

## **Position Description**

### **Executive Assistant**

#### **Position profile**

<b>Business Unit</b>		Position number	
Department	City Life	Status	Full Time
Salary group		Last review	
Reports to	Director City Life		

#### **Overview**

Bayside Council is an exciting place to work, live and play. The Bayside Council area covers approximately 50 square kilometres and over 160,000 people call Bayside home.

Bayside Council is the gateway to Sydney's south. With significant state infrastructure within our boundaries and key transport corridors between Port Botany, Sydney Airport and greater Sydney, change is everywhere and so are the opportunities.

By working together, we are making a difference across our Council, creating a great future.

This is an exciting opportunity for an innovative, customer centric and outcomes focused individual to be part of a modern, dynamic organisation that serves the Bayside community well.



#### **Values**

The following values were developed by Bayside Council employees and underpin our shared commitment in delivering our vision for the future.

The values guide us and define how we strengthen our working environment to deliver on the aspirations of our community.

- Visionary Leadership We are all leaders decisive, outward focused and forward thinking, setting the vision for Bayside Council today and into the future
- Empowered People We are courageous and innovative committed to making a difference in our work
- Meaningful Relationships We support and invest in each other creating a strong collaborative culture
- Exceptional Service We go above and beyond delivering an outstanding customer experience every time

#### Primary purpose of the role

The Executive Assistant provides a range of executive, secretarial and administrative support services for the Director, across a range of areas, often in a politically sensitive environment support the achievement of Council objectives.

The role is responsible assessing, analysing and prioritising requests to facilitate the optimal use of the Director's time and for ensuring executive and administrative support is undertaken ethically, professionally and efficiently, to ensure best practice in local government.

This role is the primary contact for the Director and is required to promote and model a positive and collaborative culture across all levels of Council.

#### Key accountabilities

Within the area of responsibility, this role is required to:

- Manage the Director's diary appointments, records and correspondence, travel arrangements and schedule, and meetings to facilitate effective management of the Director's operational area and functions.
- Identify key objectives for work tasks and plan daily activities to ensure effective use of resources and maximise the provision of support services.
- Prepare, coordinate and review high-level communication and written information in the form of briefs, emails and correspondence, to respond to issues and enquiries.
- Research, collate and coordinate reports, advice and briefings on complex policy and operational matters to support informed decision making and planning.
- Maintain relevant records and databases to ensure all information is accurately and correctly stored and accessible.
- Monitor, implement and evaluate administrative practices, systems and procedures within the directorate to optimise efficiency and support the delivery of quality outcomes.

#### **Key challenges**

 Managing competing priorities, expectations and information flow and providing consistently high levels of support, often with short deadlines.

- Anticipating issues; negotiate outcomes and timeframes; and maintaining confidentiality and discretion.
- Developing and fostering strong working relationships with directors, managers and Council.

#### **Role Dimensions**

#### **Decision Making**

The role operates with a level of autonomy and is fully accountable for the accurate and timely delivery of administrative support and services.

#### **Essential Requirements**

- Qualifications and/or equivalent experience in a relevant field.
- Demonstrated experience in an administrative or executive assistant role, or equivalent, with a sound understanding of the complexities of working within a politically sensitive environment.

#### **Competency summary**

Below is the full list of competencies adapted from the NSW Public Sector Capability Framework and the level required for this role. The competencies in bold are the focus competencies for this role. Refer to the next section for further information about the focus competencies.

NSW Public Sector Capability Framework				
Capability Group	Capability Name	Level		
	Display Resilience and Courage	Foundational		
	Act with Integrity	Intermediate		
Personal Attributes	Manage Self	Intermediate		
	Value Diversity	Foundational		
	Communicate Effectively	Adept		
	Commit to Customer Service	Intermediate		
Relationships	Work Collaboratively	Intermediate		
	Influence and Negotiate	Intermediate		
	Deliver Results	Foundational		
	Plan and Prioritise	Adept		
Results	Think and Solve Problems	Foundational		
100 Marie 100 Ma	Demonstrate Accountability	Intermediate		
**	Finance	Foundational		
<b>₩</b>	Technology	Intermediate		
Business Enablers	Procurement and Contract Management	Foundational		
	Project Management	Foundational		

#### **Focus Competencies**

The focus competencies for the role are the competencies in which occupants must demonstrate immediate competence. The behavioural indicators provide examples of the types of behaviours that would be expected at that level and should be reviewed in conjunction with the role's key accountabilities.

NSW Public Sector Capabi	mty Framework	
Group and Capability	Level	Behavioural Indicators
Personal Attributes  Manage Self	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Adapt existing skills to new situations</li> <li>Show commitment to achieving work goals</li> <li>Show awareness of own strengths and areas for growth and develop and apply new skills</li> <li>Seek feedback from colleagues and stakeholders</li> <li>Maintain own motivation when tasks become difficult</li> </ul>
Relationships Communicate Effectively	Adept	<ul> <li>Tailor communication to the audience</li> <li>Clearly explain complex concepts and arguments to individuals and groups</li> <li>Monitor own and others' non-verbal cues and adapt where necessary</li> <li>Create opportunities for others to be heard</li> <li>Actively listen to others and clarify own understanding</li> <li>Write fluently in a range of styles and formats</li> </ul>
Relationships Influence & Negotiate	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Utilise facts, knowledge and experience to support recommendations</li> <li>Work towards positive and mutually satisfactory outcomes</li> <li>Identify and resolve issues in discussion with other staff and stakeholders</li> <li>Identify others' concerns and expectations</li> <li>Respond constructively to conflict and disagreements</li> <li>Keep discussion focused on the key issues</li> </ul>
Results Plan & Prioritise	Adept	<ul> <li>Take into account future aims and goals of the team/unit and organisation when prioritising own and others' work</li> <li>Initiate, prioritise, consult on and develop team/unit goals, strategies and plans</li> <li>Anticipate and assess the impact of changes, such as government policy/economic conditions, on team/unit objectives and initiate appropriate responses</li> <li>Ensure current work plans and activities support and are consistent with organisational change initiatives</li> <li>Evaluate achievements and adjust future plans accordingly</li> </ul>

## **Corporate Obligations**

Budget	Council adopted budget for financial year	
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Delegations	Decisions associated with this position are to be made in accordance with the Delegations of Authority approved by the General Manager.	
Risk Management	Contribute to Council's risk management framework.	
Integrated Management Systems	Continually review policies, procedures & processes to increase organisational effectiveness and efficiency and create a culture of innovation and continuous improvement.	
Workplace Health and Safety	<ul> <li>Workers have overall responsibility, accountability and authority to ensure their workplace is a healthy and safe workplace for all workers and will have the following work health and safety (WHS) responsibilities:</li> <li>Participate in the implementation of WHS information within Council's Safety Management System (SMS)</li> <li>Participate in consultation of WHS issues in their area of responsibility and WHS reporting, risk assessment and incident investigations</li> <li>Develop the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively enable you to carry out your WHS responsibilities that are assessed through KPIs noted in your Individual Work Objectives</li> <li>Wear personal protective equipment and follow safe work procedures, where relevant</li> <li>Report all hazards, near misses, and incidents as soon as practical to Manager, Coordinator or Team Leader and no later than 24 hours following the event, and</li> <li>Participate in incident investigations and risk assessments within 24 hours of notification.</li> </ul>	
	INDOOR EMPLOYEE:	
	To be aware of appropriate procedures in relation to safe manual handling techniques when undertaking work tasks, including:	
	<ul> <li>Lifting/moving files, storage boxes etc,</li> <li>Moving equipment for set up and storage,</li> <li>Moving tables and chairs for meetings or training,</li> <li>Sitting and working posture when in meetings and at the workstation.</li> </ul>	
Code of Conduct	All staff are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct and associated policies, including, but not limited to Gifts and Benefits policy; Secondary Employment policy; Public Interest Disclosure policy; and Bullying & Harassment Prevention policy.	
Customer Service	Provide quality customer service to external and internal customers in accordance with Council's values, policies and procedures.	
Records Management	Comply with Council's Records Management policies, procedures and guidelines.	

#### **Disclosures of Interest**

Disclose pecuniary interests (if a designated person in accordance with s 441 of the Local Government Act 1993).

# **Equal Employment Opportunity**

Comply with EEO based legislation and Council's policies, procedures and guidelines.

HUMAN RESOURCES USE	
Does this position fall under the definition of child related employment?	No
Does this position require incumbent to undergo criminal reference check?	No
Does this position require incumbent to demonstrate good driving record or possess a specific licence?	No
Specify licence: Class C Drivers Licence	
Will incumbent need to make disclosure of pecuniary interest?	No
Could there be a conflict of interest with secondary employment?	Yes