About

The Hinchinbrook Shire Council Employment and Lifestyle Information Package 2021 highlights Council’s commitment to assisting employees to achieve a satisfying work/life balance by outlining a range of work, lifestyle, and livability benefits available to employees of the Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

The Employment and Lifestyle Information Package is reviewed annually and is current at the time of publication.
Live the Hinchinbrook Way
ABOUT THE POSITION

LABOURER (PUBLIC SPACES AND BIOSECURITY)

The Primary Responsibilities and Accountabilities of this Position is to undertake general labouring and other duties as directed across a range of Public Spaces infrastructure maintenance works, ensuring that all parks, gardens and nominated reserves are managed in a safe, timely, efficient and effective manner, while adhering to the values of Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

The Position also has secondary Responsibilities and Accountabilities as may be required to support and assist other staff within their own Department and/or other business operation areas of Council, as may be directed within the employee’s scope of skills and capabilities.

VACANCY REFERENCE
10501 AND 12101

STATUS
Fixed Term Full-Time

HOURS
76 per fortnight

CLASSIFICATION
Level 2 - Stream B

SALARY
$49,999 per annum

ALLOWANCES
District and Construction

LEAVE
Five (5) weeks annual leave per annum
Three (3) weeks personal leave per annum

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE
Midnight Wednesday 6 October 2021
Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and applies merit-based selection techniques. Merit is gauged by how well you satisfy the selection criteria listed in the Position Description and is described as the relationship between the qualities required to do the job and the qualities that applicants bring to the job.

The following information is provided to assist you during the selection process.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Positions are filled in accordance with suitability for the position, the relative merits of the candidates and relevant legislative requirements. Merit and suitability are assessed through a selection process that comprises the written application, the applicant’s performance at interview, any assessment tools that are utilised and referee reports.

**YOUR APPLICATION**

Job applications need to be clear and concise as this is the first step in demonstrating your relevant knowledge, skills, qualifications and experience.

Your application should provide information that demonstrates your knowledge and skills against each of the essential and desirable requirements of the position, as well as the key selection criteria.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The selection criteria represent the minimum level of knowledge and skills that individuals will need to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position.

You must answer each criterion (on page 7 of the position description) in your application, providing relevant examples to demonstrate your ability or potential to meet the requirements.

Applications are rated against your answers to the selection criteria to short-list candidates for interview and then select the most suitable and meritorious applicant from the field of candidates interviewed.

Should you require any guidance in addressing the selection criteria you are encouraged to contact Human Resources on 4776 4767 for the necessary assistance.

**FORMAT OF YOUR APPLICATION**

You should include a short covering letter that introduces yourself and details the reasons that you are applying for the position.

You should include a current resume, that covers your employment history in reverse chronological order, starting with your current or most recent employment. Any information relating to your educational qualifications, including training and certification, should be included.

**REFEREES**

Details of at least two referees should be included with your resume. It is desirable for at least one referee to have been a supervisor or manager from your past employment.

**PRE EMPLOYMENT TESTING**

Recommended candidates may be required to undertake pre employment assessments including Drug and Alcohol Screening, Criminal History Check and Medical Assessment. Please note that people with criminal records are not automatically disqualified from applying for this position, each application will be considered on its merits.

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Applications can be submitted online via Councils website.

For further information please contact Human Resources on 4776 4767.
Mission
To provide leadership in making locally responsive and informed decisions, delivering quality services and facilities to the Hinchinbrook community.

Vision
Hinchinbrook Shire – Small Town Northern Australia
To strengthen our vibrant regional lifestyle and prosperous economy by growing the population of and opportunities for the Hinchinbrook Shire.

Values
PEOPLE FOCUSED – We value our community, our stakeholders and our employees. We will treat all persons with fairness and respect. Council will implement services from a customer perspective.

INTEGRITY – We will lead our community with integrity and vision. We will embrace change, foster innovation, and be honest and transparent at all times.

EXCELLENCE – We will always strive to do our best, to be industry leaders and to look for opportunities in pursuit of continuous improvement.

SUSTAINABILITY – We will be practical, focused, and effective in our delivery of services and programs for the community.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO
KELVIN TYTHERLEIGH

Our Council mission is to shape a positive future for the Hinchinbrook community by understanding community needs and wants, building on our inherent strengths, recognising and maximising opportunities and facing our challenges head on.

To do this Council will wisely prioritise the use of our resources and deliver meaningful services. We celebrate small town living and continue to be inspired by our natural environment.
WHY WORK AT COUNCIL?

Council offers its employees a balance of rewarding roles, career development opportunities, a commitment to providing a healthy and safe work environment and has a values driven culture. There are job opportunities for people who like working outdoors to create a better environment, jobs working with people of different ages and cultural backgrounds and jobs planning services that will shape the community in the future.

All employees work towards making our community, a place in which we want to live, work, learn, play and invest. Council’s values underpin the strong driven culture which is critical to providing a high level of service to our community.

Council recognises that employees want a workplace where they have the opportunity to use and develop their skills and receive recognition for their contribution. Council also recognisees that employees also have a range of personal responsibilities in addition to their work obligations. Council is committed to assisting employees to achieve a satisfying work/life balance and has developed a range of policies and support services to achieve this goal.

PRISTINE LOCATION
Magnificent landscapes, pristine beaches and nature in all its glory make the Hinchinbrook Shire an idealic location to work and live.

ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT
Where stated, the provisions of Councils Enterprise Agreement apply to employment with Council, affor ding employees with a number of entitlements and benefits.

SUPERANNUATION
Council offer attractive superannuation packages for all employees of Council, making contributions on an employees behalf of up to 12.5% of the employee’s ordinary time earnings.

LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS
In accordance with Councils Enterprise Agreement, employees are entitled to various types of leave including Annual Leave, Long Service Leave, Parental Leave, and Personal Leave.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
A confidential employee assistance program is made available to all Council employees free of charge, to assist staff with any work related or personal issues.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Council is committed to the career development of its employees, and is active in identifying and supporting opportunities for employees to develop upwards within the organisation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT
Council is proud to be an equal opportunity employer, with a selection process that aims to ensure that selections for appointment are fair, equitable and merit-based and are made without discrimination.

FLEXIBILITY
Family friendly and flexible working arrangements may be available to employees, including the provision of Rostered Days Off (RDO) where applicable.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE INITIATIVES
Council provides employees support to access programs such as flu vaccines, skin checks and discounted private health insurance options.

SALARY SACRIFICE
Employees of Council can access salary sacrifice options that include novated leases and additional superannuation.

STUDY ASSISTANCE
Council offers employees study assistance programs for identified career development.
Hinchinbrook Shire – Small Town Northern Australia – Tropical Living at its Best. Our vision for Hinchinbrook Shire is to position our community as offering the best whole of life, birth to active aged living, small town, Northern Australian, tropical lifestyle experience. We want Hinchinbrook to be known for offering a wonderful lifestyle, in one convenient, culturally diverse, prosperous and incredibly beautiful location.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HINCHINBROOK WAY

Just over an hour’s drive north of Townsville, Hinchinbrook is your gateway to the stunning wet tropics. The Shire is encompassed by ancient tropical rainforest, rugged tropical islands and the Great Barrier Reef.

Hinchinbrook is the home of Australia’s highest single drop waterfall, Wallaman Falls and the departure point for the iconic wild Hinchinbrook Island.

Discover Ingham’s exciting eclectic mix of boutique shops. Sample the diversity of gourmet local produce. Taste the flavours of Italy in local delicatessens. Broaden your horizon and immerse yourself in stories crafted over millennia. Feel the magic of tropical rainforests, wilderness beaches and thundering waterfalls. Catch a wild barramundi under the gaze of rugged mist-bound mountain peaks.

For every adventurer, family, foodie, culture vulture, angler, nature lover and history buff; the Hinchinbrook Way has an experience you’ve been looking for.

With Ingham at its centre, the Shire is a place where generations of culture are all weaved into one incredible story: The Hinchinbrook Way.

HINCHINBROOK FLAVOURS

With the freshest daily seafood and Italian inspired delicatessens you will be delighted with the rich flavours of Hinchinbrook.

Italian Food

Immerse yourself in the aromas of Ingham’s Italian inspired delicatessens and stock up your pantry with the very best local produce and imported Italian delicacies.

Local Seafood

Local fishmongers and seafood cafe’s take incredible pride in sourcing locally sustainably caught seafood; presenting the freshest delights from the Coral Sea.
THE ANGLERS MECCA
Getting out on the water is the ultimate way to experience the diversity of Hinchinbrook’s iconic fishing amongst picture postcard scenery.

Within a one hour radius of Ingham the full spectrum of world class recreational fishing opportunities are on offer, including beach fishing off the pristine Hinchinbrook coastline, wharf fishing from Lucinda and Dungeness, sweet-water fishing in the rugged Herbert River Gorge, Barramundi fishing in the tranquil waters of the Hinchinbrook Channel, or classic open water fishing on the Great Barrier Reef.

A single line thrown casually from a secluded beach, a few from a tinny in a tranquil sheltered creek, or get adventurous and discover the wide open waters of the Coral Sea. Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Coral Trout, Red Emperor and Mud Crabs... the rewards are bountiful!

THE WORLD’S MOST ACCESSIBLE WILDERNESS
The great Herbert River Valley, bordered by majestic mountain ranges, pristine coastline and remote tropical islands. A lush diversity of tropical rainforests housing giant waterfalls and swimming holes, wetlands teeming with wildlife and river systems that ebb and flow as spectacularly as the seasons; all showcasing nature at its best.

DISCOVER MORE AT HINCHINBROOKWAY.COM.AU
PUBLIC SPACES AND FACILITIES

Hinchinbrook Shire Council operates or maintains a broad range of public facilities and open spaces, including:

- 49 Parks / Open Spaces
- 2 Shire Libraries
- 1 Regional Art Gallery
- 2 Public Halls
- 2 Active Cemeteries
- Aquatic Centre
- Conference Centre
- Visitor Information Centre
- Marine / Boating Facilities

COMMUNITY SERVICES

There is a broad range of community services available throughout the Hinchinbrook Shire, including a selection of private and public primary and secondary schools, public hospital and medical practices, and aged care facilities:

- Public regional hospital
- 17 Schools
- Early Learning Centres
- 3 Aged Care Facilities
- Dental Practices
- Private Health Centres
- Disability Support Centre
- Medical Centres
- Health & Fitness Centres
### POSITION IDENTIFICATION

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### About the Hinchinbrook Shire Council – Our Mission

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### Our Vision

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### Position Support

**Corporate Website - hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au**

The Hinchinbrook Shire Council website is an important tool to communicate of important information and Council related activities to the public.

**Staff Intranet - hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au/employee**

The Hinchinbrook Shire Council Staff Intranet is a central location where documents such as policies, procedures, forms and templates can be found in addition to department specific information.
**Grapevine Newsletter**
The Grapevine is Hinchinbrook Shire Council's staff newsletter, a place to share important information that is happening within Council.

**Stakeholders**
All relevant communications mediums and portals.

**Mandatory Legislative Responsibilities as a Council Employee**

**Local Government Act 2009**

“13 Responsibilities of local government employees

1. All employees of a Local Government have the same responsibilities, but the Chief Executive Officer has some extra responsibilities.

2. All employees have the following responsibilities:
   a. implementing the policies and priorities of the local government in a way that promotes:
      (i) the effective, efficient and economical management of public resources;
      (ii) excellence in service delivery; and
      (iii) continual improvement.
   b. carrying out their duties in a way that ensures the local government:
      (i) discharges its responsibilities under this Act;
      (ii) complies with all laws that apply to local governments; and
      (iii) achieves its Corporate Plan.
   c. providing sound and impartial advice to the local government;
   d. carrying out their duties impartially and with integrity;
   e. ensuring the employee’s personal conduct does not reflect adversely on the reputation of the local government;
   f. improving all aspects of the employee’s work performance;
   g. observing all laws relating to their employment;
   h. observing the ethics principles under the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*, section 4; and
   i. complying with a code of conduct under the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*.”

**Other Legislation**
*Industrial Relations Act 2016* as amended from time to time plus all other applicable Commonwealth and Queensland Government Legislation.

**Award Classification and Definition**
Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award – State 2017 - Division 2 - Section 5 – Schedule 1 - Award Classification Description regulating this Position Description - Extract from Level 2 (Pages 118 to 126) at [www.qirc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qirc.qld.gov.au)

**Characteristics**
- Employees perform a range of tasks involving general skills. Typically, industry experience enables the application of such general skills to the requirements of the work.
Activities
Activities normally associated with this level would include:

- Operation of a variety of hand-held power tools or machinery (including motor mowers);
- General gardening duties;
- General carpentry or concrete work;
- Operation of rigid motor vehicle exceeding 4.5t GVM up to 11t GVM;
- Application of agricultural chemicals for weed and pest control;
- Undertake testing and basic maintenance of irrigation systems; and
- Assisting with maintenance of swimming enclosures and associated infrastructure.

Organisational Relationships
- Work is performed under regular supervision.

Employee Attitudinal Standards

Teamwork
- Participate in team-based activities and suggest improvements to team activities;
- Respect, encourage, and support other team members;
- Contribute willingly to team activities; and
- Accept decisions, even those with which you disagree.

Customer Service
- Response times are to be within the response standards identified in the Customer Service Charter;
- Treat both internal and external customers with courtesy and respect;
- Work according to agreed customer service standards within Council; and
- Contribute towards setting customer service standards within your team.

Communication
- Clearly and with respect for others, express opinions, ideas, and information to Supervisors and colleagues;
- Speak in a manner that suits the audience; and
- Actively listen.

Quality
- Work according to agreed quality standards within Council and your team;
- Contribute towards setting quality standards within your team;
- Monitor your work and identify opportunities for improving quality;
- Suggest improvements through the customer request system and/or relevant Committees; and
- Monitor implementation of strategies for improving quality and take necessary corrective action.

Environment
- Work according to agreed environmental standards within your team;
• Contribute towards setting environmental standards within your team;
• Monitor your work for opportunities to reduce adverse impacts on the environment;
• Report incidents and suggest improvements through the customer request system;
• Implement strategies for reducing adverse impacts on the environment; and
• Monitor implementation of strategies for reducing adverse impacts on the environment and take necessary corrective action.

Efficiency
• Undertake tasks in an efficient and timely manner;
• Suggest improvements through the customer request system and/or relevant committees;
• Analyse and improve efficiency in the workplace; and
• Monitor implementation of strategies for improving quality and take necessary corrective action.

Position Primary Responsibilities and Outcomes

Financial Accountability
• In accordance with Council’s Financial Delegations.

Accountability
• Assist team members with the maintenance of Council public spaces in accordance with specifications, plans and safety documentation;
• Ability to undertake general labouring duties as directed;
• Work efficiently and accurately, exercising initiative in the application of established work procedures;
• Assist in the establishment of desired outcomes for particular works for which responsibilities have been associated and to ensure their achievement; and
• Analyse current procedures and activities to identify and present opportunities for improvement;
• Comply with and apply relevant legislation, specifically the Work Health and Safety Act and Regulations in the performance of duties ensuring direction and work undertaken is lawful.

Independence and Decision-making
• The work is generally well defined however the incumbent should be innovative, solve problems and assist in the development on new work practices;
• Where delays, interruptions or changes in work is identified, liaise with the Team Leader for an appropriate course of action to minimise issues;
• Comply with and apply relevant legislation, specifically the Work Health and Safety Act and Regulations in the performance of duties ensuring direction and work undertaken is lawful.
• Ability to work well in a team environment as well as with limited supervision.

Customer Stakeholder Management/Service Standard Delivery
• Display a positive attitude, respectful when dealing with employees, public and contractors in a courteous manner that promotes organisational values;
• Promote a team culture focused on delivering quality customer service to ensure high satisfaction and efficient service delivery to all customers by meeting service level requirements, deadlines and agreed expectations; and
• Work to ensure the integrity of all tasks undertaken are efficiently carried out and completed as per directions and to specifications.
Disaster Management

- Be available to provide an important role in disaster management response and recovery during and following activation of Council’s Local Disaster Management Group in times of natural disasters; and
- Undertake training as required to provide a proficient and effective service in Council’s Local Disaster Coordination Centre.

Position Secondary Responsibilities and Outcomes

Whilst every employee has their Primary Responsibilities and Outcomes, each employee also has obligations for Secondary Responsibilities and Accountabilities as may be required to support and assist other staff within their own Function area and/or other business operation areas of Council, as may be directed within the employee’s scope of skills and capabilities.

This range of “Secondary Responsibilities” may occur at short notice due to unplanned operational needs of Council. Where planned assistance and support is required, as much notice as practically possible will be provided.

Key Performance Indicators – KPI’s

1. Successful delivery of required work output as instructed by the Public Spaces Team Leader, meeting established service delivery standards and within identified timeframes;
2. Assessed successful quality customer service delivery according to the Customer Service Charter;
3. Successful maintenance of current ‘HR’ class drivers licence;
4. Accurate completion of timesheets and plant sheets and delivery to the Public Spaces Team Leader within established deadlines; and
5. Assessed compliance with mandatory responsibilities contained in the Local Government Act 2009 Section 13 (2) and Council’s code of conduct.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Proven ability to operate and maintain machinery in a way to maximise efficiency and effectiveness in a Local Government context (e.g. public spaces, parks and reserves);
2. Sound interpersonal skills with the proven ability to build positive working relationships with work team and members of the public;
3. Proven ability to successfully manage multiple demands within the required timeframe; and
4. Describe the actions you have taken to match the requirements of Section 13 (2) of the Local Government Act 2009 and Council’s Code of Conduct;

Key Selection Criteria – Skill Prerequisites – Knowledge Skills and Abilities Required

1. Essential
   a. Demonstrated physical ability necessary to undertake manual handling and labouring for extended periods in direct sunlight and/or inclement weather conditions;
   b. Demonstrated experience in general gardening duties;
   c. Proven ability to clearly and concisely communicate through verbal and written methods;
   d. Current General Construction Induction card (or ability to attain);
   e. Current Commercial Operators Licence (or ability to attain); and
   f. Current Queensland ‘MR’ Class licence (or ability to attain).
2. Desirable
   a. Previous experience as a labourer in public spaces within Local Government/vegetation industry;
   b. Certificate III in Land Conservation and Management/Horticulture or equivalent;
   c. Level I and II Chainsaw accreditation; and
   d. Current certificate of competency to operate a variety of plant and machinery associated within Public Spaces (or willingness to attain).

Workplace Health and Safety
Responsible for working safely at all times to protect own WHS and that of any other person in the workplace. This will include:
- Strict adherence to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements as per the WHS Induction and/or Council requirements;
- Abiding by Council WHS Policies, Procedures and training at all times;
- Complying with instructions given for WHS;
- Reporting any personal injury, third party or vehicle incidents or damage to your Supervisor immediately;
- Never operating machinery, equipment or vehicles under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs;
- Not wilfully or recklessly interfering with or misusing anything provided for WHS;
- Not wilfully or recklessly placing at risk the WHS of himself/herself or others; and
- Reporting any WHS concerns and hazards to your direct Team Leader or Manager and/or the WHS Coordinator immediately.

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements
1. Physical Requirements
   a. Outdoor based and will require the employee to carry out physical tasks which may include manual handling, repetitive bending, kneeling, twisting and/or squatting, lifting, working in confined spaces, and/or working at heights.
2. Work Environment
   b. Outdoor.

Position Description Review
Position Descriptions cannot provide a definitive list of duties and responsibilities and as such these will vary from time to time. They will be reviewed at least annually involving consultation with the employee.

Approval of Position Description
(To be signed by the Manager/Department Director/Chief Executive Officer - as may be relevant)

I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and approved the contents of this Position Description.

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