# **Bayside Council**

Serving Our Community

# **Position Description**

## **Customer Service Officer**

#### **Position profile**

Business Unit	Customer Experience	Position number	
Department	City Performance	Status	Various
Salary group		Date Endorsed	
Reports to	Senior Customer Service Officer		

#### **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

Provide a pivotal first point of contact for Council, responding to customer enquiries in line with established procedures and key performance standards.

#### Key accountabilities

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

- Deliver timely customer services in person, over the phone or across multi-communication channels in line with established customer service standards.
- Respond to customer enquiries, needs, concerns and suggestions in a timely manner to improve and maintain quality of service in line with performance measures.
- Promote Council programs and services and educate customers to enable their easier access to Council services, technology and information.
- Assist in the delivery of enhanced business systems and processes in consultation with internal and external customers and stakeholders.
- Undertake other duties including lodgement of applications, receipting and daily reconciliation in line with established procedures.
- Act as a 'Process Champion' and actively participate in the review, development and implementation of customer service improvement initiatives.
- Promote the positive and collaborative culture and values of the organisation through open, fair and transparent decision making and ethical, professional behaviour.
- Work in collaboration with and assist the team, manager and other key stakeholders to achieve business unit goals, work requests, demands and Council priorities.

#### Key challenges

- Responding to enquiries across multiple channels of communication whilst ensuring consistent customer service and professional assistance.
- Identifying and resolving issues in a timely manner to maintain a quality level of service and a positive customer experience.
- Directing customers and stakeholders to the appropriate information, resources and channels in a manner that maintains a positive customer experience and ongoing relationships with Council.
- Responding to a range of enquiries and work demands given a high volume environment.

#### **Role Dimensions**

**Decision Making** 

- Guided by Council strategic plans, statutory guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Work under guidance in line with agreed team work plans.
- Escalate more complex issues to Team Leader if unable to be resolved.

#### **Essential Requirements**

• Relevant qualification and/or experience.

#### **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	Intermediate		
	Act with Integrity	Foundational		
Personal Attributes	Manage Self	Intermediate		
minoutes	Value Diversity	Foundational		
	Communicate Effectively	Intermediate		
	Commit to Customer Service	Foundational		
Relationships	Work Collaboratively	Foundational		
	Influence and Negotiate	Foundational		
	Deliver Results	Foundational		
	Plan and Prioritise	Foundational		
Results	Think and Solve Problems	Foundational		
	Demonstrate Accountability	Intermediate		
- 44-	Finance	Foundational		
¢.	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.

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>
<b>Relationships</b> Commit to Customer Service	Foundational	<ul> <li>Understand the importance of customer service</li> <li>Help customers understand the services that are available</li> <li>Take responsibility for delivering services which meet customer requirements</li> <li>Keep customers informed of progress and seek feedback to ensure their needs are met</li> <li>Show respect, courtesy and fairness when interacting with customers</li> </ul>
<b>Results</b> Think and Solve Problems	Foundational	<ul> <li>Find and check information needed to complete own work tasks</li> <li>Identify and inform supervisor of issues that may impact on completion of tasks</li> <li>Escalate more complex issues and problems when these are identified</li> <li>Share ideas about ways to improve work tasks and solve problems</li> <li>Suggest improvements to work tasks for the team</li> </ul>
Business Enablers Technology	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Apply computer applications that enable performance of more complex tasks</li> <li>Apply practical skills in the use of relevant technology</li> <li>Make effective use of records, information and knowledge management functions and systems</li> <li>Understand and comply with information and communications security and acceptable use policies</li> <li>Support the implementation of systems improvement initiatives and the introduction and roll-out of new technologies</li> </ul>

### **Corporate Obligations**

Budget	Council adopted budget for financial year.		
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	<b>Workers</b> 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:		
	<ul> <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).		
	Comply with EEO based legislation and Council's policies, procedures and guidelines.		
HUMAN RESOURCES USE (REMOVE EITHER YES OR NO)			

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