

Position Description

Position Title	Senior Administration Officer	
Directorate	ommunity Strengthening	
Department/Business Unit	Community Amenity	
Team	Administration	
Classification	Band 5	
Date	September 2024	

Reports to:	Team Leader Administration
Supervises:	NIL
Internal Liaison:	Community Amenity Staff Community Strenthening Staff Customer Service Officers Other business units of Council
External Liaison:	Community Members, Residents, Business Owners, Customers Victoria Police, other Government Organisations / Departments, Department of Transport, Council Contractors, Other Councils.

Position Objectives

Your primary purpose in this position is to:

- To Provide daily support to the Team Leader of Administration in delivering services and support to the various teams within the Community Amenity Department, to ensure activities, systems and procedures operated in the most effective and efficient manner.
- Assisting in ensuring business information and requirements are coordinated, up-to-date, readily accessible and concluded on time.
- To be a lead in providing a level of customer service that meets community expectations and enhances the Council's image.
- To manage and maintain the computerised database within Community Amenity, to ensure accuracy of information and timely reporting.

Key Selection Criteria

You need these essential qualifications (or experience), knowledge and skills to carry out this position

- Diploma in Business Administration/Management with little or no relevant work experience or lesser formal qualifications with significant relevant work experience (equivalent to that required from the qualification).
- Well-developed skills to resolve complex problems or address minor issues with team members, customers, other departments and authorities (within delegated authority) and in the context of a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community;
- Demonstrated well-developed organisational skills, including managing, prioritising, planning and organising, one's own workload and that of others, as well as the ability to maintain efficient and effective team performance, office systems, including reviewing and improving regulatory administration procedures and processes;

- Demonstrated capacity providing high quality administrative support using the Microsoft Office suite of products including Outlook and Excel along with proficiency in use of various corporate software programs, or ability to quickly acquire working knowledge of such systems;
- Demonstrated high level of customer service skills in order to communicate effectively, efficiently and respectfully with a diverse range of internal and external customers, providing excellent customer service;
- Demonstrated proficient written communication skills, including ability to prepare timely and accurate correspondence and provide assistance to management with creation and distribution of reports (eg. Statistical, monthly).

As part of the Key Selection Criteria, you must hold and supply these licences, registrations, certificates, etc., prior to offer of employment and commencement and continue to maintain them throughout your employment in this role with Council:

- satisfactory (and ongoing) Working with Children's Check
- ☐ current valid (and ongoing) Victorian Driver's Licence

Position Specific Responsibilities & Skills

In this position, you are responsible for:

Administrative Support	Assist the Team Leader and Manager with the purchasing of minor items and provide recommendations on budget provision and improvements to procurement practices.
	Ensure that the team is providing accurate and prompt administrative support to Community Amenity Officers.
	As required, prepare and submit reports for Executive, Council and State Government, regarding departmental responsibilities. Participate and provide input into development of improvements in reporting processes.
	Assist the manager and Team Leader as required with collection/collation of statistical information and creation of statistical reports.
	Make appointments and prepare correspondence for the Manager and or Team Leader
	Prepare and distribute agendas and minutes of meetings as required.
Program Support	Develop, implement, maintain and review office administration systems and procedures, which will increase efficiency and add value to customer service.
	Ensure all information and registers are regularly updated and maintained in relation to the storage and release of seized/impounded goods, signs or other miscellaneous items.
	Supervise the processing of complex permit and registration applications and issue permits where appropriate.
	Ensure that there is prompt distribution of all inward correspondence and information to appropriate officers for action.
Database Management	Maintain and review office administration records, registers and data bases to ensure all information is accurately recorded and maintained in a manner that allows prompt and easy access.
	Monitor income receipting by other Council units to ensure correct account allocations, liaising with other units where necessary to take corrective action.
	Coordinate the preparation and submission of monthly, quarterly and annual reports for the Department.
Customer Service	 Supervise receipt and allocation of customer service requests to officers. Ensure that customer telephone enquiries and complaints related to the department's functions, which Customer Service staff are not able to answer, are responded to and actioned to ensure the resolution of the matter raised, within established time frames.

Supervise the processing of all requests for review resulting from infringement notices and ensure that responses address all important matters raised by appellant in a logical and compassionate manner within the framework of Council's Prosecution Policy and Code of Practice.

Core Organisational Capabilities

We have a Core Capability framework to help everyone succeed and develop for their current and future positions. The relevant capabilities for this position are at the back.

REACH Values

Our REACH values define who we are and how we interact with others. They define how each of us should aim to operate in the workplace regardless of the role we hold. Our REACH values are at the back.

Organisational Responsibilities

Everyone at Council has the following responsibilities and obligations:

Emergency Management	Help Council fulfil its emergency management obligations by assisting in emergency management activities as required
Child Safety	 Understand obligations and act in an appropriate manner with and around children Promote positive work practices with children Establish boundaries around acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in relation to children Adhere to reporting obligations where there is suspected or discovered child abuse
Climate Change & Sustainability	 Help support Council's response to the climate emergency by helping facilitate a whole -of-organisation approach where climate change mitigation and adaptation is embedded into all Council services, assets, operational and decision-making processes.
Compliance	 Remain mindful of the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights at all times Manage Council records in accordance with the relevant Council policies and corporate requirements to protect personal information. Perform other duties as directed within the limits of acquired skills, knowledge, and training. At all times, take responsibility for maintaining the strictest levels of confidentiality regarding ratepayers, customers, and employees. At all times, comply with Council's Code of Conduct - Staff.
Diversity, inclusion and equity	 Demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to work with, diversity in the workplace, including: zero tolerance of racism and expectations that staff will act on incidents of racism supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights.
Gender Equality	 Support Councils response to the prevention of violence against women and workplace sexual harassment, including by modelling acceptable behaviour, and reporting improper conduct in a timely manner.

Inherent requirements of the position

These are the essential requirements of this position:

Council has a Flexible Work Policy. All staff are required to attend the workplace for the minimum number of days specified in the Policy.

	Task details	Fr	equency (% of	the working	day)
Cognitive Requirements	(typical tasks)	Rare/ Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Working independently – ability to utilise autonomy with respect to the processes by which tasks are completed. Little to no autonomy with respect to the work allocated to them by the supervisor					
Team based work – works in a team of people and not exposed to isolation				\boxtimes	
Communicating with others – Verbally					\boxtimes
Communicating with others - Written					\boxtimes
Focused Attention to task – high levels of attention required to minimise errors and ensure accuracy					\boxtimes
Concentrating – high levels of concentration required while completing required tasks					×
Planning and sequencing tasks and activities					\boxtimes
Decision making – required to exercise sound decision making while completing all aspects of the position					
Problem solving – requirement to develop sound solutions to novel or unusual problems arising during the course of the day					×
Reasoning – required to exercise sound reasoning while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope					\boxtimes
Judgement – required to exercise sound judgement while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope					\boxtimes
Short and long-term memory recall – ready access to documented procedures or precedents to perform requirements of the position					
Emotional resilience – exposure to stressful or distressing situations including meeting specified deadlines and production demands, dealing with aggressive or upset customers/clients, high conflict situations, general workload demands, change beyond individual's personal control					
Interruptions – frequency of interruptions to daily work plans and requirement to change work plans at short					

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Vision and Hearing Requirements

This position requires a vision test

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Cognitive Requirem	ents	(typical	Rare/	Occasional	Frequent	Constant
		tasks)	Never	0 – 33%	34 – 66%	>66%
notice						

Physical Requirements

☐ This position does not require more than 10-15% manual handling/physical exertion

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare / Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Mobility/Postures		<u>, </u>			
Sitting – stay in a seated position					
Standing – standing in an upright		\boxtimes			
position, moving less than 3 steps					
Walking – In an upright position,		\boxtimes			
moving more than 3 steps					
Crawling – Move on the hands & knees		\boxtimes			
or by dragging the body close to the					
ground					
Non-manual handling	I				I
Crouch/squat – To lower the body by					
bending forward from legs and spine, buttocks on or near the heels					
Kneeling – To lower the body					
Bending – To lower the body Bending – To bend forward and down					
from the waist or the middle of the back,					
rounding the shoulders and back for					
more than 3 seconds					
Reaching – Extending arms out in any		\boxtimes			
direction					
Twisting/trunk rotation – Rotating					
the body to one side or the other without		\boxtimes			
moving the feet					
Fine manipulation/pinch grip –					
Fingers are on one side of the object and					Ιп
thumb on the other, typically without the					
object touching the palm					
Power/open hand grip – Using the					
whole hand to grasp an object, typically used to handle large or wide objects		\boxtimes			
where the fingers are extended					
Writing/typing					\boxtimes
Climb ladders					
Climb or descend stairs					
Low level work – Performing manual					
handling actions at or near ground level					
Manual Handling					
Lift/Carry/Hold – Raising or lowering					
an object from one level to another and		K7			
holding/transporting the object using the					
hands, arms or on the shoulders					
Pushing/Pulling – Applying force to		\boxtimes			
move something away or closer to one's					
self, including static positions				1	
Kilograms of force (kg.f) – Amount		<u> </u>			
of force or effort required to perform a					
specific task or part of a task	ob mull an bal-l			1	
Weight requirements – lift, carry, pu	sii, puii or nola				
1-5kg					
5.1 – 10kg					
10.1 – 15kg					\vdash
		\boxtimes			

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare / Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
15.1 – 20kg					
Lift floor to hip		\boxtimes			
Lift waist to shoulder		\boxtimes			
Lift overhead		\boxtimes			
Pushing/pulling		\boxtimes			

Band descriptors (as defined in Council's Enterprise Agreement)

These descriptors help to classify the position:

Accountability and Extent of Authority

The position is directly held responsible for:

- Assisting the Team Leader to organise and prioritise the team's work, to effectively support Community
 Amenity staff in undertaking unit functions within planned guidelines and ensure the maintenance of
 accurate, up-to date department databases and records, processing and producing all correspondence
 within agreed timeframes to meet the service needs of the department.
- Assisting and supporting the Team Leader and department staff and where appropriate other external
 agencies in all relevant administrative processes for the efficient and effective delivery of Community
 Amenity responsibilities. This may also include working with other Community Amenity employees share
 workload and broaden skills.
- Where the position is responsible for resource supervision, the freedom to act is governed by clear objectives and/or budgets, frequent prior consultation with more senior staff and a regular reporting mechanism to ensure adherence to plans.
- Where the position is responsible to provide specialist advice to clients or to regulate clients, the freedom to act is subject to close supervision or to clear guidelines.
- The effect of decisions and actions taken on individual clients may be significant but the decisions and actions are always subject to appeal or review by the Prosecutions Coordinator and/or Manager Community Amenity.
- When providing direct support and assistance to Team Leader Administration and/or Manager
 Community Amenity, the freedom to act is not limited simply by standards and procedures, and the
 quality of decisions and actions taken will often have an impact upon the performance of the employees
 being supported.
- Initiating and assisting in review and improvement of the Community Amenity policies, procedures and operating systems administrative processes to ensure the most up to date and efficient service is provided.

Judgement and Decision-Making Skills

Judgement and decision making is within the following scope:

- Objectives of the work of the Community Amenity administration team are usually well defined.
- The work may involve solving problems, using procedures and guidelines and the application of
 professional or technical knowledge, or knowledge acquired through relevant experience. This includes
 the ability to assess risks within the administration team's functional responsibilities and take appropriate
 and timely actions, in consultation with the Team Leader and as required, other departments and senior
 staff within the organisation.
- Problems are occasionally of a complex or technical nature with solutions not related to previously encountered situations and some creativity and originality is required.

Recommends and Identifies:

To Team Leader Administration or Manager Community Amenity

- Identifies and makes recommendations about current Community Amenity administration process improvements where necessary.
- Assist with the design and development of new administrative procedures aimed at improving the effectiveness of the delivery of department services.

Guidance:

• Guidance and advice are usually available from the Manager Community Amenity and/or Team Leader Administration within the time required to make a choice.

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The position requires the following essential skills and knowledge:

- Capacity to work effectively across the multidisciplinary Community Amenity department, including where responsibilities are related to other Community Strengthening departments in order to provide good internal customer service / administrative support to a community of great cultural diversity.
- A sound understanding of the relevant technology, procedures and processes and function of the role within Community Amenity including relevant policies, regulations and precedents.
- A high level of proficiency in the interpretation and application of standardised procedures, practices, relevant Acts and Regulations as well as understanding of relevant precedents and previous decisions relevant to the Administration team's function. In addition the role also requires an understanding of the underlying principles involved as distinct from the practices.
- Ability to organise pro-active and reactive workload demands of the administration team, to maintain
 accuracy of work and provide an appropriate balance of resource allocation in an environment of high
 workload and tight deadlines.
- Ability to supervise the provision of information from databases in relation to reporting and service management functions of the Community Amenity department.
- Ability to compile and submit daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reports to Manager/Team Leader, regarding functions undertaken by unit.

Management & Interpersonal skills

The essential position requirements include:

- Manage time, set priorities, plan and organise work and in appropriate circumstances that of other
 employees so as to achieve specific and set objectives in the most efficient way possible within the
 resources available and within a set timetable.
- In supervision of the administration team this position requires an understanding of and ability to implement personnel practices including those related to equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety and employees training and development.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills in communicating with other Council officers, industry professionals, community members and councillors to receive/allocate service requests and provide feedback on outcomes.
- Communicating with other agencies including police, govt. departments, industry professionals and other councils, as required, in relation to routine compliance activity.
- The incumbent is required to gain the cooperation and assistance of clients, members of the public, team members, other staff in the department, and other employees in the efficient delivery of administration support of the department's activities and in the supervision and training of other employees where appropriate.
- Demonstrated well developed written and verbal communication skills to prepare external correspondence and write reports in the field of expertise.

Verification & Approvals

I certify that the content of this Position Description accurately reflects the overall role and accountabilities of the position:

	Name	Signature	Date
Occupant			
Manager			

Appendix Core Capability Framework – Team Member



Relationship Management

Develops and maintains strong and enduring relationships with colleagues and/or external stakeholders which are built on mutual respect and commitment. Ensures that all people are treated with dignity and respect regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

- Demonstrates respect for the wide range of views and perspectives that are expressed in their teams
- Contributes effectively to team meetings
- Demonstrates commitment to team decisions
- Demonstrates respect for other team members

Planning & Organising

Thinks from a wholistic perspective and sees the patterns in the complex relationships that exist between the different parts of the organisation. Uses these insights to ensure that the organisation's human, physical and financial resources are effectively used in the achievement of the organisation's, team's or the role's agreed priorities.

- Is able to explain the relationship between own work activities and the goals and objectives of the team
- Prioritises work based on the needs of the team
- Shares relevant information as and when appropriate
- Consistently does her/his share of the work

People Development

Demonstrates a deep commitment to ongoing learning and development as fundamental to the organisation's sustained success and to the realisation of the potential of its people.

- Is active in identifying opportunities for ongoing growth and development
- Seeks feedback with a view to personal and professional development
- Looks for opportunities to grow skills and knowledge
- Is proactive in managing own career development

Future focused organisation

Is keenly aware of the social, political, economic and technological trends that impact the global and local environments and ensures these are factored into the work of individuals, teams or the organisation to deliver on the needs and expectations of the Council and the community it serves

- Incorporates key issues impacting the broader environment into the way they undertake their work
- Responds flexibly to change
- Shows resilience in times of change
- · Seeks support during times of uncertainty

Outcome orientation

Demonstrates a strong commitment to a high-performance culture by constantly striving for high quality customer service outcomes and accepting responsibility for • outcomes within their control

- Demonstrates a willingness to take informed risks in solving client issues
- Ensures tasks are consistently completed to the required standard
- Responds promptly and appropriately to requests for service
- Consistently follows established practices and procedures

Service focus

Ensures there is a focus on delivering work priorities to agreed quality and timeliness standards

- Is friendly and responsive to clients/customers
- Strives to deliver quality client/customer outcomes
- Deals with client/customer issues with concern and a sense of importance

Self-management

Demonstrates self-awareness through understanding own responses to a range of • Accepts personal responsibility for outcomes within their control situations as well as understanding the impact their behaviour has on others

- Demonstrates the ability to regulate and adapt behaviour according to the circumstances and the audience
- Seeks out feedback with the purpose of reflecting on work performance with a view to self-improvement
- Models Greater Dandenong's ethical and organisational standards

· Acts decisively during times of ambiguity and pressure

Safety, health and wellbeing

Ensures that the safety, health and wellbeing of employees, contractors, service users and councillors is at the heart of the organisation's culture and the way work is organised and services delivered

- Actively participates in discussions and activities aimed at improving safety, health and wellbeing
- Takes responsibility for the personal safety, health and wellbeing of self and immediate others
- Supports and encourages colleagues to actively participate in safety, health and wellbeing initiatives

Council's REACH Values

Respectful

We respect and care about our community, each other and ourselves.

We act with integrity at all times and in all matters. We take time to listen to and seek to understand the other point of view.

We strive to understand and respect the diversity of our community and our workplace.

We understand our role in the community and respect the responsibility that comes with

Creative

We care about getting the best outcomes.

We constantly ask: What's the future and what's possible?

We have the courage to try new ideas.

We strive for excellence in everything we do.

Engaged

We listen to our community and respond.

We work together with our community and each other, to achieve the best outcome.

We have the confidence to challenge the status quo, to reach for better outcomes.

We are action-oriented in identifying and responding to new challenges.

Honest

We tell the truth, even when we know people may not want to hear it.

We form our opinions and give advice from sound, evidence based research.

We act with humility and apply the highest standards of ethical behaviour to everything we do.

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Accountable

We are proud of our city, our community and our achievements.

We spend our time and effort on solutions rather than looking for someone to blame.

We take responsibility for our actions.

