



Application Information Pack

Senior Town Planner (Ongoing)

\$1,521.85 - \$1,681.68 per week
(plus 9.5% superannuation)

Fulltime – 35 hours per week

Division: Development – Assessment

Closing Date: 5.00pm, Monday 28 January 2019

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Guidelines for Applicants

APPLYING FOR THE POSITION

You need to apply in writing for the position. It is most important to prepare a good application as it will be used to decide whether you proceed to interview. A good application shows why you are the best person for the job and how your skills, knowledge and experience meet the selection criteria.

Application must contain:

- A covering letter of application
- Telephone number(s) for contact purposes
- Your résumé (curriculum vitae) including referee contact details
- Your claims against the Functional Capabilities

NOTE: You should be available for interview as soon as the vacancy closes. If you know that you will be unavailable, please note this on your application and if possible, provide alternate contact details.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to work in Australia you must provide a copy of either a birth certificate, citizenship certificate, or a passport and a copy of a current driver's license with your application. If you are not eligible to work in Australia at the time of applying for the advertised vacancy, it is in your interests to advise (in your application) whether you have applied for Australian Citizenship or working visa and the expected timeframe for recommendation.

THE ROLE OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection process will be undertaken by a small panel, usually consisting of three members. Each selection panel is convened with care to ensure that it has the necessary expertise to make a sound decision in a fair and impartial way. Collectively, the committee will have an understanding of the vacancy and its role and will be responsible for the integrity of the final selection decision.

The Committee will be responsible for shortlisting, assessing the applicant which may include questions at interview, skill testing or scenario problem solving or a mixture contacting referees and making a recommendation of appointment to the relevant delegate.

The most suitable applicants (short listed from their written application) will be called for an interview where each candidate's strengths and weaknesses in relation to the selection criteria are further assessed. The purpose of the interview is to provide the applicant with the opportunity to expand on information presented in their application and to enable the panel to gather further data for the assessment process.

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The body of the interview will be structured so that each interviewee is provided with the same assessment process and at the interview you will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the position. The assessment offer candidates the chance to demonstrate their understanding of the position and its duties.

At this stage you may also present information to the committee which you feel assists your application.

If you are offered an interview and you have any special needs (for example, wheelchair access to the building, interpreter for hearing impaired persons) you should inform the person who contacts you

You will be advised by letter or email if you have not progressed further in the selection process after interview.

You have the opportunity to contact the Chair of the panel to receive feedback on your application and/or interview. This feedback will assist you with future applications and interviews.

Please note that unsuccessful applications and recruitment documentation will be retained for 12 months and then destroyed. Recruitment documentation for successful candidates will form part of your personnel file.

REFEREE REPORTS

Comments will be sought from your nominated referees to determine your ability or potential to fulfil the selection criteria and the requirements of the job you have applied for. Referees will be required to confine their comments to their direct knowledge of you. It is therefore important that you nominate referees who are able to discuss your suitability in relation to the selection criteria.

Consider providing them with a copy of the position description so that they are prepared to provide relevant information to the selection committee. Written referee reports are not required.

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

You will be required to undertake a medical assessment at Council's cost if the selection panel thinks you should progress in the selection process. The results of the medical will assist Council to determine if you are able to meet the inherent requirements of the position you have applied for. Pre-employment medical reports will be kept securely on file.

PROGRAMS TO ENSURE FAIR & SAFE EMPLOYMENT

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council believes that equality in employment is a fundamental right for all people. EEO principles ensure that people are not discriminated against and have equal access to employment, conditions of employment, training and development, promotional opportunities and evaluation of performance.

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The outcome of good EEO practice is a diverse and skilled workforce, improved employment access and participation of EEO groups and a workplace culture displaying fair practices and behaviours.

Work Health and Safety (WHS)

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is committed to safe work practices and a safe work environment. Council regularly reviews its facilities and work practices as part of its risk management plan. Each employee has a legislative requirement to ensure their work is carried out safely. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is also committed to assisting with the prompt return to work of injured workers.

Fitness for Work – Drug and Alcohol

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is committed to safe work practices and a safe work environment. Part of providing a safe environment is ensuring workers are fit for work and to this end Council has introduced an Alcohol and Other Drugs Procedure. Part of that procedure covers random testing. Random testing has been introduced to detect alcohol, opiates (including codeine), amphetamines (including pseudoephedrine) and benzodiazepines. Testing is conducted through oral means (breath test and oral swab).

SENDING YOUR APPLICATION

All completed applications can be:

- Emailed to: careers@qprc.nsw.gov.au
- Lodged online: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers/Apply-online>
or
- Sent to: PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620



Position Description

Position Title	:	Senior Town Planner
Position No	:	4506
Portfolio	:	Natural and Built Character
Branch	:	Development
Grade	:	14
Location	:	Primarily based at Council's Queanbeyan and/or Bungendore sites and alternate locations as operationally necessary

The Role:

Report to	:	Team Leader, Assessment
Responsible for	:	Nil
Delegations	:	As detailed in Council's delegation register

Primary Purpose:

As a member of the Development team, the position's primary purpose is to deliver on the following objective/s:

Objective

To facilitate the orderly development of Queanbeyan-Palerang region's Natural and Built Environment. This is achieved by providing guidance and information to the Community regarding relevant development controls and a high quality development assessment service.

As a member of the Natural and Built Character team, the position's ancillary purpose is to assist delivery on the following principles:

Principles

- *Service: Maintain seamless service delivery to communities in accord with adopted standards*
- *Opportunity: Embrace opportunities to improve services and infrastructure for communities*
- *Cohesion: Bring together and build on the strengths of strategies, structures, staff and systems*
- *Engagement: Inform and involve communities, staff and other partners, including industry unions, in planning and implementing change*
- *Integrity: Ensure ethical, open and accountable governance and administration*
- *Respect: Value the knowledge and contributions of staff, communities and other partners*

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Key Accountabilities

The position is accountable for:

- Mentoring team members in understanding their statutory obligations, the processes involved in the assessment role and reinforcing the values of the Assessment Team;
- Contributing to workplace health and safety, risk, environmental and quality (HSEQ) objectives; and,
- Contributing constructively to culture of health and safety within the Council.

Key Responsibilities

The position is responsible for supporting and delivering the following:

Development Assessment	22.1.1	Development Applications	Process and assessment of all development applications within statutory timeframe
	22.1.3	Regional Panel Applications	Coordinate processing and assessment of applications lodged with JRPP
Development Control	22.4.1	Development Control	Monitor and inspection of developments to ensure legislative/regulatory compliance

Performance

Performance will be assessed on the skills set for the role together with the exhibition of behaviours assessed against the principles and organisational values.

Functional Capabilities for the role:

- Tertiary qualifications in Urban and Regional Planning or equivalent.
- Ability to demonstrate a high degree of expert knowledge and experience in applying the Local Government Act and the New South Wales Environmental Planning legislation
- Demonstrated ability to research and assess issues and prepare complex reports;
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use Microsoft suite of programs and electronic records management systems.
- Ability to plan, organise, set priorities and manage time, so that objectives are achieved within an agreed timeline.
- Ability to communicate effectively both in oral and written form to internal and external bodies, including excellent presentation skills.
- Current Class C NSW driver licence

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Behavioural Capabilities for the Role

Capability	Element	Behaviour
Personal Excellence	Personal Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage others to and act yourself in an honest, ethical and professional manner at all times. Promote and establish an inclusive culture that recognises the need to respect others expertise, authority and area of responsibility. Looks for and encourages others to take advantage of opportunities to develop new skills. Does not entertain gossip or “one-up manship”
	Well-Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure self and colleagues are aware of work based personal stress and of solutions to mitigate their potential impact.
Optimising Outcomes	Analytical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead by example, promote and encourage team to gather and consider the required information to complete own work.
	Innovative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and activate opportunities to enhance automated/technological functions to improve service delivery
	Holistic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, escalate and contribute to the initiatives to resolve barriers to effectiveness and promote this within the team.
Constructive Relationships	Quality Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure written and verbal communications are tailored according to audience.
	Team/Stakeholder Recognition & Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and contribute input to the systems view to identify customers, partners & stakeholders.
	Collaborate & Cooperate for Optimum Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a culture based on collaborative effort that seeks out cross-organisational input.
	Humanistic and encouraging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually choose a constructive attitude.
	Staff Management (if relevant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide leadership to the team by engaging and motivating them to deliver results and achieve the desired outcome.
Achievement	Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be output/outcome focus. Support systems which provide staff with the ability to deliver outputs/outcomes through expertise and efficient use of resources and commitment to quality. Ensure financial management policies and guidelines are understood and observed. Utilise procurement and contract management policies and guidelines and ensure compliance with them.
	Plan for and deliver results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore, and encourage others to explore a range of possibilities and creative alternatives to suggest improvement to systems and processes for business improvement. Set realistic goals for self and team, and work towards achieving them whilst still maintain flexible in order to overcome unforeseen obstacles.