



# **Position Description**

Position Title Multi-Skilled Water Operator

Position Code WAT003
Department Engineering

Division Water

Reports To Team Leaders: Reticulation, Water Filtration,

Water/Sewer Projects

Direct Reports: Ni

Position Classification Operational Band 1, Level 4

Position Status Full-time

Allowances Level 1 Adverse Working Conditions Allowance

On-Call Allowance (when operating in an on-call

capacity)

#### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

Incumbents will be required to participate in an on-call rotating roster as well as after-hours work as required.

#### **REPORTING STRUCTURE**

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Team Leader Water Reticulation / Team Leader Water and Sewer Projects



Multi-skilled Water / Sewer Operator

#### PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The incumbent of this position will assist in all areas of Council's water operations which will include operating, maintaining and repairing Council's Water Treatment Facility, Sewer Treatment Plant as well as the water and sewer reticulation infrastructure.

Areas of Delivery	Est. % of time spent
Undertake a range of project based work associated with the construction of water and sewer system infrastructure	60%
Assist the Team Leader Water Filtration/Reticulation and operators in the day to day operation, maintenance and repair of the water filtration plant and water supply system components.	30%
Professional development including reading and participating in training as required, including Certification through the WIOA system as a Registered Operator	10%





#### **POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Undertake water and sewer reticulation maintenance work and metering systems work as required in accordance with Australian Standards and the National Plumbing Code of Practice and Council's construction standards including the construction of water mains and fittings as required to ensure continuity of service;
- Perform water reticulation and operation maintenance activities in a safe manner as required in compliance with relevant laws, standards, Council policy and having regards for the safety of the public, road users and other employees;
- Assist the Team Leader Water Filtration, Team Leader Water Reticulation and operators in the day to day operation, maintenance and repair of Council's Water Filtration Plant, metering systems, water reticulation system, pump stations and water storage reservoirs to ensure continuity of service and the effective operation in compliance with relevant laws and standards;
- Assist the Team Leader Water / Sewer Projects by undertaking a range of activities to support the completion of capital works projects in compliance with relevant standards and direction;
- Undertake a range of water sample testing and laboratory procedures related to the water supply system and sewer system to ensure the supply of safe water in compliance with regulatory standards, laws as well as compliance with Quality Drinking Water Guidelines;
- Participate in the diagnosis and rectification of any water quality issues through the application of mathematical equations and the Water Chemistry Guidelines;
- Implement site safety including implementation of approved traffic control plans, signage, barriers etc. as directed;
- Operate plant and equipment in an efficient and safe manner as required in compliance with relevant laws, standards, Council policy and having regard for the safety of the public, road users and other employees including inspections prior to, during and at the completion of use to identify any mechanical problems or potential issues whilst ensuring that Council's Workshop Foreman is notified is repairs are required;
- Undertake daily plant and equipment servicing and maintenance in accordance with Council procedures and manufacturing guidelines;
- Investigate service complaints and evaluate the repairs and/or relevant action with the aim
  of maintaining Council's assets, budget expenditure and customer health;
- Perform water meter readings and undertake restriction and/or termination of consumer services as directed:
- Install consumer services and meters as required to Council and industry standards;
- Assist the Team Leader Water Reticulation Operator and the Team Leader Water / Sewer Projects with the ordering of supplies to ensure the smooth operation of water reticulation and capital project activities;

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- Ensure weekly maintenance and operational reports where required are completed in a timely, professional standard;
- Carry out emergency maintenance works including labouring work as required;

## **Organisation – Operations**

- Ensure compliance with the WHS Act 2011 and its regulations, including:
  - Report any injury, damage, unsafe condition or hazard to the immediate supervisor, or an appropriate person;
  - Wear protective clothing or equipment in the manner intended (if required);
  - Take reasonable care for the health and safety of all persons who are at their place of work;
  - Ensure that all employees and contractors under their direction or control receive adequate instruction for the safe and efficient performance of their duties;
  - Correct unsafe and/or unhealthy practices or conditions in areas under the control of the position to the full extent of the position's authority or refer to relevant supervisor, manager, or Manager People and Strategy;
  - Cooperate with the supervisor in the measures taken to ensure Work, Health and Safety;
  - Undertake prompt and direct reporting of all WHS related matters through Council's online system or via phone call to Supervisor within reporting timelines.
- Participate fully in prompt investigation of all serious or potentially serious accidents which
  result in, or could have resulted in either injury to persons or damage to property, or human
  resource implications so that remedial action may be effected promptly;
- Work cooperatively in a team environment and provide support and/or technical advice as required across other areas of Council;
- Assess and improve work practices and procedures on a continuous basis to achieve Council's goals;
- Comply with all Council's policies, procedures and Code of Conduct;
- Complete other duties as directed by the nominated supervisor;
- Undertake other relevant duties as directed which are consistent with the employee's skill, competence and training.

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## **KEY RELATIONSHIPS**

Who	Why
Internal	
Manager Water	Direction, guidance and mentoring
Water Engineer [Graduate]	Direction, guidance and mentoring
Supervisor Water	Guidance, support and mentoring
Team Leader Water and Sewer	Direct Supervisor – Daily contact and communication
Projects	including operations, performance and all related matters
Team Leader Water Filtration	Support, guidance and mentoring whilst working at the plant
Plant	
Team Leader Water Reticulation	Support, guidance and mentoring whilst working onsite
Operator	
Team Leader Sewer Treatment	Support, guidance and mentoring whilst working at the plant
Plant	
Water Team	In the delivery of reticulation works and projects
Works Team	In the delivery of projects and works
People and Strategy Department	Support and guidance in the area of HR, WHS and IT
Council Staff	Support and guidance as required
External	
Business Community, Community	In the delivery of reticulation works and projects
Members,	
Contractors	In the delivery of works and projects
Authorities / Government	DPI, NSW Office of Water, NSW Department Commerce
Departments	(Public Works), SafeWork





## **POSITION CAPABILITIES**

LGNSW Capability Framework				
Capability Group	Capability Name	Level Required		
Personal Attributes	Manages Self	Intermediate		
	Displays Resilience and Adaptability	Intermediate		
	Act with Integrity	Adept		
	Demonstrate Accountability	Adept		
	Communicate and Engage	Intermediate		
<b>***</b>	Community and Customer Focus	Intermediate		
Relationships	Works Collaboratively	Adept		
	Influence and Negotiate	Foundational		
	Plan and prioritise	Adept		
	Think and solve problems	Adept		
Results	Create and Innovate	Foundational		
Nosuits	Deliver Results	Intermediate		
Resources	Finance	Foundational		
	Assets and Tools	Intermediate		
	Technology and Information	Intermediate		
	Procurement and Contracts	Foundational		





#### **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

#### **Essential**

- Ability to problem solve and think logically
- Ability to perform in high pressure situations
- · Basic mathematical skills
- Ability to work autonomously and do manual labour
- Previous experience in an operational environment would be highly advantageous
- Willingness to undertake required training

#### Essential tickets or the ability to obtain

- WHS Construction Induction Certification;
- HR Licence (MR Licence minimum);
- Forklift Ticket;
- Demonstrated competency and experience in the following plant operations:
  - Backhoe;
  - Excavator:
  - o Skidsteer.
- RMS Certification Traffic Controller:
- RMS Certification Implement Traffic Control Plans;
- Asbestos Handling and Awareness Training;
- Asbestos Removal;
- Confined Spaces Certification;
- · Working at Heights;
- Protect underground services;
- · Working Safely near electrical apparatus;
- Trench support
- Certificate III Water Industry Operations Mains Maintenance and Service;

### **Experience**

- Experience in water reticulation operations (desirable)
- Demonstrated commitment to safety and best practice principles and guidelines;
- Commitment to providing high quality levels of customer service;
- Demonstrated high level communication skills with the ability to effectively communicate with a diverse audience.

#### **Authority and Accountability**

- Worker level responsibilities in regards to WHS Legislation;
- Financial delegation as per Council's delegation register.

#### **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE POSITION**

- Fully fitted Water Reticulation van;
- Mobile Tablet + Cradle (fitted to vehicle);
- Man Down Pendant (remote work);
- Plant including:
  - Backhoe;
  - Excavator (5 Tonne);
  - Skidsteer with attachments.





## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This position description is a broad description of the accountabilities, duties and required capabilities relating to this position. The role and position are dynamic and may evolve and change over time in line with changing strategic and operational requirements. Continuing development, change and improvement of processes, practices, knowledge, skills and behaviors are expected at Forbes Shire Council.

I have signed below in acknowledgement of reading, understanding and accepting the contents of this document. I accept that, with consultation, my duties may be modified by Forbes Shire Council from time to time as necessary.

Employee's Signature:	Date:

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Does this position require a Working with Children Check?	Yes / No
Does this position require the incumbent to undergo a criminal reference check?	Yes / No
Does this position have a financial delegation?	Yes / No Level:
Does this position require the incumbent to possess a specific license or qualification?	Yes / No

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