

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Bundaberg Regional Council has a vision 'To Build Australia's best Regional Community'. This position description outlines the values that underpin this vision and an overview of the general duties and responsibilities required in this role.

Overview

Position Title:	Senior Planner – Customer Engagement	Industrial Instrument:	Bundaberg Regional Council Certified Agreement plus Queensland Local Government Industry Stream A Award
Position Number:	7012	Classification Level:	8
Employment Location:	Auswide Building	Position Status:	Full-time Permanent
Department:	Development	Document Last Reviewed:	25/07/2022
Branch:	Development	Job Dictionary:	N/A
Accountable To:	Group Manager - Development		
Aim of Position:	<p>The aim of this position is to provide expert planning advice for escalated development enquiries, case management for development applications, and to engage with key internal and external stakeholders to provide high level customer service.</p> <p>The position will also be significantly involved in assisting the Group Manager Development to develop and implement continuous improvement projects for the Group.</p>		

Council Values

Bundaberg Regional Council's culture is driven by the following values:



Key Responsibilities

1. Provide expert advice to prospective developers, consultants and the public on a range of planning, land use and development matters within the Region.
2. Provide expert advice to the public as the point of contact for escalated enquiries.
3. Manage CRM's and other planning related correspondence within the applicable timeframes.
4. Provide expert advice on a range of planning, land use and development matters to internal stakeholders, including the provision of planning overviews for compliance matters and preparation of development applications for other business units of Council.
5. Assist with business improvement projects as directed by the Group Manager – Development.
6. Where required, conduct accurate, timely and thorough processing of development applications to ensure compliance with Council's Planning Scheme, policies, statutory requirements and timeframes.

7. Actively participate in the preparation of statutory and strategic planning instruments as required.
8. Encourage internal and external collaboration and build partnerships to achieve business and personal objectives.
9. Undertake other reasonable duties and tasks requested by Management within the incumbent's capabilities, including additional duties as required during periods of absence of other staff.

Position Requirements - Qualifications and Experience:

Mandatory:

1. Tertiary Degree in Urban and Regional Planning.
2. Current Drivers Licence.
3. At least five years' experience in Local Government in the Development Assessment or related field.
4. Membership of the Planning Institute of Australia.

Desired:

5. Postgraduate or other qualification in Management or equivalent management skills and experience.

Organisational Capabilities – Individual Employees (Leading Self):

The capabilities for all roles are obtained from the Capability Framework which describes key behaviours required at all levels and roles across Council. There are four mandatory capabilities that are required in all roles – building relationships, customer focus, safety and professionalism and job requirements.

Capability	Descriptors
Building Relationships (mandatory)	Engage people to build positive relationships: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Puts themselves in other people's shoes to accept and value different thinking 2. Uses sound communication skills of active listening, paraphrasing to check for understanding, and appropriate language depending on the audience 3. Quickly assesses the emotions of colleagues around them and then adapts words, tone and gestures accordingly
Customer Focus (mandatory)	Focuses on customers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Actively works to understand customers and stakeholders 2. Engages customers in a friendly and appropriate manner 3. Shows respect for customers and stakeholders
Safety and Professionalism (mandatory)	Models safe, professional and ethical behaviour: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifies safety issues and problems, takes and monitors corrective action 2. Is consistent in word and actions 3. Is viewed as trustworthy, honourable and truthful, and respectful of the view of others 4. Able to understand, monitor and channel their own emotions in a positive way whilst staying true to self
Job Requirements (mandatory)	Applies knowledge and skill: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Able to demonstrate knowledge appropriate for their role 2. Demonstrates strong skills in their functional area 3. Committed to maintaining a high standard of practice in their role
Cross-Organisational Thinking	Understands how their work makes a difference to Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can describe the vision and purpose for their direct area 2. Able to describe how their work contributes to organisational objectives 3. Considers wider organisational objectives when making decisions and performing their work

Incumbents Initials

Leading People	Supporting others: 1. Provides considered and supportive feedback to other team members and colleagues
Developing People with a One Team Focus	Supports others' capability development: 1. Readily shares their knowledge and experience 2. Acts as a coach, mentor, role model and sounding board for others
Driving People's Performance	Focuses on performance: 1. Seeks to understand tasks, asks questions and knows what is expected of them 2. Approaches challenging work situations with positive energy 3. Sets priorities and organises self to meet work deadlines 4. Reports progress and any potential delays of issues which may impact on others
Managing Stakeholders	Manages internal and external relationships: 1. Written and verbal communication is clear and concise 2. Listens to others actively and attentively 3. Demonstrates a friendly and engaging interpersonal style 4. Builds networks with peers 5. Works collaboratively with others
Decision Making	Makes sound decisions: 1. Demonstrates ability to research, understand and analyze information relevant to work tasks 2. Shows judgement in decision making
Making Improvements	Open to making improvements: 1. Shows a willingness to try new ways of working 2. Generates and shares new ideas and suggestions for improvement
Progressing Change	Responds flexibly to changes: 1. Works to embrace and assist change 2. Helps to engage others in the change process 3. Shows resilience in times of uncertainty

Organisational Accountabilities:

The organisational accountabilities are the expected standards of performance all roles and levels in Council

Accountability	Action
1. Workplace Health and Safety	1. Actively participate and promote a health and safety culture that believes all incidents are avoidable and strives to create an environment free from injury or illness, and operate in accordance with Council's Health and Safety Duty Statement and associated safety policies/procedures.
2. Culture	1. Drive a positive and proactive customer service culture and demonstrate an active commitment to the culture, vision and values of Council. 2. Comply with Council's Code of Conduct and all Council policies and procedures at all times.
3. Information Services and Technology	1. Protect and manage Council's information assets in accordance with legislative, Policy and process requirements. 2. Use Council's technology appropriately and with respect.

4. Disaster Management	1. Assist, support and participate in Council's response to a disaster event, including any exercises and/or any event where the Business Continuity Plan is activated.
5. Customer Service	1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the customers of Council, creating a culture of customer service excellence.
6. Financial Accountability and Governance	1. Models compliance with Council's procurement Policy. 2. Delegations may be applicable to this position and are detailed in the Delegations Corporate Register. 3. Legislative Sub-Delegations and authorisations may also be applicable.
7. Corporate record keeping	1. Ensure that full and accurate records are made for all business transactions conducted on behalf of Council and that all records are appropriately retained in accordance with Council's recordkeeping requirements.

Immunisation Requirements

It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment:

Vaccination Name	Requirement
COVID-19	Staff are to be fully vaccinated or provide evidence of a medical contraindication.

I hereby agree to abide by Council values, policies and the Local Government Act and that this position description clearly outlines the overall responsibilities, physical requirements (through the relevant Job Dictionary) and duties that are to be carried out as part of this role of which I agree to perform at the best of my abilities. I also understand that the position requirements represent the minimum requirements to perform the duties at the current level.

Signature of Employee	
Print Name	
Date	/ /