

Position Description

Position Title	Litter Enforcement Officer
Directorate	City Futures
Department/Business Unit	Community Amenity & Compliance
Team	Community Compliance
Classification	Band 5
Date	November 2025
Reports to:	Coordinator Community Compliance
Supervises:	Nil
Internal Liaison:	All Community Compliance and Amenity staff / Local Law Officers, Team Leader Waste / waste education officer, Media & Comms
External Liaison:	Other Municipal Councils, Litter Enforcement Officer Networks, Local and State government departments, Council customers and general public, Victoria Police

Position Objectives

Your primary purpose in this position is to:

• To lead enforcement and investigative efforts targeting littering and illegal dumping across the municipality. The role is responsible for identifying and responding to incidents of dumped rubbish, collecting evidence to support enforcement action, and issuing infringements in accordance with relevant legislation and local laws. Working closely with internal teams and external agencies, the officer will ensure high-risk areas are regularly monitored and that community amenity is protected through visible, consistent, and effective compliance activity. The officer will play a key role in enhancing community pride, improving amenity, and supporting strategic waste and environmental goals.

Key Selection Criteria

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

- Relevant degree or diploma course with little or no relevant work experience, or through lesser formal
 qualifications with relevant work skills, or through relevant experience and work skills commensurate with
 the requirements of the work in this Band. Relevant experience should include:
 - Demonstrated experience in developing and delivering community engagement and education programs, including working with CALD communities, schools, community groups and the business sector.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively manage time to achieve daily work tasks and workload, clearly plan, prioritise and organise work, within the resources available and within a set timetable.
- Demonstrated excellent customer service skills including the ability to gain cooperation from others and diffuse difficult inter-personal situations / confrontations in a tactful and personal manner.
- Demonstrated well developed skills in in oral and written communication, including the ability to
 effectively use computer software and systems including the Microsoft Office suite and other relevant
 databases.
- An understanding and knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety practices and procedures in the workplace.
- Ability to work independently, demonstrate self-motivation and initiative.
- Ability to interpret legislation and apply relevant enforcement practices
- High level written and verbal communication skills.

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 [mandatory]
- □ current valid (and ongoing) Victorian Driver's Licence

Position Specific Responsibilities & Skills

In this position, you are responsible for:

Litter Enforcement	 In consultation with the coordinator, develop unit business plan, implement programs aimed at reducing littering behaviour and improving the amenity within the municipality, undertaking investigations on complaints received. Implement, manage, and review Council's Litter process, as well as developing
	and monitoring programs allocated to officer positions, to ensure staff are achieving established targets.
Prosecutions	 Issue infringements and or summonses, to bring alleged offenders before courts. Receive and review appeals against infringements and in accordance with relevant code of practice, authorise withdrawals. When required, appear at court as informant.
Administration	 Respond promptly and courteously and give professional advice to enquiries from external and internal customers on Litter matters. Prepare and present reports to Council as required.
Community Compliance	May assist with supporting the operational requirements of covering school crossings to ensure community safety and service continuity.

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
Occupational 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.
	This role may be subject to work related contact outside of normal business hours. (Refer to Working out of hours under position specific responsibilities.)

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

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Cognitive Requirements	Task details (typical tasks)	Rare/ Never <10%	Occasional 11 – 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					

		Frequency (% of the working day)			
Cognitive Requirements	Task details (typical tasks)	Rare/ Never <10%	Occasional 11 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Communicating with others – Verbally					
Communicating with others - Written					
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					\boxtimes
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					×
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				×	
Physical Requirements					
□ This position requires more than 10% (on average) daily work rate of manual handling/physical exertion. [If this position requires ≥10% (on average) daily work rate of manual handling / physical exertion, a Task Analysis is then required to be established by an Occupational Therapist [OT] for further assessment (please contact the OHS Team for further information).]					
☐ This position requires a vision test					
☐ This position requires a hearing test					
Note: To determine % of manual handling / physical exertion on average per working day.					

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7.6 hour day = 456 minutes. 10% of 456 minutes = 45.6 minutes per day.

8.00 hour day = 480 minutes. 10% of 480 minutes = 48.0 minutes per day.

8.44 hour day = 506 minutes. 10% of 506 minutes =50.6 minutes per day.

		Frequency (% of the working day)			g day)
Physical Requirements	Task detail	Rare / Never <10%	Occasional 11 – 33%	Frequent 34 – 66%	Constant >66%
Mobility/Postures	1				
Sitting – stay in a seated position				\boxtimes	
Standing – standing in an upright			\boxtimes		
position, moving less than 3 steps					
Walking – In an upright position, moving more than 3 steps					
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					
Kneeling – To lower the body		\boxtimes			
Bending – To bend forward and down		\boxtimes			
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					
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					
Climb ladders					
Climb or descend stairs					
Low level work – Performing manual					П
handling actions at or near ground level Manual Handling			_		_
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		\boxtimes			
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, pu	sh, pull or hold		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
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			

Note: The intention of the position description is to provide an outline of scope and responsibilities, at a point in time. Please note, responsibilities may evolve in accordance with organisational needs.

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 quality and effectiveness of their work to meet key performance indicators including completing allocated notices, actions, and correspondence to meet corporate and statutory obligations within agreed time limits.
- Compliance with the relevant Acts, policies, procedures, practices, and systems, including maintaining a current knowledge of rapidly changing legislation and associated codes.
- Undertaking patrols and School Crossing supervision duties in a range of weather conditions, including severely inclement weather conditions, with the freedom to act subject to close supervision or to clear guidelines
- Dealing with issues in a courteous, firm, fair and reasonable manner in circumstances which, at times, can be challenging or difficult to manage.

Judgement and Decision-Making Skills

Judgement and decision making is within the following scope:

- The objectives of the work are usually well defined and involves solving problems, using procedures regulations, policies and guidelines and the application of professional or technical knowledge, or knowledge acquired through relevant experience.
- Provide feedback wherever appropriate to improve work processes/customer service, within the team.
- Problems are occasionally of a complex or technical nature and should be discussed with the coordinator before action is taken, in order to ensure compliance with relevant legislation, regulations, procedures and policies. Solutions will not necessarily be related to previously encountered situations and therefore some creativity and originality is required.
- Guidance and advice are always available from the Coordinator Community Compliance and Senior Officers as necessary, particularly where significant deviations from standard operating procedures or protocols may occur.

Specialist Knowledge and Skills

The position requires the following essential skills and knowledge:

- Supervisors in this Band require an understanding of the relevant technology, procedures and processes used within their operating unit.
- Specialists and employees involved in interpreting regulations require an understanding of the underlying principles involved as distinct from the practices.
- Support employees also require an understanding of the role and function of the senior employees to
 whom they provide support an understanding of the long-term goals of the unit and appreciation of the
 goals of the organisation.
- Proficiency in the application of standardised procedures practices, Acts and Regulations and an understanding of relevant precedents, previous decisions.

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Management & Interpersonal skills

The essential position requirements include:

- Require 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 timetable.
- Where supervision is part of the job, the 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.
- Require the ability to gain co-operation and assistance from clients, members of the public and other
 employees in the administration of well defined activities and in the supervision of other employees where
 appropriate.
- Expected to write reports in their field of expertise and/or to prepare external correspondence.

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, 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

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- Strives to deliver quality client/customer outcomes
- Deals with client/customer issues with concern and a sense of importance

Self-management

· Accepts personal responsibility for outcomes within their control

Demonstrates self-awareness through understanding own responses to a range of 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.

