

# **Position Description**

## **Finance & Asset Strategy Planner**

Name of appointed officer: Vacant

Date of appointment:

Date of last review of position description: July 2019

Salary and conditions  All terms and conditions of employment are consistent with the Local Government (State) Award unless otherwise stated.	
Position limit within salary system: (20 Grade structure)	Grade 16 - Entry to Step 4
Status of position:	Permanent
Hours of work per fortnight:	70

Organisational relationships	
Directorate:	Office of General Manager
Section:	
Team:	Finance and Asset Planning
Work base:	Grafton
Position responsible to:	General Manager
Level of support and supervision:	Low
Level of personal management	High
Level of teamwork required:	High
Supervision of staff:	3
Internal contacts:	All Council Sections, with particular focus on operational asset management teams.  Some contact with Councillors at Committee level
External contacts:	Some contact with public and organisations Low level contact with ratepayers



# Vision, mission and values Our vision: To make the Clarence Valley a community full of opportunity Our mission: To plan and deliver services valued by the community Our values: the acronym 'STRIVE' describes the values and behaviours which are considered to be core requirements when we deal with each other and our community



### **Our Values and Behaviours**

#### Safe

We will have a safety focused workplace culture to ensure the wellbeing of our staff and the community.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
I am aware of hazards	I take shortcuts
I promote a safe culture	I ignore safety
I look out for others	I do not communicate

#### **Teamwork**

We will work together as one council towards shared goals and for the greater good of the community.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
I share the load	I undermine others
I communicate with others	I act in isolation
I value people's strengths	"What's in it for me?"

#### Respect

We will be inclusive, treat people with courtesy and fairness, and ensure each individual is valued and heard.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
I am inclusive	I am a bully
I value the skills and opinions of others	I am aggressive
I listen actively	I am a gossip

#### Integrity

We will behave in a way that is honest, open, and transparent. We will take responsibility for our actions and strive for excellence.

Unacceptable
I lie and conceal
I act corruptly
I undermine others

#### Value

We will deliver services efficiently, effectively, and in an environmentally and financially sustainable manner.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
I always look for improvements	I misuse Council resources
I work efficiently	I'm a bludger
I learn from my mistakes	I don't respect the environment

#### **Engagement**

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Acceptable	Unacceptable
I communicate in a clear and timely manner	I deliberately misinform (lie)
I am the face of Council	I don't value consultation
I value all our customers' needs	I ignore communication



#### Physical requirements of the position

Frequent use of computer keyboard

Prolonged periods of sitting

#### Purpose of the position

The role is responsible for providing high level cross-directorate oversight of the delivery of council's long term financial plan, asset management strategy and plan, achievement of continuous improvement targets and benchmarking to ensure Council's long term financial sustainability.

#### Major duties and responsibilities

Coordinate the development and maintenance of Council's individual Fund and Consolidated Long Term Financial Plans in accordance with statutory requirements

Deliver and advise on financial models that align service levels with strategic direction and financial sustainability, ensuring and affordability of service delivery in the long term.

Implement and maintain Council's Enterprise Asset Management system.

Deliver an asset management framework that provides a robust guide to the planning, acquisition, operation and maintenance, renewal and disposal of assets, through modelling that informs Council's decision making.

Provide advice to improve Council's performance against Key Financial Indicators & LTFP/ Special Schedule 7 impacts (Infrastructure Maintenance & Renewal backlog), including whole of life asset and service costs.

Provide supervision to the collection of asset data and incorporation of asset planning in long term financial plans for all asset classes.

Contribute to the preparation of Council's 4 year Delivery Program ensuring integration of a fully funded 4 year rolling capital works program.

Keep abreast with changes to Local Government accounting, Australian Accounting Standards to ensure Council's compliance with these standards as they relate to the Long Term Financial Plan.

Develop and maintain Activity Based Costing Model for the organisation for incorporation into Council's annual budget.

#### **Essential selection criteria**

The selection criteria must be addressed as part of your application. Applicants must meet the essential criteria in order to be considered for interview.

#### **Education and knowledge**

Degree majoring in Accounting; or equivalent relevant industry experience

#### Licences/tickets, clearances, membership

**Current Drivers licence** 

#### Experience



#### Essential selection criteria

Demonstrated experience in management accounting

Demonstrated experience and understanding of the budgeting process and cost control

Demonstrated experience in the development of complicated financial models

#### Position related skills

Demonstrated data analysis skills

Demonstrated well developed communication skills (written, verbal and interpersonal)

Ability to interpret and implement legislative requirements of the position

General computer literacy in email and internet programs, Intermediate proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Basic proficiency in Word

#### Work qualities

Behaviour that positively demonstrates commitment to Council's STRIVE values

#### Desirable selection criteria

The following criteria are considered important and demonstrated capacity to meet them will be highly regarded.

#### **Education and knowledge**

Post Graduate or higher qualifications in relevant field of study

#### Licences/tickets, clearances, membership

Eligible membership to the CPA Australia or the Institute of Chartered Accountants

#### **Experience**

Demonstrated understanding of process analysis

Demonstrated experience and implementation of the Australian Accounting Standards for Local Government

Demonstrated understanding of Integrated Planning and Reporting statutory requirements

Demonstrated involvement in the development of asset management plans

#### Other features of this position may include

Attendance at Council meetings as required.

#### Generic performance requirements

**Ethics/probity** – act in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**Equal employment opportunity** - comply with Council's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Protocol.



#### Generic performance requirements

**Health and safety (WHS)** - undertake duties and act at all times in accordance with the WHS Management System.

Other duties (outside of specific position requirements) - under the provisions of the Local Government (State) Award, Council may direct any employee to carry out duties that are believed to be within the employee's skills, qualifications, competence and fitness capabilities, whether or not they are a usual function of the position. Where an employee is required to perform duties associated with a higher position, the **Use of skills** Clause in the Local Government (State) Award will apply.

Declaration		
based on this Position Description.  Signed:	and conditions of appointment to this position  Date	
Employee		