

Position Description

Position Title	Procurement Operations Partner
Directorate	Chief Financial Officer
Department/Business Unit	Finance and Procurement
Team	Procurement
Classification	Band 5
Date	August 2025
Reports to:	Procurement Manager
Supervises:	Nil
Internal Liaison:	All Council staff, Supervisors, and Managers
External Liaison:	External Contractors & Suppliers, Government departments and agencies, and Consultants

Position Objectives

Procurement within Greater Dandenong Council is undergoing rapid development to shift the function to best practice. In this role we are seeking a skilled and experienced procurement professional to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in procurement and finance, with specific experience in local council purchasing systems and central contract management systems (Vendor Panel). Key responsibilities include managing procurement contract systems, maintaining confidentiality, ensuring compliance with legislative and policy requirements, and executing procurement strategies.

Your primary purpose in this position is to be the key admin and support for procurement, purchasing and utility operations across the council in the procurement team.

- Oversee all aspects of purchase orders, including maintenance, compliance, and reporting.
- Manage master data, including vendor creation and demand management.
- Assist in supplier segmentation and apply supplier relationship management strategies.
- Administer contract and purchasing management including threshold management and reporting.
- Monitor performance indicators, compliance, and supplier invoicing.
- Act as the primary procurement contact for utility management
- Support forward planning and procurement steering committee requirements.
- Ensure value for money principles and guidelines are met across your categories
- Supporting tenders, evaluations, extensions and variations for above-threshold value procurement
- Provide advice to the business on conflict-of-interest and probity forms, organize external probity requirements, and ensure compliance with procurement policies
- Support nominated common-use agreements, panels, strategic contracts and key corporate agreements in Vendor Panel
- Assist reporting for development in key relationships, contract management, contractor KPI strategies and outcomes
- Support education and training of business users in procurement processes, probity and technology
- Support the council in Social Procurement and Sustainability objectives
- Support other Business Partners to balance the workload across the team
- Support the Senior Procurement Business Partner in reporting on procurement and compliance performance in your area

Key Selection Criteria

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

- Procurement/Finance experience and knowledge of local council purchasing utility and admin systems
- Preferred relevant qualification in Procurement, Business or a related field.
- Substantial experience and skills managing Procurement contract management systems, including Vendor Panel administration and purchasing administration.
 - > ability to maintain confidentiality and manage sensitive issues and information
 - > ability to manage and report on data across Procurement, purchasing and utilities
 - ability to ensure that the planning, management and delivery of procurement operations is fully consistent with all relevant legislative, probity and policy requirements,
 - skills in gathering, evaluating and applying data on information technology, operations, purchasing and utilities process of procurement at council
 - > the ability to execute procurement strategies from the procurement business partners and manager
- Experience and skills in managing internal business stakeholders, including strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience in management of utility contracts including transition-in of new suppliers, contract administration, contract risk management, and close-out of contracts.

As part of the Selection Criteria, you must hold and supply these licenses, 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

Position Specific Responsibilities & Skills

In this position, you are responsible for:

Purchase Orders	 All aspects of Purchase Orders Purchase order maintenance including closure. Maintenance to include financial requirements and compliance requirements of all purchase orders Reporting and reporting sequences for purchase orders Education and training on raising/maintaining purchase orders Rapid Global system requirements for suppliers (working with risk and OH&S management) for procurement Procurement policy and compliance requirements with business units for all procurement work Risk register and management for all procurement work Al admin improvements on purchase order admin with integrations on CMS
<u>Master Data</u>	 Master data management (including vendor master) Vendor creation demand management Procurement Master data reporting
Supplier Relationship Management	 Assist the Senior Procurement Business partner in segmentation of suppliers and identification of supplier management strategies by segment Apply supplier relationship management strategies for nominated key suppliers Supplier Corporate Scorecard admin requirements from Procurement Business Partner requests (login and requests) Supplier Creditor Watch admin requirements from Procurement Business Partner Requests Supplier registrations for Rapid Global Supplier registrations for Vendor Panel

Contract Management Admin	 Contract creation and maintenance in the finance system Maintenance includes threshold value management and threshold reporting Date extensions for contracts in the finance system Ensuring commercial values from contracts are drawn upon for purchase orders
Performance	 P2P performance indicator reporting Purchase order and invoice compliance and reporting Supplier Invoicing on Time (IOT) Supplier DIFOT reporting Support segmented supplier strategy for different business units and identify supplier strategies for value for money, compliance and innovation
Vendor Panel	 Vendor Panel Admin – Login Vendor Panel training Updating induction training Vendor Panel Module Champion Vendor Panel reporting
Build and Maintain Relationships with Key Business Stakeholders	 Act as the single Procurement point of contact and trusted advisor to nominated business areas with your Senior Business Partner/Lead Build strong relationships with key business stakeholders, focusing on running and attending business planning meetings, fortnightly and quarterly as required with your Senior/Lead Procurement Business Partners Attend meetings with MAV, Procurement Australia and external stakeholders to develop relationships, reporting and value add for panel management Attend meetings within our Southeast Metro (SEM) group of councils for education, opportunity and collaborative procurement identification
Forward planning and Procurement Steering Committee	 Support the Procurement team's requirements with forward planning, contract register updates in Vendor Panel and linking reports to the Procurement Steering Committee Forward planning and Steering Committee reporting

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.

Child Safe Organisation

Greater Dandenong City Council has zero tolerance of child abuse and is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe and child friendly City where all children are valued and protected from abuse.

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
Health and Safety	 All employees have responsibilities to: Take reasonable care of their own health and safety. Take reasonable care that their acts do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons or themselves.

	Follow policy, procedure or instructions to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable a safe workplace.
	 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.
	Participate in health and safety training programs and initiatives.
Child Safety	 Comply with the organisation's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Child Safe Code of Conduct and all other Council Child Safe Policies & Procedures
	 Demonstrate a commitment to child safety, equity, inclusion, and cultural safety, in line with Council policies and the Victorian Child Safe Standards.
	 Report any child safety concerns including breaches of Child Safe Code of Conduct in line with Council policies, the Reportable Conduct Scheme, and legal obligations.
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.

Working out of standard business hours

 \boxtimes Not required.

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

	Task details	Frequency (% 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	

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Cognitive Requirements	(typical tasks)	Rare/ Never	Occasional 0 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
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 required tasks					
Planning and sequencing tasks and activities					
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					
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					
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% (on average) daily work rate of manual handling/physical exertion. Please contact the OHS Team or consult with the relevant subject matter expert in that area to determine. A tick is still required in the applicable box in each row

	Task	Frequency (% of the working day)			
Physical Requirements	detail	Rare / Never	Occasional 0 - 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Mobility/Postures					
Sitting – stay in a seated position					
Standing – standing in an upright position, moving less than 3 steps					
Walking – In an upright position, moving more than 3 steps			\boxtimes		
Crawling – Move on the hands & knees or by dragging the body close to the ground		\boxtimes			
Non-manual handling					ı
Crouch/squat – To lower the body by bending forward from legs and spine, buttocks on or near the heels		\boxtimes			
Kneeling – To lower the body		\boxtimes			
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 direction		\boxtimes			
Twisting/trunk rotation – Rotating the body to one side or the other without moving the feet		\boxtimes			
Fine manipulation/pinch grip — Fingers are on one side of the object and thumb on the other, typically without the object touching the palm				\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					
Writing/typing				\boxtimes	
Climb ladders		\boxtimes			
Climb or descend stairs			\boxtimes		
Low level work – Performing manual handling actions at or near ground level		\boxtimes			
Manual Handling	•	•	<u> </u>	•	
Lift/Carry/Hold — Raising or lowering an object from one level to another and holding/transporting the object using the hands, arms or on the shoulders			\boxtimes		
Pushing/Pulling – Applying force to move something away or closer to one's self, including static positions					
Kilograms of force (kg.f) – Amount of force or effort required to perform a specific task or part of a task			\boxtimes		
Weight requirements - lift, carry, push, pull	or hold	•	•	•	
1-5kg			\boxtimes		
5.1 – 10kg		\boxtimes			
10.1 – 15kg		\boxtimes			
15.1 – 20kg		\boxtimes			
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:

- Procurement Partner: Authority to partner with your business area as the primary point of contact for
 procurement support and advice within allocated business areas, with 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
- Procurement Planning: Authority to support and implement forward procurement plans/meetings, contract registers based on business needs from stakeholder meetings and data.
- Market Strategy: Authority to support strategic advice based on market intelligence and supply market understanding.
- Procurement Strategy: Authority to develop, support and execute procurement strategies for key events.
- Tender and Evaluation: Authority to support and manage tenders, evaluations, and manage procurement strategies for above-threshold value procurements.
- Advisory on Quotes: Authority to advise on lower risk quotes and procurement strategies.
- Agreement Management: Authority to support common-use agreements, panels, strategic contracts, and key corporate agreements.
- Contract management: Authority to support key relationships and oversee contract management and supplier KPIs.
- Training and Education: Authority to educate and train business users in procurement processes and technology.
- Support and Mentorship: Authority to support various procurement roles and mentor less senior team members.

Judgement and Decision-Making Skills

Judgement and decision making is within the following scope:

Independently:

- Makes decisions on the day-to-day and ongoing operations and supporting Procurement projects for your nominated business areas which will be well defined but the particular method, technology, processes or equipment to be used must be selected from a range of available alternatives.
- Makes decisions on items to be included in the forward procurement plan
- Contract administration on managed contracts
- Support user education and delivery of ongoing training programs
- Gathering desktop supply market intelligence and market monitoring of suppliers
- Support Value for Money (VFM) strategy and executions as per policy

With Input from the Manager Procurement:

- Determining procurement strategies for individual procurement events
- Identifies and recommends whole-of-business/category opportunities
- Determining the stakeholder management and engagement strategy with nominated business areas
- Support for other Business Partners to distribute workload
- Approach to interacting with supply market to gather market intelligence and knowledge
- Communication of supply market innovations to your business area and stakeholders
- Identifies opportunities of innovation to the Manager of Procurement:
- Improvements to CGD Procurement Policy, process and procedures
- Attendance at supply market conferences and exhibitions for the purpose of improving supply market knowledge

Guidance:

- Works under broad direction from the Manager Procurement and Senior Business Partner
- All decisions are made within the CGD Procurement Policy and legislative requirements

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The position requires the following essential skills and knowledge:

- This position requires an understanding of the underlying principles involved as distinct from the practices
- Relevant degree or diploma / other qualification in Procurement, Business, or related field
- Demonstrable experience in cultivating and maintaining value-generating relationships with key business stakeholders
- Experience and skills in procurement planning and execution, with a demonstrated ability to support procurement strategies for individual procurement events or procurement spend categories
- Ability to support procurement strategy development workshops and tender evaluation teams
- Ability to support procurement sourcing projects including tender document development, market engagement, evaluation, and negotiation
- Knowledge of conflict of interest and probity requirements in local government procurement
- Technical knowledge aligned to your nominated business areas
- An understanding of the local government sector in Victoria, the legislation relevant to the sector, the long-term goals of Council, and its values

Management & Interpersonal skills

The essential position requirements include:

- This position requires skills in managing time, setting priorities and planning and organising one's own 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 timeframe
- The ability to develop high-functioning relationships with key stakeholders including the ability to gain cooperation and assistance from clients, members of the public and other employees
- The ability to support business discussions on procurement strategy development
- Resilience in change management
- The requirement to maintain confidentiality and manage risk, but also persuade, convince, or negotiate
 with staff, contractors, and suppliers in the pursuit and achievement of specific and set objectives of
 Procurement
- The ability to coach and guide stakeholders and operational roles
- The ability to work with the Procurement Manager on procurement strategy
- Effective interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills, including the ability to produce timely, professional communication

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			

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, • Contributes effectively to team meetings religion or sexual orientation.

- Demonstrates respect for the wide range of views and perspectives that are expressed in their teams
- 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 situations as well as understanding the impact their behaviour has on others

- Accepts personal responsibility for outcomes within their control
- 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 councilors 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.

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.

