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## POSITION DESCRIPTION

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Qualified Plumber

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AWARD CLASSIFICATION	<i>Building &amp; Trades Public Sector Award – State 2002 Richmond Shire Council Certified Agreement</i>
SECTION / DEPARTMENT	Works & Services
LOCATION	Richmond (may be required to work across the Shire)
REPORTS TO	Water Officer

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### POSITION OBJECTIVE

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Contribute to the achievement of Works and Services objectives by effectively and efficiently carrying out reticulation maintenance and construction activities.

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### KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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#### General duties

- Work as a member of the team undertaking maintenance and construction of sections of the water reticulation, sewerage reticulation networks and private works.
- Liaise with Water Officer and / or office staff in relation to work required and schedule appropriately .
- Manual labour such as excavation including digging by hand
- Complete timesheet with costing
- Service water meters as required
- Check fire hydrants are working and clean surrounds
- Flush mains and swab them as required
- Maintain Maxwelton water supply
- High pressure clean around Lake mushroom
- Complete private works for houses in town for plumbing
- Maintain a diary and job sheet for all private works
- Inform public in accordance with business practice of interruptions to water service.

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## **Sewerage**

- Sweep clean treatment plant daily
- Pump sludge from bottom of tank , shovel it out of drying bed and stockpile – monthly
- Maintain aerobic lagoon including upgraded lagoon
- Clear house sewerage blockages
- Other duties as directed
- Remove blockages from sewerage reticulation network using appropriate tools e.g. electric eel and high pressure water jet
- Report defects or problems experienced when operating equipment
- Ensure the work site satisfies workplace health and safety requirements

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## **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

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### **Essential:**

- Interpersonal and communication skills to deal effectively with customers
- Good literacy and numeracy skills to enable interpretation of drawings and the collection of data
- Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision
- The ability to work well as a member of a team
- Ability to use tools in safe manner
- Ability to rapidly gain understanding of customer focus in council operations
- Ability to develop knowledge of the configuration and operation of a water reticulation system, and sewerage system
- Demonstrated ability to follow directions
- Experience working in a hands-on labouring role
- Plumber and Drainer licence
- Confined spaces
- Current drivers licence - Open C class
- National White, or Qld Blue Construction Induction, card
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### **Desirable:**

- Previous experience supervising staff
- Previous experience working for Local Government
- Confined spaces with BA
- Backhoe operator licence
- Bobcat operator licence
- First Aid and CPR
- Authorised persons

### **Other:**

- Provide own basic plumbing tools with tool allowance

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## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

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- Working in the heat, standing for extended periods and performing repetitive manual handling, twisting, turning and bending are requirements of this position.
- *Note: this role requires an ability and availability to work weekends and flexible hours as required. The role will also require working on a 24 hour on call rotational basis shared with the Water Officer*

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## STANDARDS

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- Appropriate and consistent application of local laws and legislation
- Effective liaison with customers, colleagues and stakeholders
- All assigned tasks are completed professionally and within specified timeframes, and to required standards
- High level of participation, commitment to and concern for both the immediate team and corporate team, including willingness to follow directions, assist others, and be punctual and reliable in attendance
- High level of commitment to continual improvement of Council's policies and processes
- High level of commitment to continual improvement of personal work performance
- Effective, efficient and economical management of public resources
- Effective record-keeping, including for invoicing
- Effective use of judgement and initiative
- Council's Policies and Procedures and relevant legislation are adhered to
- Other targets as outlined in the Performance Review are achieved

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## DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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- Authority in accordance with Council's corporate structure, delegations and statutory powers.
- Authorise expenditure in accordance with financial delegations and Council's Procurement Manual

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## WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

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All workers have a duty to familiarise themselves with and comply with statutory and Richmond Shire Council Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) requirements, including the WHS Management System, and WHS policies, procedures and work instructions.

In fulfilling this duty, workers are to:

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety
- Take reasonable care that their acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons
- Cooperate with all reasonable instructions, policies and procedures of Council, and follow safe work practices
- Identify hazards, conduct risk assessments, and take corrective actions to eliminate hazards where possible in the workplace, and/or report hazards and risks promptly to their Supervisor
- Establish and maintain a high standard of housekeeping and cleanliness within individual work areas and on Council property generally
- Report promptly to their Supervisor and assist with the investigation of all incidents within the workplace, including minor injuries, near-miss incidents and property damage.

- Report any incidents of bullying and/or harassment in the workplace promptly to their Supervisor or higher management
- Attend Toolbox talks, daily pre-start meetings and workplace health and safety training as required
- Correctly use and maintain tools, equipment and vehicles/plant
- Report any worn out or defective tools or equipment or problems regarding tools and equipment promptly to their Supervisor
- Correctly use and maintain all personal protective clothing and equipment supplied by Council
- Report any worn out or defective equipment or problems regarding Personal Protective Equipment promptly to their Supervisor
- Operate equipment and machinery with guards and safety controls operating and in place at all times
- Report promptly to their Supervisor if the employee does not have appropriate ticketing, licensing or training to undertake any designated task
- Report all problems with plant and equipment promptly to their Supervisor
- Report all problems with manual tasks, including signs of discomfort, promptly to their Supervisor
- Be familiar with the location of first aid kits, fire safety equipment, evacuation procedures, assembly points and key WHS personnel (e.g. Health and Safety Representatives, Fire Wardens, First Aid Officers)
- Participate in workplace health and safety activities such as inspections, investigations, evacuation drills, meetings and risk assessments as required from time to time
- Report promptly to their Supervisor any physical or psychological conditions that may affect their ability to safely perform their duties
- Assist in the return to work process for themselves or any work colleagues following injury
- Do not misuse or interfere with anything which is provided in the interests of workplace health and safety
- Participate in workplace health and safety consultation meetings to discuss workplace safety in the department, in accordance with the *Consultation, Cooperation and Coordination Code of Practice 2011*.

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## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

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Any literary work, computer program, invention, design, patent, copyright, trademark, photograph, diagrams, image, improvement or idea discovered, developed or produced by the employee in the course of employment is the sole property of Council and Council shall unless otherwise agreed have the exclusive right to use, adapt, patent and otherwise register it.

The employee following discovery, development or production of any literary work, computer program, invention, design, patent, copyright, trademark, photography, diagram, image, improvement or idea, shall immediately report it to Council to enable Council to ascertain whether it was discovered, developed or produced wholly outside and wholly unconnected with the course of employment.

The employee hereby assigns to Council by way of future assignment all copyright, design, design right and other property rights (if any) in respect to any literary work, computer

program, invention, design, patent, copyright, trademark, photograph, diagram, image, improvement or idea developed by the employee in the course of employment.

The employee agrees that he/she will at the request and expense of Council complete all necessary deeds and documents and take all action necessary to vest any literary work, computer program, invention, design, patent, copyright, trademark, photograph, diagram, image, improvement or idea developed by the employee in the course of employment and obtain for Council the full benefit of all patent, trademark, copyright and other forms of protection throughout the world.

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#### **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

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The employee will comply with and effectively implement all legislative requirements and relevant Council Policies and Procedures pertaining to the collection, storage, use, disclosure, distribution and transfer of information, documentation and records that the employee produces, collects or is otherwise exposed to or becomes aware of through their employment with Council. With regard to personal information, the employee will collect only that information which is needed for a lawful purpose related to Council's functions; issue verbal and/or written Collection Notices for the collection of personal information; and maintain current and accurate records. In addition, the employee will not intrude unreasonably on an individual's private life or use illegal or unfair means to collect personal information, and will otherwise comply with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and Council Policies and Procedures.

The employee will not divulge any confidential information about Council either during or after the term of their employment with Council.

"Confidential information" shall include any and all confidential information, data, reports, operations, dealings, records, materials, plans, statistics, finances, or other agreements and things (other than that which is already in the public domain), whether written or oral and of whatever type or nature relating to property, assets, liabilities, finances, dealings or functions of Council or any undertaking from time to time carried out by Council.

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#### **AUTHORISATION**

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Director: Deborah Glyde  
Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Signature:

Date Originated: 27 May 2015

Date Reviewed: 2 February 2018

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature:

Dated: