

# **Position Description**

POSITION DETAILS			
Position Title:	Development Advisory Officer – Senior Town Planner	Position Grade:	12
Department/ Directorate:	Building & Development Advisory Services / City Planning & Environment	Position Status / Hours per Week:	Full Time / 35 hours per week

# PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

- To work with the Senior Coordinator Development Advisory Service, Manager Business Improvement and Customer Relations and the Director City Planning and Environment in providing a quality, balanced, customer focused assessment service.
- Contribute to the day to day efficient and successful operation of the Ryde Customer Service Centre
  in providing specialist information and professional service and advice to the community and
  developers on development enquiries & proposals, the lodgement of local development applications
  & Subdivision Certificates.
- Contribute to the proper and efficient function of the new Clearing House meeting process that has been set up to review applications lodged through the NSW Planning Portal, so as to check for the quality and completeness of information before they are formally accepted and lodged for assessment and final determination.
- To provide specialist information on development applications
- To provide a professional service to developers and the community in relation to areas such as solution design, pre-lodgement and pre-determination
- To educate, inform and advise developers and the community of both State and Council's planning controls, codes, policies and procedures
- To review and prepare submissions on Major Development Projects and Section 75W lodged with the relevant State Agency /Department.
- To review and prepare submissions on new draft and amendments to planning legislations
- To contribute to the efficient and legally correct assessment of Development Applications, Subdivision Certificates.
- To represent Council in the Land and Environment Court as required as well as represent at the Local Planning Panel, Joint Regional Planning Panel, Design Review Panel and other forums as required
- To assist the General Counsel or Solicitor in legal matters related to Assessment to achieve the best outcomes for the City of Ryde

# **SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### **Education / Qualifications**

 Tertiary qualifications in Town Planning, Building Surveying or equivalent as the minimum requirement

# **Experience/Specific skills**

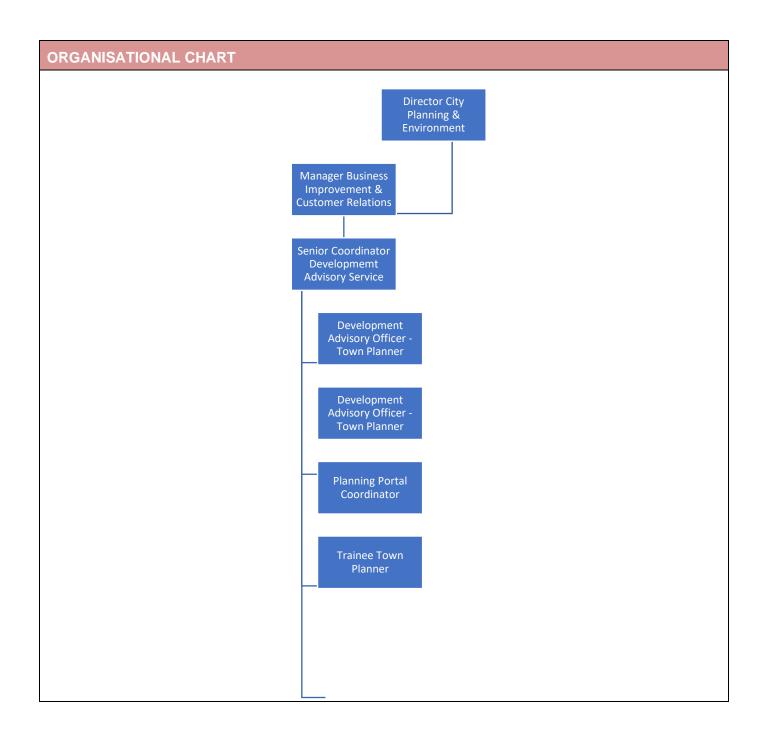
- Extensive experience and understanding of Development Applications and/or Subdivision Certificates, and Construction Certificates
- Excellent time management and organisational skills
- Strong analytical skills with excellent understanding of local and state government planning legislation
- Well-developed written communication skills with experience in preparing reports for senior management regarding development issues
- Excellent communication, negotiation, and conflict resolution skills

#### **Personal Attributes**

- Problem solving approach when dealing with complex development issues
- Ability to work in a fast paced, outcomes driven environment
- Proactively contribute to an environment of change and reform
- Strong teamwork approach

#### Desirable Qualifications, Experience and/or Skills/Other

- Post graduate qualifications in Town Planning, Building Surveying or similar
- Extensive experience and understanding of Development Applications and/or Subdivision Certificates, and Construction Certificates
- An excellent understanding of the various parts of the development application process such as development engineering, landscape architecture, heritage, BCA compliance, bushfire, etc.
- Bilingual Language Skills
- Covid 19 Vaccinated



# **SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITIES – Contributes to**

The statements below indicate how the duties and responsibilities of this position contribute to the wider activities carried out by the City Planning and Environment Directorate of the organisation.

- Business Improvement and Customer Relations
- Building and development advisory service
- Development assessment service

# **CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITIES** The statements below indicate the relevant organisational "Accountabilities" that the position holder is required to observe. To comply with legislative requirements To adhere to Council plans, policies, procedures and Code of Conduct 3 4 To understand, adhere and promote all OH&S policies and procedures 5 To understand, adhere and promote Council's EEO policies and procedures. To understand and respond to the needs of our customers in accordance with the Customer Service 7 Charter To deliver your accountabilities and meet your project milestones, performance targets and service 8 levels as required within your job plan 12 To actively document all policies, procedures, projects and activities (as required) 13 To actively share information and knowledge on issues, training and better practice to relevant staff 14 To identify and initiate improvements of business systems to maximise service delivery 15 To identify and initiate improvements of processes to maximise service delivery 16 To deliver all project deliverables through PM\_CoR methodology 17 To identify and minimise exposure to risk 19 To manage people to realise their individual and team potential To be involved in or provide feedback on corporate initiatives 20 21 To positively and proactively work with others across the organisation to deliver the outcomes To model Council's values 25

# **WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES**

mandatory requirements

You are required to perform your duties in accordance with this Position Description, City of Ryde Code of Conduct, policies procedures and instructions, where appropriate. You are also responsible for the following:

To create and contribute to a positive work environment within my team, my Unit and the workplace.

To undertake relevant training to improve performance of the individual, organisation and meet

#### **Work Health and Safety**

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- Follow safe practices/procedures to perform your duties in a manner, so as not to put yourself or others at risk of harm:
- Participate in development of safe work methods and risk assessments with your Supervisor when required;
- Actively participate in WHS inductions and training when required;
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the prescribed manner and when specified;
- Participate in workplace inspections if required;
- Take care of any plant or equipment of any kind, including computer and other telecommunication devices;
- Participate in emergency preparedness training, including any required knowledge for business continuity plans;
- Report all hazards, near misses and damage to City of Ryde property to your Supervisor.

#### **Certificates of Competency / Licences**

 Where required for the position, either by legislation or through City of Ryde policies and procedures, maintain all certificates, licences, operative training etc, and advise Supervisors of any change to these, including vehicle licences.

# **Injury Management**

- Report all injuries/illnesses to your Supervisor immediately;
- If injured at work, actively cooperate and participate to comply with obligations imposed under injury management and return-to-work plans where applicable.

#### **Risk Management**

 Report any potential public liability and professional indemnity exposures in your workplace to your Supervisor.

# **OUR VALUES**

All employees at City of Ryde are to observe our values which are:

#### **Safety**

We are committed to preventing injury to ourselves, our team and our community.

#### **Teamwork**

We work together with respect and support.

#### **Ethics**

We are honest, responsible and accountable for our actions.

#### **Professionalism**

We deliver effective services to the community with consistent decision-making.

# **DELEGATIONS**

Please note that this position holds delegations pursuant to section 378 of the Local Government Act. A copy of the current delegations from the General Manager is to be reviewed and signed by the employee on commencement.

# **DESIGNATED POSITION**

Please note that this position has been identified as a designated position in accordance with section 441 of the Local Government Act. As a result, in accordance with Section 449, a completed Disclosure of Interest Return form must be submitted within three months of appointment. Annual Disclosure of Interest Returns are also required to be completed by 30 September each year.

Employee's Name	
Employee's Signature:	
Date:	