# **Position Description**



POSITION TITLE		Customer Service Officer			
REFERENCE/POSITION NUMBER		CUS0003			
DEPARTMENT		Corporate, Commercial & Community Services			
ACCOUNTABLE TO		Manager Financial Strategy and Operations			
SUPERVISOR		Customer Services Coordinator			
DIRECTLY SUPERVISES		None			
INDIRECTLY SUPERVISES		None			
VOLUNTEERS SUPERVISED		None			
GRADE	7	STATUS	Permanent	TYPE	Part time
HOURS	14		LOCATION	Administration Building	
MOBILE PHONE	No		LAPTOP	No	
VEHICLE		No vehicle			
LAST UPDATED		10/12/2019			



# RESPECT

We treat others as we expect to be treated - in a fair and professional manner.



# INNOVATION

We champion change in order to provide superior services to our community.



## INTEGRITY

We are open, honest and ethical in our behaviours - at all times.



# TEAMWORK

We are one team working together with trust and commitment to achieve shared goals.



EXCELLENCE

We aspire to be the best - in everything we do.

# **OBJECTIVES**

 To promote the image of an effective and efficient Council to the community through the provision of quality Customer Service.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

## **ESSENTIAL**

- Experience working in a customer service environment.
- Exceptional customer service skills including the ability to negotiate and deal effectively with customers in difficult situations.
- Experience in an administration role, including proficiency in MS Office, databases and spreadsheets.
- High level organisational skills.
- Understanding of the functions and services provided by Local Government.
- Knowledge of Kiama Local Government area.

#### **DESIRABLE**

- Certificate IV in Customer Service.
- Class C Driver's Licence.
- Experience in working with Civica Authority or the Authority Property System
- Experience interpreting plans and property information.

## **DUTIES**

- Liaise with the general public regarding all enquiries, forms and complaints and generate Customer Action Requests when appropriate.
- Assist the public with counter, telephone and written inquiries covering all facets of Council's operations.
- Assist in the operation of Council's Customer Service Call-Centre.
- Check plans submitted with development applications and relevant fees to ensure all requirements are met.
- Provide information on specific customer service enquiries such as, but not limited to; animal registration and complaints, waste management services, hall hire bookings, maps and zoning instruments.
- Maintain familiarity with current development applications, planning and other matter that are on public exhibition.
- Liaise with other Council staff as required to obtain resolution of enquiries.
- Act as a Cashier for receipt of monies directly over the counter and the receipt of remittances received through the mail.
- Develop and utilise Council's computer systems to generate letters, information and reports.
- Communicate effectively with Council staff, external customers and contacts.
- In consultation with the Customer Service Co-ordinator, provide appropriate training and mentoring for other customer service personnel.
- Other duties as established through Departmental Service Agreements.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with Council's policies, procedures and legislation and care of self and others in the workplace.

#### **CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES**

# **RESPECT AND DIGNITY**

All employees are required to:

- Promote respect for others and fairness and equity, acting in accordance with principles of EEO and Anti-Discrimination
- Demonstrate respect for others and contribute to a positive work environment
- Take appropriate action to prevent bullying, harassment and discrimination of others
- Identify and minimise exposure to risk for self and others

#### **INTEGRITY**

All employees are required to:

- Comply with the Code of Conduct and all relevant legislative requirements, Council plans, protocols, policies and procedures
- Work within budget and time constraints to optimise outcomes while balancing resource requirements
- Apply policies, protocols and guidelines equitably and without personal bias
- Model Council's Values
- Use and protect Council's information, resources, equipment and systems in accordance with relevant protocols, policies and legislation

#### **INNOVATION**

All employees are required to:

- Identify and, in consultation with their supervisor, initiate opportunities for improvements in processes and service and waste minimisation
- Seek to understand and embrace relevant best practice and industry trends relevant to own work area
- Participate in ongoing learning and embrace relevant technology and change

#### **TEAMWORK**

All employees are required to:

- Actively share information, knowledge and skills with others to optimise organisational performance
- Take interest in and provide feedback on corporate initiatives
- Work positively and proactively with others, and to the best of your ability, to deliver organisational outcomes
- Provide support and advice, to others, in own area of expertise

#### **EXCELLENCE**

All employees are required to:

- Meet or exceed functional responsibilities and service level agreements described in position description and operational plans
- Support and use contemporary frameworks designed to optimise systems and processes
- Demonstrate an understanding of the needs of internal and external customers, as relevant to the role, anticipating and meeting their needs with the parameters of Council requirements
- Ensure current competence and relevant accreditation/licencing
- Follow safe and ethical practices to minimise risk to self and others
- Actively participate in relevant training and seek opportunities for ongoing learning as applicable
- Report incidents, illnesses and injuries immediately and take appropriate follow-up action if required

# WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the overall corporate responsibilities listed above and the statements below, you are required to perform your duties in accordance with this Position Description, Council's Code of Conduct, policies, protocols and procedures.

# **Work Health and Safety (WHS)**

- 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 Council's property to the responsible Manager

# **Certificates of Competency / Licences**

 Where required for the position, either by legislation or through Council's policies, protocols and procedures, maintain all certificates, licences, operative training etc for the group, and advise the responsible Manager of any change to these, including vehicle licences.

## **Injury Management**

- Report all injuries/illnesses to the responsible Manager 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**

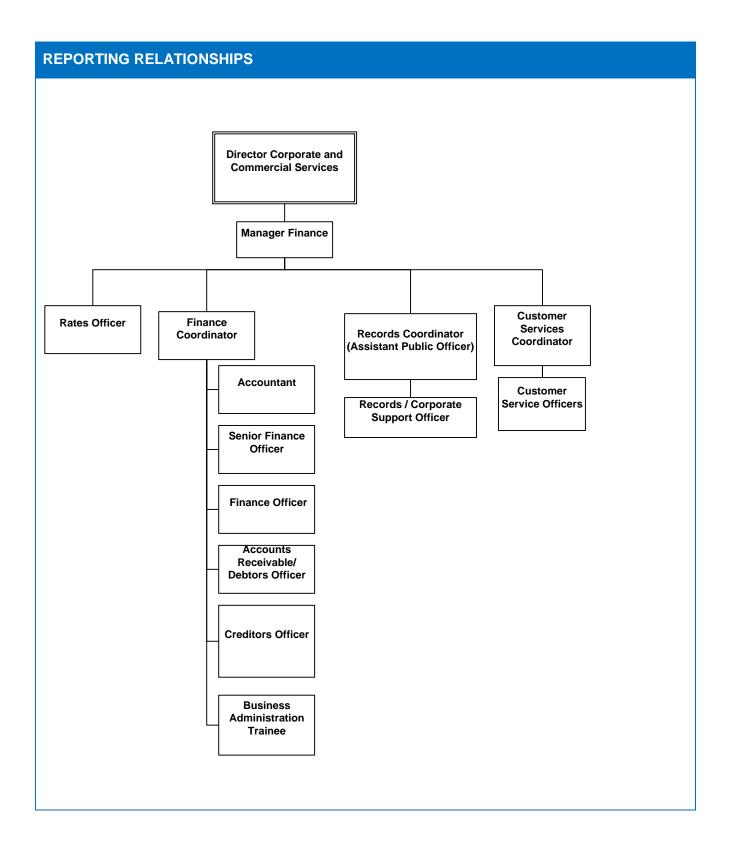
 Report any potential public liability and professional indemnity exposures in your workplace to the responsible Manager

## **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)**

- Work to the best of your ability and provide quality service to customers
- Recognise the skills and talent of other staff members
- Act to prevent bullying, harassment and discrimination against others in your workplace
- Respect differences among your colleagues and customers such as cultural and social diversity
- Treat people fairly don't discriminate against, bully or harass them
- Work in keeping with the Kiama Municipal Council's EEO management plan and other EEO policies

DELEGATIONS				
FINANCIAL DELEGATION:	Nil			
RESPONSIBILITY DELEGATION:	To act in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation.			
NO OF CONTRACTS MANAGED:	None			
ANNUAL VALUE OF CONTRACTS MANAGED:	None			
CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF EXPENDITURE PER ANNUM:	No reponsibility			
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:	None			

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT				
AWARD/AGREEMENT	Local Government (State) Award			
PROTOCOLS:	Employees are to comply with Council's Code of Conduct and Council protocols at all times.			
PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:	<ul> <li>Physical and mental capability to perform the inherent requirements of the position</li> </ul>			
	Proof of ability to legally work in Australia			
	Pre-employment screening to Australian Standards in Employment Screening.			
	Criminal record check	No		
	Pre-employment medical	No		
	Working with children check	No		



I have read the above position description for my role; I accept the responsibility for achieving the above duties and understand that I am accountable for their achievement.

Employee Signature:	Date: Drop down for date
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