



## **Application Information Pack**

### **Communications and Engagement Officer**

\$1,422.57 - \$1,571.90 per week  
(plus 9.5% superannuation)

Full time – 35 hours per week

**Division:** Customer and Communications

**Closing Date:** 5.00pm, Friday 4 December 2020

**Contact Officer:** Michael Goiser on (02) 6285 6500

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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](mailto:careers@qprc.nsw.gov.au)
- Lodged online: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Careers/Apply-online>