



POSITION NAME:	SENIOR BUILDING SURVEYOR
SECTION:	BUILDING CERTIFICATION
DIRECTORATE:	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. REMUNERATION

Grade 17 of the Griffith City Council Salary System

2. REPORTING STRUCTURE

a) Directly responsible to:

Building Certification Coordinator

b) Positions directly reporting to this position:

Nil

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Senior Building Surveyor is to assist the Building Certification Coordinator in the functions of the Sustainable Development Directorate in relation to building certification in order to satisfy the Council, the development industry and the community in the provision of efficient and effective service.

4. RELATIONSHIPS

The following are examples of relationships that it is anticipated the position will have:

Internal

- Planning & Environment Manager
- Building Surveyor
- Staff

External

- General Public
- Representative Committees
- Other Local Governments
- State Government Agencies
- Developers / Consultants / Builders

5. CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Policies and Procedures

- Comply with Local Government State Award
- Comply with Council's Code of Conduct, Policies and Procedures at all times
- Maintain organisational confidentiality
- Comply with the requirements of Anti-Discrimination legislation, including Equal Employment Opportunity and all legislative requirements relevant to the position

Customer and Community Relations

- Ensure an efficient, courteous and professional service to internal and external customers at all times
- Present a positive image as a professional officer of Council.

Work, Health and Safety

- Ensure all work is performed in accordance with requirements of Work, Health and Safety policies, procedures and legislation
- Report all incidents, hazards and risks to the immediate supervisor
- Maintain and use personal protective and safety equipment as applicable to the role
- Actively participate in Work, Health and Safety activities

Teamwork

- Actively participate as a member of the relevant Council section and department
- Promote and maintain harmonious relationships in the workplace

Record Keeping

- Ensure accurate and timely record keeping in accordance with Council's requirements

Training and Development

- Actively participate in Council's training and development programs as required

Continuous Improvement and Innovation

- Promote the development of more efficient work practices

Environment

- Consider the protection of the environment when undertaking all Council activities

General

- Perform other duties as required consistent with the level of competencies of the position
- Ensure efficient and appropriate use of Council resources when carrying out work
- Accomplish tasks while working under limited / minimum supervision

6. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Ensure that building and development applications are assessed expeditiously in accordance with national and state statutory requirements (including the Building Code of Australia) and Council's policies and standards/controls.
- Represent Council as certification authority for building and construction works.

7. KEY DUTIES

To assist the Building Surveyor and Building Certification Coordinator in the provision of building certification services.

This will include but not be restricted to:

- Assessment of development applications and preparation of reports with appropriate conditions of consent if applicable, related to Class 1 single dwellings and ancillary Class 10 structures.
- Advise applicants, residents, organisations and other staff on development and building certification matters.
- Assessment and issuing of Complying Development Certificates within limits of individual accreditation with the Building Professionals Board.
- Assessment and issuing of construction, compliance, occupation & building certificates within limits of individual accreditation with the Building Professionals Board.
- Inspection, assessment and issuing of Swimming Pool Certificates of Compliance.
- Assist in the development and execution of the swimming pool registration and inspection program.
- Inspect building works to ensure compliance with standards, legislation and consents within limits of individual accreditation with the Building Professionals Board.
- Assist in the investigation of compliance matters relating to building certification.
- Responsible for developing and overseeing an inspection program to ensure the validity of Annual Fire Safety Statements for relevant buildings in accordance with legislation.
- Participate in pre-development discussions as required.
- Assess applications and issue approvals for on-site sewerage management systems.
- Ensure records are maintained in accordance with relevant legislation.
- Education of community stakeholders regarding relevant building related issues
- Assist the Building Certification Coordinator in the development of Council's operating procedures, policies and work practices.
- Assist the Building Certification Coordinator in mentoring other members of the building certification team.
- Assist the Building Certification Coordinator in the promotion of Council's building certification services and ensuring the service remains competitive with other service providers.
- Maintain positive relationships with existing customers and initiate new business relationships with potential customers.

8. KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

- Hold a diploma in building surveying or related field.
- Demonstrated experience as a practicing Building Surveyor in Local Government or the private sector
- Possess or be eligible for Level A2 Accreditation under Section 5(1A) of the Building Professionals Act.
- Demonstrated high level written and oral communication skills.
- Hold a current driver licence Class "C".
- Hold a General Construction Induction Training certificate (GIT or white card)

- Demonstrated experience to negotiate and resolve conflict with the general public/applicants and other stakeholders to arrive at a mutually understood position which preserves the integrity of the Council.
- Demonstrated computer skills and proficient in the use of Microsoft Office suite.
- Demonstrated ability to interpret relevant legislation including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, *Building Professionals Act 2005*, *Local Government Act 1993*, *Swimming Pools Act 1992* and the Building Code of Australia.

DESIRABLE

- Demonstrated extensive experience in carrying out inspections, assessing and issuing certificates in relation to Class 2-9 Buildings as classified under the Building Code of Australia.
- Hold a degree in building surveying or related field.

9. CRITICAL PHYSICAL FACTORS

Described below are the critical physical factors (CPF) associated with this role. The CPF are an indication of the types of duties expected of an employee fulfilling this role. Employees and candidates should be aware that they may be required to perform tasks up to and including these CPF as an inherent requirement of their employment.

KEY

I Infrequent: exposure to the physical factor two – three times a year on average
 O Occasional: exposure to the physical factor less than twice a week on average
 F Frequent: exposure to the physical factor 3 - 4 times a week on average
 C Constant: exposure to the physical factor more than 5 times a week on average
 R Repetitive: exposure to the physical factor multiple times in an hour
 S Seasonal: Activity involves seasonal variations
 N/A Not Applicable
 ≡ Winter
 * Summer

Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	R	S	NA
Physical Demands of Job Tasks								
Kneeling/Squatting	Tasks involve flexion/bending at the knees and ankle, possibly at the waist in order to work at low levels		X					
Leg/Foot Movement	Tasks involve use of the leg and or foot to operate machinery							X
Hand/Arm Movement	Tasks involve use of hands/arms - e.g. stacking, reaching, typing, mopping, sweeping, sorting, and inspecting.					X		
Bending/Twisting	Tasks involve forward or backward bending or twisting at the waist.				X			
Standing	Tasks involve standing in an upright position without moving about			X				
Driving	Tasks involve operating any motor powered vehicle				X			
	Tasks involve driving vehicle on unsealed roads.			X				
Sitting	Tasks involve remaining in a seated position during task performance					X		

Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	R	S	NA
Reaching	Tasks involve reaching overhead with arms raised above shoulder height or forward reaching with arms extended.			X				
Walking/Running	Tasks involve walking or running on even surfaces					X		
	Tasks involve walking on uneven surfaces				X			
	Tasks involve walking up and / or down slopes		X					
	Tasks involve walking whilst pushing/pulling objects	X						
Climbing	Tasks involve climbing up or down stairs, ladders, scaffolding, platforms, trees, onto plant		X					
	Tasks involve climbing over or under machinery							X
Working at heights	Tasks involve making use of ladders, foot stools, scaffolding, etc. anything where the person stands on an object other than the ground.		X					
Lifting/Carrying	Tasks involve raising/lowering or moving objects from one level/position to another, usually holding an object within the hands/arms		X					
	Tasks involve raising/lowering or moving objects from one level/position to another, usually holding an object within the hands/arms for more than one hour at a time - e.g. whipper snipper.							X
	1. Light lifting/carrying (0-9 Kg)					X		
	2. Moderate lifting/carrying (10-15 Kg)		X					
	3. Heavy lifting/carrying (16 Kg and above)	X						
Restraining	Tasks involve restraining animals / objects							X
Pushing/Pulling	Tasks involve pushing/pulling hand powered objects away from or towards the body. Also includes striking or jerking. - e.g. hammer, hoe.							X
	Tasks involve pushing/pulling powered objects away from or towards the body. Also includes striking or jerking. - e.g. chainsaw, whipper snipper, jackhammer, drills, grinders.							X
Grasping	Tasks involve gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands.		X					
Manual Dexterity	Tasks involve fine finger movements - i.e. keyboard operation, writing, tightening a nut.					X		
Sensory Demands of Job Tasks								
Sight	Tasks involve use of eyes (sight) as an integral part of task performance - i.e. looking at screen/keyboard in computer operation, working in dark environment, etc.					X		
Hearing	Tasks involve working in a noisy area - e.g. boiler room, kitchen, workshop and/or operation of noisy machinery/equipment			X				

Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	R	S	NA
Smell	Tasks involve the use of the smell senses as an integral part of the task performance - e.g. working with chemicals	X						
Exposure to Chemical Hazards								
Dust	Tasks involve working with dust - e.g. sawdust			X				
Gases	Tasks involve working with gases	X						
Fumes	Tasks involve working with fumes - i.e., which may cause problems to health if inhaled.		X					
Liquids	Tasks involve working with liquids which may cause skin irritations if contact is made with skin - e.g. dermatitis	X						
Working Environment								
Temperature	Tasks involve working in temperature extremes and exposure to outdoor elements - e.g. working in a cool room, working outdoors, boiler room						X	
Confined Spaces	Tasks involve working in confined spaces which may affect individuals with claustrophobia	X						

10. AUTHORITY TO ACT

Delegations set out in the Council's delegation register or made by the General Manager.

11. AMENDMENT TO THIS POSITION DESCRIPTION

This position description may be amended from time-to-time and any changes will be communicated in writing.

Position Description reviewed: March 2016

Job Evaluation Assessment Date: 23/03/2016

I accept the requirements of the position description and I can deliver its required outputs.

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