
- Be able to undertake given duties with minimum supervision producing work of a high standard within a given time frame and to a given budget.
- Work as part of a team promoting good public relations and genuine engagement.
- Assist to maintain and improve a safe and healthy working environment by following JSAs and
  organisational policies, acting safely at all times as well as ensuring contractors have appropriate
  OHS systems in place appropriate for the work being undertaken.

### Specialist Skills & Knowledge

The skills and knowledge required to perform the duties of the position include:

- Technical knowledge enabling the design and construction of fit for purpose civil infrastructure.
- Technical knowledge and basic skills relating to engineering survey.
- Being able to undertake computer aided design using 12D and AutoCAD.
- Understanding and knowledge of how to develop contracts.
- Understanding and knowledge of best practice project management.
- Understanding of how public authorities and other key stakeholders can influence project delivery.
- Knowledge of relevant infrastructure standards and codes.
- Knowledge and understanding of general legal principles and how they apply to day to day situations.
- A general understanding of the political environment.
- All employees in this Band require an understanding of the function of the position within its organisational context, including relevant policies, regulations and precedents.

## **Management Skills**

The required management skills include:

• Planning, managing and prioritising one's own work to ensure that tasks and projects are completed on time with minimum supervision.

## Interpersonal Skills

The required interpersonal skills include:

- The position requires the ability to develop strong working relationships with the above mentioned internal and external liaisons.
- Well-developed written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with other staff members and perform well in a team environment.
- Polite and well-mannered approach to interacting with the community and colleagues at all times.

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