

## **Position Description**

Position Title	Team Leader – Library Programs and Partnerships
Directorate	Community Strengthening
Department/Business Unit	Creative and Engaged City
Team	Libraries
Classification	Band 6
Date	June 2025
Reports to:	Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator
Supervises:	Library Programs and Partnerships Officer Library Programs and Outreach Officer
Internal Liaison:	Library staff and management, Creative and Engaged City staff and other Community Strengthening staff, Information Technology, Records and Community Development, Building Maintenance, Security Concierge staff, Media and Communications, all Council staff.
External Liaison:	Library users, community members, Public Libraries Victoria, State Library of Victoria, service providers, specialist trainers, community groups and organisations, professional colleagues, networks and organisations

## **Position Objectives**

The primary purpose in this position is to:

- Develop, lead and maintain external partnerships and programs to enhance library services and community engagement in line with strategic outcomes
- Provide leadership and support to the Library Programs and Partnerships team, fostering a
  collaborative environment and working with all Council areas to deliver innovative, strategic and cultural
  community outcomes
- Provide specialist advice for the development of programs and services that focus on engaging with new and potential library users
- Support the development and evaluation of Library programs and events to ensure they meet the needs of the community and reflect the strategic direction of Library Services.
- Seek Grant and Funding opportunities that supports and enhances library programs and strategic initiatives.
- Use design thinking principles to plan programs and partnerships that meet community needs, incorporating outreach initiatives and alternative service delivery methods to enhance library services.

### **Key Selection Criteria**

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

 Degree or diploma in Librarianship / Information & Knowledge Management or Community Development or equivalent with some relevant experience and/or lesser formal qualifications and substantial relevant experience in management commensurate with the position.

Relevant experience should include:

- Demonstrated ability to lead and motivate team members and colleagues, communicating in a collaborative and cooperative manner, including the ability to consult, advocate, liaise and effectively coach a diverse range of people
- Demonstrated experience in successful program and project delivery using defined operational workflows including the successful collaboration with others to achieve project outcomes
- Demonstrated experience in engaging with a culturally and linguistically diverse community and achieving long-term partnerships with a focus on alternative service delivery
- Demonstrated experience in the delivery of cultural development initiatives, programs and events with local community to achieve strategic outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to keep abreast of current library trends as well as effectively network and liaise with a range of internal parties, corporate, government and community agencies and individuals

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:

$\boxtimes$	satisfactory (and ongoing) Working with Children's Check
$\boxtimes$	satisfactory (and ongoing) Police Check
$\boxtimes$	current valid (and ongoing) Victorian Driver's Licence
$\boxtimes$	ongoing First Aid and CPR (specify) including:
	☐ Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting
	☐ First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis

## **Position Specific Responsibilities & Skills**

In this position, you are responsible for:

Team	Provide effective leadership, supervision and professional support to team
Management and	members in a busy and changing environment
Leadership	Encourage and facilitate enhanced staff performance within Council guidelines and requirements
	Ensure a proactive, practical approach to the professional development of staff
	Develop positive, collaborative relationships with library staff, other teams across     Council and external key stakeholders
	Conduct regular team meetings to provide for staff input into operational and strategic matters and to provide information to all staff
	Encourage staff to embrace continuous improvement processes, while demonstrating and promoting a flexible and positive approach to change within the team.
	Manage, allocate and prioritise projects and tasks to supervised staff
	Follow all corporate requirements in relation to the recruitment and development of staff, focussing on the needs of the Library Service in meeting the needs of the community in consultation with the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator
	Facilitate training, new staff induction and staff development for their team in information and services delivery, user education programs and reader services
Grants and Partnership Development	Identify opportunities to work in partnership with community organisations and services to develop, implement and monitor, projects and grant opportunities that deliver outcomes through libraries for the community
	Facilitate partnerships that align with the Council's strategic goals and support the growth and sustainability of arts and cultural initiatives
	Establish and nurture partnerships with other organisations in the community including educational institutions, community organisations and local government services
	Monitor and evaluate partnership effectiveness, ensuring alignment with organisational objectives and community needs

	Support the development of joint projects and initiatives that foster community
	engagement and enhance lifelong learning.
	Identify opportunities for external grants to support community focused programming and skill development
	Development programs and develop and submit grant applications as directed
Program and Service Development	Identify key trends and make recommendations for the development of strategies to enhance library services and programs to the community, including new and emerging groups
	<ul> <li>Identify priorities for marketing of services and programs to the City's diverse community</li> </ul>
	Identify and develop learning program opportunities
	<ul> <li>Actively seek to partner with other teams across Council, to promote lifelong learning development priorities, and work collaboratively towards agreed shared outcomes</li> </ul>
	Provide strategic and operational advice and support to community groups and individuals to deliver library outcomes
	Facilitate the provision of a range of programs appropriate to the City's diverse community to address identified user education and development needs
	Develop and maintain strong relationships and networks with the local and broader library community, sector networks and funding bodies
	Undertake projects and initiatives that enhance the program engagement of library users through design thinking methodology which includes customer journey mapping and consultation
	In consultation with the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator evaluate programming and outreach service delivery, recommend and implement improvements
	Monitor trends and provide specialist advice and recommendations on issues affecting library programs and services
	Support the development and achievement of the library's strategic goals and plans
	Develop mechanisms to evaluate the overall effectiveness and acceptance of programs, as well as specific outcomes for individual programs and events
Marketing & Promotion	Collaborate with Promotions staff to create briefs for marketing and promotional materials.
	<ul> <li>Draft media releases and articles for review and approval by the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Identify joint promotional opportunities within the Creative and Engaged City, participating in initiatives to effectively cross promote and pursue sponsorships when applicable.</li> </ul>
Front of House Service Delivery	Provide effective and efficient library and information services to all library users on a rostered basis during library opening hours at all locations
	Assist patrons to become familiar in the use of catalogues, electronic resources and other information resources
	Provide basic literacy and learning support services and advice and make bookings for language and literacy assessments where appropriate
Front of House Supervision	When working on a rostered shift as leader on duty, manage front-of-house Library operations and the delivery of services
	Effectively deal with patron feedback, and service issues that may arise during rostered shifts
	<ul> <li>Utilise and wear personal security and duress alarms as provided by Council</li> <li>Supervise staff rostered to designated shift, assisting with escalated patron enquiries and issues</li> </ul>

	As a trained and appointed designated First Aid Officer provide first aid to persons and staff injured or unwell     Ensure incidents, hazards and accident/near miss reports are appropriately reported     Escalate emergencies and issues requiring immediate attention to senior staff or emergency services as required
First Aid Activities	Undertake the role of First Aid Certified Officer (FACO) and administer first aid in line with job requirements and OHS First Aid Operational Procedure

## **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
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul> <li>All employees have responsibilities to:</li> <li>Take reasonable care of their own health and safety.</li> <li>Take reasonable care that their acts do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons or themselves.</li> <li>Follow policy, procedure or instructions to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable a safe workplace.</li> <li>Report all incidents, injuries and near misses to their supervisor immediately and adhere to Council's occupational health, safety and return to work (RTW) policies and procedures.</li> <li>Participate in health and safety training programs and initiatives.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>People managers have additional responsibilities to:</li> <li>Develop, implement, promote and review Council's OHS management system within their area of responsibility.</li> <li>Work with Health and Safety and People and Change departments to ensure accurate and timely OHS reporting, and implementation of health and safety culture, policies, procedures, and training programs.</li> <li>Ensure employee compliance with relevant OHS regulatory requirements through local and corporate policies and procedures in order to provide and maintain a safe work environment, including providing training and guidance on OHS responsibilities.</li> <li>Monitor and review workplace environment to identify, manage and respond to any health and safety hazards and risks, including psychosocial.</li> </ul>
Child Safety	<ul> <li>Understand obligations and act in an appropriate manner with and around children</li> <li>Promote positive work practices with children</li> <li>Establish boundaries around acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in relation to children</li> <li>Adhere to reporting obligations where there is suspected or discovered child abuse</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Remain mindful of the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights at all times</li> <li>Manage Council records in accordance with the relevant Council policies and corporate</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>requirements to protect personal information.</li> <li>Perform other duties as directed within the limits of acquired skills, knowledge, and training.</li> </ul>
	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	<ul> <li>Demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to work with, diversity in the workplace, including:         <ul> <li>zero tolerance of racism and expectations that staff will act on incidents of racism</li> <li>supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to express their culture and enjoy their cultural rights.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Gender Equality	<ul> <li>Prevent and address violence against women and workplace sexual harassment, including by modelling acceptable behaviour, responding decisively to improper conduct and properly managing initial disclosures</li> </ul>

## 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.

## **Vision and Hearing Requirements**

This position requires a vision test
This position requires a hearing test

On a typical day, approximately this much time would be spent on the following activities:

	Task details	Free	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				$\boxtimes$	
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					
Concentrating – high levels of concentration required while completing				$\boxtimes$	

	Task details	Frequency (% of the working day)			
Cognitive Requirements	(typical tasks)	Rare/ Never	Occasional 0 - 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
required tasks	,				
Planning and sequencing tasks and activities				$\boxtimes$	
<b>Decision making –</b> required to exercise sound decision making while completing all aspects of the position				$\boxtimes$	
<b>Problem solving</b> – 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					
Judgement – required to exercise sound judgement while completing all aspects of the position within defined scope					
Short and long-term memory recall  – ready access to documented procedures or precedents to perform requirements of the position				$\boxtimes$	
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 notice				$\boxtimes$	

# **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					
Sitting – stay in a seated position	Shelving, perfect ordering		$\boxtimes$		
Standing – standing in an upright position, moving less than 3 steps	Returning books, assisting patrons			$\boxtimes$	
Walking – In an upright position, moving more than 3 steps	Assisting patrons			$\boxtimes$	
Crawling – Move on the hands & knees or by dragging the body close to the ground					
Non-manual handling					
Crouch/squat – To lower the body by bending forward from legs and spine, buttocks on or near the heels	Shelving		$\boxtimes$		
Kneeling – To lower the body	Shelving		$\boxtimes$		

		Frequency (% of the working day)				
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare / Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%	
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	Shelving on lower shelves. Minimise by squatting / kneeling					
Reaching – Extending arms out in any direction	Kriceling			$\boxtimes$		
Twisting/trunk rotation – Rotating the body to one side or the other without moving the feet	Scanning and stacking books. Can be minimised by moving the feet		×			
Fine manipulation/pinch grip — Fingers are on one side of the object and thumb on the other, typically without the object touching the palm	Handling books, computer use			$\boxtimes$		
Power/open hand grip — Using the whole hand to grasp an object, typically used to handle large or wide objects where the fingers are extended	Larger books, holding trolley					
Writing/typing	Computer use		$\boxtimes$			
Climb ladders		$\boxtimes$				
Climb or descend stairs	Accessing first or ground floor		$\boxtimes$			
<b>Low level work</b> – Performing manual handling actions at or near ground level	Shelving		$\boxtimes$			
Manual Handling	1.160	I	1		1	
<b>Lift/Carry/Hold</b> — Raising or lowering an object from one level to another and holding/transporting the object using the hands, arms or on the shoulders	Lifting, holding books. Lifting & carrying crates in returns			$\boxtimes$		
Pushing/Pulling — Applying force to move something away or closer to one's self, including static positions	Pushing/pulling books in/out of shelves Pushing/pulling glass doors Pushing/pulling loaded trolley Loaded large trolleys 5-6kgf over distances of 10–20 metres Glass meeting room doors <4kg if 2 person task					
Kilograms of force (kg.f) – Amount of force or effort required to perform a specific task or part of a task	Loaded large trolleys 5-6kgf over distances of 10–20 metres		$\boxtimes$			
Weight requirements – lift, carry, p			1			
1-5kg	Lifting, holding books Pushing/pulling books in/out of shelves Pushing/pulling glass doors			$\boxtimes$		
5.1 – 10kg	Pushing/pulling loaded trolley		$\boxtimes$			
10.1 – 15kg	Lifting & carrying crates in returns		$\boxtimes$			
15.1 – 20kg		$\boxtimes$				

	Frequency (% of the working day)				
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare / Never	Occasional 0 - 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Lift floor to hip	Crates in Returns Books from lower shelves		$\boxtimes$		
Lift waist to shoulder	Books from trolley to upper shelf or intra library crates		×		
Lift overhead		$\boxtimes$			
Pushing/pulling	Loaded large trolleys 5-6kgf over distances of 10–20 metres Glass meeting room doors <4kg if 2 person task		×		

### 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:

- The freedom to act when managing these resources is governed by clear Library objectives and adopted budgets with regular reporting mechanisms to ensure adherence to goals and objectives. The effect of decisions and actions taken at this level is usually limited to the quality or cost of the resources, programs and projects being managed
- Where required to provide specialist advice to clients or to regulate clients, the freedom to act is subject
  to regulations and policies and regular supervision. The effect of decisions and actions taken on
  individual clients may be significant, but it is usually subject to appeal or review by the Library
  Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator
- Where involved in policy development the work is usually of an investigative and analytical nature, with the freedom to act prescribed by the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator. The quality of the output can have a significant effect on the process of policy development.

### **Judgement and Decision-Making Skills**

Judgement and decision-making is within the following scope:

- The nature of the work is usually specialised with methods, procedures and processes developed from theory or precedent. The work may involve improving and/or developing methods and techniques generally based on previous experience.
- Problem solving may involve the application of these techniques to new situations.

### Independently:

- Resolve complex customer experience, information and program enquiries within professional knowledge and experience.
- Professional judgement on matters of procedure and interpretation of requirements.
- Provide specialist professional support for policies, programs and procedures.
- Organise and priorities work to meet set objectives, within the resources available.
- Represent Greater Dandenong on sector working and interest groups which relate to specialisation.
- Conduct annual Performance Development Processes (PDP) with all supervised staff.

### With Input from the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator:

- Finalise documentation and or recommendations relating to the specialist fields in this role.
- Supervise resources and apply knowledge to meet service requirements, within a framework of guidance and advice from the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator and/or other members of the library coordinator team.

Recommends and Identifies to the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator:

- Service improvements, partnership opportunities and programs based on user needs, industry trends and best practice in community development and library services provision.
- Budget allocations for grant funding, programs, events, partnerships and continuous improvement initiatives
- Opportunities for the improvement of outreach and inhouse program delivery and administration procedures.
- Library Resources to support purchases for program and engagement delivery which are in line with Library and council's resource/collection development guidelines, budget and purchasing policies. Guidance:
- Guidance and advice are usually available from the Library Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator and other Coordinators within the Library Service.

### Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The position requires the following essential skills and knowledge:

- Active participation in training and skill development in order to keep up with the changing nature of the
  delivery of Library Services in the 21st Century, including but not limited to skills to support library
  leadership activities, project management, and customer experience and co-design.
- Proficiency in the application of theoretical or scientific discipline, including the underlying principles as distinct from the practices.
- An understanding of the long-term goals of the Library Service and the relevant policies of both Library Services and the City of Greater Dandenong.
- Demonstrated ability to manage resources including to develop and work within approved budget frameworks, and a familiarity with relevant budgeting techniques.

## Management & Interpersonal skills

The essential position requirements include:

- Managing time, setting priorities, planning and organisation of one's own work and where appropriate that of other employees so as to achieve specific set objectives in the most efficient way possible within the resources available and within a set timetable.
- Where management of employees is part of the job, the position requires an understanding of and an
  ability to implement personnel practices including those related to equal employment opportunity,
  occupational health and safety and employee's development.
- An ability to gain cooperation and assistance from clients, members of the public and other employees in the administration of defined activities and in the supervision of other employees.
- An ability to liaise with counterparts in other organisations to discuss specialist matters and with other employees in other functions in their own organisation to resolve intra-organisational problems.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to communicate with all ages, across all levels of a culturally diverse community.

	Name	Signature	Date
Occupant			

# **Appendix**

# **Core Capability Framework – People Leaders**



### **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.

- Ensures a wide range of views and opinions are encouraged and valued
- Builds strong and trusting relationships with team members and across the directorate
- Seeks to achieve outcomes that are beneficial to all stakeholders
- Demonstrates high levels of integrity and teamwork in all relationships

### **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.

- Ensures that team members are able to see the connections between the work of the team and the broader organisational context
- Actively engages team members in the development of realistic plans to deliver work unit priorities
- · Allocates work unit resources to achieve desired results
- Takes corrective action as required when concerns have been identified

## **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.

- Encourages people to undertake ongoing professional and personal development
- <u>Uses reflection as a key tool for ongoing development and organisational</u> improvement
- <u>Uses transformational leadership practices to engage and grow the capabilities of team members</u>
- Regularly gives and receives constructive feedback
- Communicates with staff in a positive and proactive manner

## **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

- Monitors the broader environment to understand the impact of emerging trends on the work of the team
- <u>Identifies changes to systems and processes that will lead to the effective implementation of organisational change initiatives</u>
- Encourages others to recognise and value the inevitability of change in organisations
- Assists the team to adapt to a constantly changing environment by communicating change information honestly, empathetically and in a timely manner

## **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

- Creates opportunities for people to come together to creatively address issues facing the team and the clients they serve
- Sets short-term goals with the team for the team to achieve agreed objectives
- Tracks progress against job expectations and makes adjustments as required
- Sets challenging goals that will deliver superior results

### **Service focus**

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

- Demonstrates commitment to quality client/customer service
- Maintains regular customer communication to ensure mutual expectations are clear

• Responds appropriately to client/customer requests and/or complaints

### **Self-management**

Demonstrates self-awareness through understanding own responses to a range of • Accepts personal responsibility for outcomes within her/his 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

- Aligns team/unit work plans with Council's vision and objectives for employee safety, health and wellbeing
- Allocates adequate resources to achieve safety, health and wellbeing initiatives and objectives
- Monitors departmental performance indicators for the continuous improvement of safety, health and wellbeing practices and culture

## Council's RFACH 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.

### 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.

#### 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.

