

# **Position Description**

Position	Parks and Gardens
Section	Works and Services
Award / Agreement	Local Government Industry Award 2020
Classification (Level)	Level 2-4
Term of Employment	Permanent
Location	Across all jurisdictions in the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Reports to	Leading Hand
Number of Direct Reports	Nil

# The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The Cocos (Keeling) Islands incorporate 27 low lying islands forming 2 coral atolls located in the Indian Ocean 2,768km north-west of Perth. The Shire delivers a wide range of services and facilities to the community, including:

Governance
General Purpose Funding
Law, Order and Public Safety
Health
Education & Welfare
Housing

Community Amenities
Recreation & Culture
Transport
Economic Services
Other Property & Services

#### **Vision & Values**

# MAJU PULU KITA | ADVANCE OUR ISLANDS

**SERVICE.** Provide the best service we can. We serve the community and each other.

**ACCOUNTABILITY.** We take responsibility for our own actions. We do what we say we will do. Mistakes are an opportunity to learn.

**SUPPORT.** We support our team and our community. Look for opportunities to help each other.

**RESPECT.** We respect and value others. Our interactions are always respectful towards others. **INTEGRITY.** We will be honest and transparent with all our dealings. Maintain confidentiality. Trust each other.

**ACHIEVEMENT.** Being Proactive and enabling the outcomes. Be creative and think outside the square.

#### **Position Objective**



- To ensure the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands road reserves, recreation areas, ovals, common / public areas, vacant land, grounds, parks, grassed areas, gardens and beaches are presented to residents and visitors in the best possible health and quality for the long term
- To ensure facilities and infrastructure within the parks and gardens are maintained to ensure ongoing operation and safety
- To demonstrate a commitment to the principles of the "Tidy Towns" initiative by promoting and actively working towards a litter-free environment

# **Primary Responsibilities**

- Undertake gardening duties including but not limited to mowing, fertilising, planting, pruning, edging, reticulation maintenance and weed control as directed by the Leading Hand
- Use and maintenance of plant and equipment to ensure best performance and safe operations
- To report damaged infrastructure, parks and garden facilities in a timely manner so they are safe and operable throughout the year
- Talk to visitors to Shire parks and gardens in a friendly and positive manner
- To ensure personal safety and health and that of other people in the workplace
- Participate in developing and following safe work procedures
- Participate in training as required
- Comply with the Shire's risk management policies and procedures
- Demonstrate a commitment to and advancement of the Shire's Purpose and Values (see above)

#### **Required Knowledge & Skills**

- Ability to demonstrate the safe operation of minor to medium mechanical plant equipment\*
- Ability to maintain minor to medium mechanical plant equipment\*
- Ability to work harmoniously in a team environment and accept instruction from leaders and managers
- Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills
- Good time management skills
- Thorough understanding and demonstration of working in accordance with the Work Health and Safety Act and Regulations
- Ability to maintain basic record keeping



\*Equipment may include one (1) or all of the following – can crusher, turbo burner, glass crusher, chipper / mulcher, loader / backhoe, Toyota ute & trailer, Mitsubishi truck, tractors and rubbish trailers and other trailers, ride on and push mower, elevated work platform

# **Required Qualifications & Experience**

- Current HR class drivers' licence
- Previous gardening and landscaping experience; including pruning, fertilizing, mowing, weed control etc. (desirable)

# **Organisational Relationships**

Reports to	Leading Hand
Supervises	Nil
Internal stakeholders / relationships	Works Supervisor, Parks and Gardens,
	Environmental Officer, and other Shire employees
External stakeholders / relationships	Cocos (Keeling) Islands community members

#### **Accountability and Extent of Authority**

- Works under General Supervision
- Work activities are governed by The Local Government Act (WA)(CKI)1995, local laws and Shire policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
  - Equal Opportunity Act 1984
  - Delegation Register
  - Code of Conduct (including Confidentiality & Privacy)
  - Customer Service Charter
  - Drug & Alcohol Policy
  - Work Health and Safety Policy

#### Occupational Health & Safety

- Follow safe work practices, procedures, instructions and rules at all times.
- Perform all duties in a manner that ensures personal health and safety, and that of others in the workplace and the general public.

- Regularly inspect own immediate work environment and report all hazards or incidents that can cause harm or that represent a threat to public safety.
- Ensure compliance with the provisions of the Work Health and Safety Act and the Work Health and Safety Regulations at all times.

#### **Risk Management**

- Ensure Council's Risk Management policy, program and the application of sound risk management practices within the workplace and community are observed and complied with at all times
- Minimise damage or loss of property in your control and report any damage, loss or exposures observed.



#### **Variations to Conditions of Employment**

- The conditions of employment, your duties and your location may be varied by Shire during the term of your employment.
- The Terms and Conditions of this Position Description are to be read in conjunction with the addendum attached to this document.

# Acknowledgement

I have read and understood the contents of this position description and understand:

- 1. This position description is designed to describe the core functions and outputs of the role and not intended as a fully comprehensive list of responsibilities.
- 2. I may be required to perform other duties, which could be reasonably asked of a person in this position, as designated by my Supervisor and / or Manager.
- 3. The position is subject to change based on adjustments to the Shire's processes, practices, policies and / or organisational structure.
- 4. I am expected to embrace skill & knowledge development and adopt a positive and progressive approach to my position and work.

Employee Name Employee Signature Date	
Authorised By	
Name	
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Signature Position	
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