



# Position Description

## Parks & Facilities Operator

Applications Close:  
8:00am Tuesday on 9<sup>th</sup> September

<b>Position Title</b> Parks & Facilities Operator
<b>Position Number</b> WU10302
<b>Department</b> Works & Utilities
<b>Classification</b> Level 5, <i>Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award 2017</i> and Winton Shire Council Certified Agreement 2023 as varied
<b>Terms of Employment</b> Full-Time Permanent

## Supporting documents

Employee Code of Conduct

Workplace Health & Safety Responsibilities

Winton Shire Council Drug and Alcohol Policy

## Organisational environment

### Winton Shire Council's Mission Statement is:

"Through meaningful engagement, implement a range of strategies that cater to people from all walks of life, our community needs and aim to enrich our lifestyle and preserve our heritage".

### Winton Shire Council's Vision is:

"To grow our community and explore exciting, new and innovative opportunities which will retain existing and attract new people with whom we can share our unique lifestyle and rich heritage".

### Winton Shire Council's Corporate Values are:

#### **Accountability:**

The ethical concept associated with responsibility, enforcement, blameworthiness, transparent process, liability, and other terms associated with being answerable for the trust that is bestowed by those whom we serve.

#### **Effectiveness:**

The idea of carrying out a program or process that is entirely adequate to accomplish the purpose that has been identified as a goal or aspiration.

#### **Efficiency:**

The concept that in the process of pursuing or effecting any program, procedures, or task where all wastage is minimised.

#### **Sustainability:**

Is the capacity to maintain a certain process or state indefinitely? When applied in an economic context, a business is sustainable if it has accepted its practices for the use of renewable resources and is accountable for the environmental impact of its activities.

#### **Meaningful Community Engagement:**

Encompasses the principle of seeking the views and opinions of the Community. This is to be through an effective committee system and public consultation process as part of Council's decision making methodology.

#### **Good Governance:**

This describes the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented), hereby, public institutions conduct public affairs, manage public resources, and guarantee the realisation of human rights. Good governance accomplishes this in a manner essentially free of abuse and corruption and with due regard for the rule of law.

#### **Ethical and Legal Behaviour:**

Ethical behaviour is characterised by honesty, fairness, and equity in all interpersonal relationships. Ethical behaviour respects the dignity, diversity and rights of individuals and groups of people. When coupled with legal behaviours there is an expectation that there will be a penalty for conduct that breaches any law statute or regulation.

## Organisational relationships

### Reports to:

Parks and Facilities Technical Officer

### Supervision of:

No supervision applicable

### Internal Liaisons

Parks and Facilities Staff

### External liaisons

Customers, Winton Shire Community at Large and visitors to Winton as required.

## Position objectives

The position of Parks and Facilities Operator Level 5 will be to:

- Enhance the presentation of the Council controlled areas within and adjacent the environs of Winton.
- To undertake the horticultural operational works within the shire's parks, gardens, cemeteries, showgrounds, reserves, streets and public facilities; refuse collection services, animal control, funeral services.
- To undertake duties and responsibilities including: operating various plant and equipment throughout Winton and its environs; and
- Providing flexibility to the Parks and Facilities Section involving all machinery/ plant operation and concrete and other maintenance works as required.

## Organisational commitment

### Corporate

All Local Government employees are required to comply with relevant Acts and regulations, Council's policies and procedures as amended from time to time.

### Confidentiality and improper use of information

All Council documents and information are treated with complete confidentiality. Information gained during employment with Local Government must not be used to gain advantage, or to cause detriment to the Local Government.

### Continuous quality improvement

All employees are encouraged to embrace the concept of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) within the workplace. This will encourage creativity and innovation and identify and implement improved ways of doing things through this structured process.

### Workplace Health and Safety

All employees have a duty under the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011* Section 28.

Workers and any other person includes Council employees as well as contractors, sub-contractors, labour hire workers, trainees, apprentices, work experience students, volunteers and visitors. Workers and any "Other Person" who enters Council workplace must apply the WHS Duty of reasonable care.

**Reasonable care**

This includes:

- Taking reasonable care for his or her own health and safety
- Taking reasonable care that his or her acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons
- Complying, so far as the worker is reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction that is given by an authorised officer of Council to allow the person to comply with a WHS requirement
- Cooperating with any reasonable policy or procedure of Council relating to health or safety at the workplace

Worker Responsibilities include:

1. Attending and participating in pre-start meetings as required, to identify any potential WHS issues and implementing control options to eliminate or minimise any risks before commencing work.
2. Inspecting plant and equipment before using it to ensure that it is safe for use.
3. Reporting any defective or damaged plant, tools and equipment to the Supervisor as required.
4. Taking personal responsibility for the safety of themselves and others that may be affected by work conducted by themselves as a worker of Council.
5. Complying with any Policies or Procedures and complying with any work directions and/or instructions that are provided.
6. Monitoring and assessing WHS hazards and risks while conducting any work, and reporting any issues to the relevant supervisor as required.
7. Consulting with the supervisor and WHS Safety Representative for their designated work group on any safety issues as required.
8. Monitoring the safety conduct of co-workers including Contractors and reporting any concerns immediately to the contractor or the Supervisor.
9. Stopping work and notifying the Supervisor if there is imminent risk of injury.

## Qualifications/Licences/Tickets Required

The following qualifications and licences are:

**MANDATORY**

- Experience in installation and maintenance of irrigation systems.
- MR Class Drivers Licence.
- Construction White Card.
- Plant accreditation for various parks and garden plant.

**DESIRABLE**

- HR Licence
- Level 2 Traffic Management Training qualification.

- Forklift ticket
- Elevated Work Platform (EWP) Licence.
- Cert III in Horticulture

## Requirements and Working Conditions

- Q Fever Vaccination.
- Ability to work as a team member and contribute to team outcomes.
- Work within this area may involve manual labourer and work in extreme heat.
- The Council Employee Code of Conduct applies to this position; and
- Travel within the shire area may be required for work and training purposes.

## Statement of key responsibilities and duties

The following key responsibilities may be modified from time to time to ensure the expected outcomes are coordinated with Council's operational and corporate plans.

Specific task allocation will be at the discretion of the manager/supervisor in accordance with work activities being performed;

The key responsibilities of the position are:

- Undertake horticultural tasks such as, but not limited to, irrigation, pruning and plant development including design, installation and maintenance aspects.
- Undertake the refuse truck collection service.
- Undertake the operation/assistance of the Elevated Work Platform (EWP) and ancillary aspects.
- Assist with traffic control management.
- To undertake animal control and disposal duties.
- To undertake concrete and other minor construction maintenance works as required.
- Work with and assist staff concerning the specific labouring and maintenance functions on Council memorials, town street trees and lawns, parks, gardens, recreation areas and cemeteries.
- Assist with duties associated with funeral undertaking processes.
- Operate Plant and Equipment as directed by the Supervisor which may include but not be limited to water truck, rubbish truck, backhoe, street sweeping machine, front-end loader, pneumatic tyred tractor with or without attachments, ride on mowers and other small powered plant including the completion of all relevant paperwork and log books where applicable.
- Ensure all plant and equipment is maintained in accordance with Council requirements.
- Provide work progress reports to the Supervisor when requested.
- Communicate, solve and discuss work problems with other team members and the Supervisor.
- Assist with prompt response to customer request/enquiries and project a helpful and positive image of the Council its staff.

- Ensure that Council Quality Assurance program is adhered to and that you maintain your role in this program identifying issues and providing where necessary feedback.
- Develop and maintain close working relationships with internal and external contacts as appropriate.
- Undertake training in relation to plant and equipment and other items as per the mandatory training schedule when necessary.
- Demonstrated sound oral and written communication skills.
- A good understanding of how to maintain a safe workplace using appropriate protective clothing & equipment.
- Ability to manage time efficiently and prioritise work as required to ensure that work items are finished within the allotted timeframes and to the quality level required.
- When necessary, assist with funeral activities within your agreed scope of practice.
- Other duties within the capabilities of the staff member as directed by your supervisor/manager from time to time.

## Key selection criteria

The applicant's suitability for this role will be assessed against the following competencies:

**SC1** Ability to understand and follow workplace health & safety procedures and policies.

**SC2** Specific labouring and maintenance experience on Council memorials, town street trees and lawns, parks

**SC3** Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team and contribute to team outcomes in the workforce.

**SC4** Possession of a current "MR" class driver's licence and a recognised construction induction white card.

**SC5** Demonstrated ability to cope with physical labour in extreme heat.

## Other relevant information

- The selected applicant will be required to supply a Criminal History Check with reimbursement costs to be provided by Council.
- This position will be subject to a minimum probationary period of three (3) months. The applicant's employment will undergo a review at the end of the probationary period and a recommendation will be made to the Chief Executive Officer regarding permanent employment in the position.
- The selected applicant may be required to provide Winton Shire Council with a recent photograph of the person, at the time of the person's induction, for the purpose of creating a Winton Shire Council Employee Identity Card. Under [s 138A] of the Queensland Local Government Act 2009 the employee has a legal obligation to hand any such identity card/s back to the employer within twenty-one days of termination of employment, unless the employee has a reasonable excuse.
- In the event of organisational change or restructure, Council may require employees to undertake other roles for which they are qualified and capable of performing.

## Authorisation

(This section to be completed with the successful applicant upon completion of the recruitment process)

By signing this authorisation, the successful applicant acknowledges that they have read this Position Description and understand the responsibilities associated with the position.

I,

accept the position of **Parks & Facilities Operator** with the Winton Shire Council and the details as outlined in the Position Description.

I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about the contents and I understand the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

**Signature:**

**Date**



## Recruitment process

Candidates should lodge their applications in accordance with the directions outlined in “How to Apply for the Position” below.

## How to apply for the position

We invite you to lodge a formal application which MUST include a:

- **Resume,**
- **Cover letter, and**
- **Response to the Selection Criteria**

Completed applications are to be forwarded to: [jobs@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobs@winton.qld.gov.au)

## Shortlisting and interviews

The Shortlisting of all applicants will be undertaken by a Selection Panel within five (5) working days after receipt of a completed suitable application. Interviews may be conducted face to face, or via video-conferencing or tele-conferencing, depending on the location of candidates and the technology available at the time.

## Further information

For further information in relation to this position please contact Winton Shire Council, on 07 4657 2666.