

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Statutory Planner (Fast Track)		
Classification:	Band 5	Status	Full Time (Ongoing)
Group:	Community & Planning Services	Business Unit:	Planning and Design
Reports to:	Jason Gilbert		
Direct Reports:	None	Date:	23 October 2025

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Cardinia Shire Council is committed to building a sustainable shire for present and future generations to enjoy. Council plays an important role in contributing to life in our community. We provide services which supports the wellbeing of our residents now and into the future.

To deliver on our commitment, we are developing a skilled and professional workforce that embraces our organisational culture, values, and demonstrates key leadership capabilities. Our culture is defined by working together, working differently, and working for the future. We value teamwork, respect, accountability, communication, and customer focus. These values underpin our work and our behaviours ensuring we deliver on the Council's vision while maintaining a healthy, engaging, and inclusive workplace.

POSITION OBJECTIVES

To contribute to the effective and efficient management of the use, development and protection of land in the Cardinia Shire.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Key responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Process planning permit applications (with a focus on VicSmart), applications for amendments to permits, the approval of plans and the extension of planning permits.
- Prepare and present submissions to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in relation to applications for the review of a decision.
- Provide information and advice in response to telephone and counter enquiries on planning matters.
- Prepare responses to written enquiries on planning matters.
- Provide assistance and support to management including briefings on issues, organising meetings, or other duties as appropriate.
- Play an active role in the implementation of actions to improve the performance of the Department in undertaking statutory planning activities.
- Provide assistance and advice to other Council service providers on planning matters.

- Assist with administrative activities associated with the operation of the department including the maintenance of records and files.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMPLIANCE

- Adhere to (and promote) HR, IT, OH&S/Risk Management policies, procedures and practices.
- Demonstrate understanding and accountability for record keeping policy including the accuracy and capture of data, the sensitivities involved and the release and destruction of documents.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Take reasonable care for the health and safety of yourself and others in the workplace, ensuring we provide and maintain a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health of employees, contractors, visitors and the general public, as far as is reasonably practicable.
- Ensure all legislative and regulatory responsibilities are addressed and met in relation to occupational health and safety.
- Responsible for ongoing consultation with employees, employee health and safety representatives and supervisors to identify and eliminate hazards and risks in the workplace.
- Ensure hazards, incidents, near misses and injuries are reported immediately and recorded within the appropriate system.
- Actively participate in the planning and execution of Return-to-Work plans as required.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

- Freedom to act set by clear objectives with frequent consultation with supervisor and a regular reporting to ensure adherence to plans.
- Decisions and actions taken are subject to review by the supervisor.
- Act in accordance with position objectives, with regular reporting to ensure adherence to position goals and objectives.
- Make operational decisions within the scope of work allocated.
- Accountability for the quality, accuracy and effectiveness of work produced.
- Freedom to act in accordance with legislative requirements and organisational policies and processes.

JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING

- Objectives of the work usually well defined, but method, technology, process or equipment must be selected from a range of available alternatives.
- Guidance and advice is usually available within a time to make a decision.
- May involve problem solving using guidelines, professional/technical knowledge or experience.

SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Ability to develop and maintain effective relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders to achieve desired outcomes.
- Ability to research and analyse information and prepare reports for consideration.
- Demonstrate initiative in managing work outcomes, opportunities, and challenges.
- An understanding of the long-term goals of the wider organisation and of its values and aspirations and a understanding legal and political context in which it operates.
- Possess a knowledge of systems and protective factors around keeping children and young people safe including child first and child protection reporting/services including Child Safe Standards.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to clearly articulate and present information as required.
- Ability to work independently yet be an effective member of a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to gain the cooperation, assistance and trust of other employees with the organisation.
- Provide high-quality support and guidance with a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively.
- Proven ability to build and maintain productive and respectful relationships.
- Proven ability to maintain high levels of confidentiality.
- Effective customer service skills, with a strong desire to provide helpful and accurate advice and assistance to employees.

MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Ability to ensure accuracy of written and verbal communication in a busy environment.
- Ability to operate in an environment with demanding workloads and time constraints.
- Develop and implement processes and provide support to the organisation when change is required.
- Ability to manage own time, set priorities and achieve targets within allocated budgets and resourcing, and where appropriate, that of other employees.
- Contribute to a collaborative and innovative values-based culture.
- Foster innovation and make suggestions to improve work practises and processes.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Tertiary qualifications (degree or diploma) in related field, industry qualification and/or equivalent experience in a comparable environment.
- Experience in statutory planning would be highly regarded.
- Communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to clearly articulate and present information as required.
- A current Victorian Drivers Licence

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Communication, negotiation and interpersonal skills with the ability to clearly articulate and present information as required.
- Able to make sound decisions based on experience and good judgement.
- Knowledge of statutory planning policies, procedures and relevant acts and regulations.
- Proven experience in a supervisory role (if applicable).
- Ability to deal effectively, diplomatically and confidentially with enquiries and concerns.
- Effective customer service skills, with a strong desire to provide helpful and accurate advice and assistance to employees.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Terms and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Cardinia Shire Council Enterprise Agreement 2024 and Cardinia's policies and procedures.

Tenure This is a full time ongoing position.



Pre-employment checks

All appointments are subject to a National Police Record Check, pre-employment medical check, and a six-month probationary period (new employees only). Certain positions may also require a Financial Background Check, Traffic Check or Working with Children Check.