

Employment Information Package



Senior Strategic Planner

Position number: POS1819

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Address all correspondence to:

Manager People and Culture
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Email address: contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au

When emailing your application, attachments should be sent in either Word (.doc/.docx), PDF (.pdf), TIFF (.tiff), JPEG (.jpg) or Excel (.xls/xlsx) formats.



Introduction

Launceston is the regional hub of Northern Tasmania and enjoys a rich natural and social history. Located at the head of the picturesque Tamar Valley, the Launceston region is renowned for its award-winning wines, gourmet dining experiences, magnificent natural features and friendly residents. Our city is human scale. A series of green and wild spaces linked by heritage streetscapes and thoughtful adaptations. A real blend of old-world and new, tradition and innovation.

The City of Launceston municipal area covers an area of 1,405 square kilometres with a population of around 71,000 residents.

The City of Launceston is Tasmania's largest municipal council in terms of population and revenue. Launceston boasts all the major facilities of a much larger city, many of which are owned and operated by the City of Launceston.

The City of Launceston is served by 12 Councillors, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Click [here](#) to view City of Launceston's strategic and annual reporting.

City of Launceston organisational chart

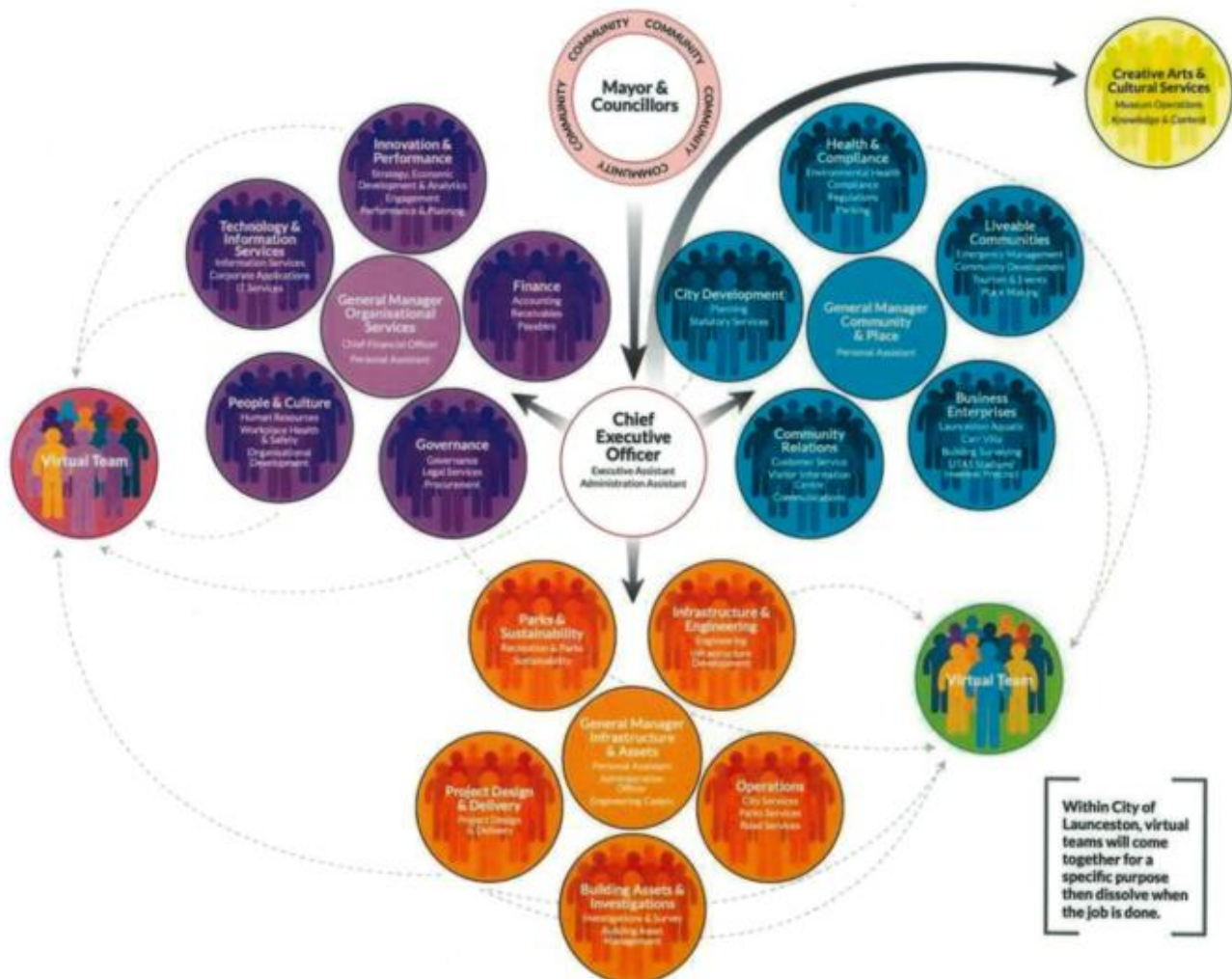
The City of Launceston is recognised as an Employer of Choice by the Tasmanian Government.

An Employer of Choice is a workplace that demonstrates contemporary workplace practices and provides outstanding support for its staff.

The Council employs around 570 employees across a range of responsibilities.



At City of Launceston we are an agile organisation, with teams being more empowered and self-managing



Organisational values

At the heart of our organisation are our four organisational values. Our employees are expected to adhere to, support and promote our values at all times.

Our aim is to attract and retain people who share our values and want to be a part of our positive workplace culture. Before submitting your application please review our values and decide if they are a good fit for you.



OUR PEOPLE MATTER

- We value clear and open communication
- We support and encourage each other
- We respect diversity
- We recognise individual needs, experience and strengths



WE CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

- We take pride in our work and pursue a standard of excellence
- We genuinely listen, and value collaborative relationships
- We strive towards the best outcome for our community
- We make responsible and sustainable decisions



WE BRING AN OPEN MIND

- We actively seek opportunities to continuously improve
- We respect and explore different ideas and perspectives
- We embrace change that leads to positive outcomes
- We value innovation and creativity



WE GO HOME SAFE AND WELL

- We show care for people and look out for one another
- We speak up and support others to be healthy and safe
- We take personal responsibility for our own health and wellbeing
- We value work-life fit

Information for applicants

City of Launceston is an equal opportunity employer. Our workforce is diverse, inclusive, flexible and family-friendly.

We value the different backgrounds, skills and contributions of all employees and treat each other and our community with respect.

We want opportunities at City of Launceston to be accessible and attainable to all candidates. If you are interested in this role but have concerns about your suitability, please talk to us before submitting your application.

Please read this information carefully, as it will help you with the preparation of your employment application.

When applying for this position, you must provide the following documentation:

1. Covering letter
2. Statement addressing the selection criteria (**highlighted criteria only**)
3. Resume

The online Application for Employment can be [accessed here](#) (you will be asked to attach your supporting documentation)

1. Your covering letter should introduce you and explain why you are applying for the role.
2. All recruitment and selection decisions are based on merit. The most suitable person in terms of skills, knowledge, qualifications, relevant experience, alignment with organisational values and work attitudes is selected for the position. Selection is based on the assessment of each application in relation to the selection criteria identified in the position description. The position description is included later in this information kit.

The selection criteria consists of the qualifications, knowledge, skills, attitudes and abilities required to successfully perform the role. You must provide a statement that addresses each highlighted selection criterion for the role. Your statement should include examples that demonstrate how you meet each criterion.

Please see information here on how to address the [Selection Criteria](#).

3. Your resume should provide details of your qualifications, work history, special skills, training and competency details and referees, plus any other information that may support your application. Be clear and informative. Include the names, position titles, addresses and telephone numbers of at least two work referees.

If we can assist you with any reasonable adjustments in order to submit your application for this role, please contact the People and Culture Team via email at contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au, noting your preferred method of communication and contact details and a member of the team will be in touch.

Recruitment steps

1. Application received
2. Shortlisting
 - Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by telephone or email to arrange an interview.
 - Unsuccessful candidates will be advised by email.
3. Interview
4. Pre-Employment Checks:
 - Reference Check
 - Police Check
 - Medical Assessment
 - Drug and Alcohol screening

All costs covered by City of Launceston
5. Suitability determination and preferred candidate identified
6. Letter of Offer

Employee benefits

- Our employees have access to discounted health insurance options through St Luke's Health and BUPA.
- Employees have access to a free EAP service, which provides support and counselling for personal and work related issues, coaching and advice for leaders and counselling assistance for immediate family members.
- We are committed to providing a working environment that is sufficiently flexible to meet the operational requirement and workload demands of the City of Launceston while accommodating, where possible, the needs of our employees.
- Discounted membership at Launceston Aquatic.
- Discounts at the Museum Gift shop.
- Additional leave: employees may request to purchase an additional two or four week's additional leave per year to help manage family/carer responsibilities or other special circumstances.

General conditions of employment

Position title	Senior Strategic Planner
Employment terms	Permanent, Full-Time
Working pattern	19-day month
Total remuneration	\$108,944 - \$123,996* <i>*Total remuneration includes superannuation, as detailed below</i> Base salary \$94,528 - \$107,589
Superannuation	Employer contribution of 15.25%

- **Annual leave:** employees are entitled to 4 weeks (pro-rata for part-time employees) annual leave per year, plus leave loading.
- **Personal leave (for sick and carer's leave):** employees are entitled to two weeks (pro-rata for part-time employees) personal leave per year, if they are unable to attend work due to personal illness/injury or to provide care for a spouse/partner or immediate family member.
- **Paid parental leave:** employees are entitled to fourteen weeks paid (or twenty eight weeks at half-pay) parental/adoption leave for the primary carer; two weeks paid leave for the secondary carer.
- **Long Service Leave:** Long service leave applies after 7 years continuous service.

The City of Launceston Enterprise Agreement 2021 is available [here](#)

The City of Launceston Leisure and Aquatic Centre Enterprise Agreement 2022 is available [here](#)

Position Description

Position Description Form - Officer

PF NUMBER:		POS NUMBER:	POS1819
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POSITION TITLE:	Senior Strategic Planner
AWARD CLASSIFICATION:	Band 6
EMPLOYEE:	
TEAM:	City Development
NETWORK:	Community and Place
REPORTS TO:	Richard Jamieson
PREPARED BY:	Richard Jamieson
DATE:	23 July 2024

APPROVED BY:	
NAME:	Chelsea van Riet
POSITION:	General Manager Community and Place
SIGNATURE:	

POSITION PURPOSE (Why does this position exist)

To support the development, implementation and review of strategic land use strategies and planning instruments to deliver effective urban and rural planning. This includes planning for new residential and economic growth and managing the city's built and natural heritage values.

To provide project management that leads and supports the delivery of strategic planning projects in a timely and financially responsible manner.

To collaborate across the organisation, contributing and championing contemporary planning outcomes, and providing strategic planning advice and expertise to organisational projects.

The role will work collaboratively with the planning assessment team and contribute to the continuous improvement of the City Development Department.

City of Launceston is a values-based organisation, which means that we employ people who share and display our values



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Accountabilities	Activities/Tasks include:	Success looks like ...
General		
City of Launceston's Values	Behave in a way that supports the City of Launceston's values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our people matter • We care about our community • We bring an open mind • We go home safe and well 	Demonstrates, through behaviour, an alignment to and an understanding of our values
Technology	Use technology and information to maximise efficiency and effectiveness.	New and existing technologies are utilised effectively.
Collaborate	Work collaboratively within your team and across networks. Support delivery of the Network's strategic and annual plan actions. Work with horizontal teams as relevant to technical role accountabilities.	Actively participating in team meetings/tool box meetings, by offering ideas and suggestions and providing feedback Collaborative opportunities are sought across Networks
Innovation	Encourage and be proactive in developing a culture of introducing new and improved work practices and projects within your team and your network.	Improved work practices and projects.
Technical		
Strategic Planning	Delivery of agreed planning outcomes as identified in Council's Strategic Plan and departmental work program. Support the development, implementation and review of strategic land use strategies, planning instruments, such as Special Area Plans and other policy documents according to relevant legislation and in line with Council's strategic direction. To identify and inform Council of emerging issues and trends and recommend appropriate responses. Provide technical assistance and advice on strategic planning matters to Council staff, senior management, Council, developers and the community. Undertake assessments of planning scheme amendments including Section 43A (combined) applications. Assist the Management team, Team Leaders, and Principal Planner in the day to day operations of the team and on all planning matters as required. Undertake special projects and other relevant duties which may be required by the Manager, Team Leader, and Principal Planner from time to time.	Delivering strategic projects for the city.
Planning Scheme Maintenance	In collaboration with the City Development team ensure that the planning scheme is maintained, delivering outcomes consistent with legislation, the Council's adopted policies and community expectations.	Identified issues rectified. Planning Scheme maintained.

Accountabilities	Activities/Tasks include:	Success looks like ...
	Draft planning scheme standards (i.e. site specific qualifications, specific area plans, particular purpose zones etc.) as required to ensure local planning objectives meet community expectations.	
Development Applications	Undertake high quality planning assessments for development proposals as required. Prepare and present written and verbal presentations to Council, community groups, government, regional local government meetings and other events as required. Attend and represent Council at TASCAT hearings as required.	Quality of assessment reports. Sound knowledge of legislation and Planning Scheme. Quality of documents prepared and presented. Number of appeals and their success
Communication and representation	Communicate, liaise and negotiate with the community and key stakeholders including State Government agencies, peak groups, special interest groups, and industry associations. Represent Council at relevant professional networks and seminars. Attend Council, Committee and public and internal meetings as required. Attend and represent Council at Tasmanian Planning Commission hearings as required.	Effective communication and regular updates.
Customer service	Demonstrate a strong customer focus which is accurate, responsive, timely and courteous. Liaise with and provide assistance to internal and external customers on Strategic Planning matters.	Levels of customer satisfaction. Customers dealt with in friendly, polite and helpful manner. Ensure that advice given to customers is documented, consistent and accessible by all officers.
Project Management	Ensure that projects are managed in a professional and timely way including management of consultants undertaking specialist studies. Ensure that appropriate records are maintained in line with Council policies and adopted best practice.	
Continuous improvement	Support the review, development and improvement of work systems and practices to ensure efficiency, enhance customer service and customer needs. Maintain current professional knowledge. Collaborate to improve planning outcomes in the city, champion the benefits of improved planning outcomes. Share knowledge, mentor and support colleagues.	

Accountabilities	Activities/Tasks include:	Success looks like ...
<p>Work Safely with a Duty of Care for fellow employees and ensure procedural compliance</p>	<p>Perform all work in a safe manner in accordance with the City of Launceston's Occupational Health and Safety Policy and Procedures</p> <p>While at work, a worker must –</p> <p>(a) take reasonable care for his or her own health and safety; and</p> <p>(b) take reasonable care that his or her acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons; and</p> <p>(c) comply, so far as the worker is reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction that is given by the person conducting the business or undertaking to allow the person to comply with this Act; and</p> <p>(d) cooperate with any reasonable policy or procedure of the person conducting the business or undertaking relating to health or safety at the workplace that has been notified to workers.</p> <p>(Section 28 Work Health & Safety Act 2012)</p>	
<p>Note: Whilst the key functions and responsibilities for the role are set out above, the Council may direct an employee to carry out such duties or tasks that are within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training.</p>		

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CHECK	
	Yes/No
Working with Vulnerable People Check required?	No
<i>If yes, include in Selection Criteria table below</i>	

SELECTION CRITERIA
POSITION REQUIREMENTS/COMPETENCIES
Organisational
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Focussed: considers community/customers in decision making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate and Engage: demonstrates self-awareness & encourages open discussions & contributions from others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create and Innovate: displays initiative & considers different ideas and perspectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Focussed: takes responsibility for own and team's health, well-being and self-care
Position Specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead and support the delivery of strategic planning projects and project teams (including external consultants) to achieve strategic outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate and collaborate between land use planning, infrastructure provision, community needs, economic and environmental sustainability, and be able to translate concepts into strategies and plans that are capable of being implemented
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated experience in project management with the ability to deliver projects in an orderly and timely manner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highly developed report writing skills and the ability to prepare and facilitate presentations with advanced communication skills

- Build and maintain positive relationships with key internal and external stakeholders and agencies to ensure effective project delivery, coordination and support

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A relevant tertiary qualification in Urban and Regional Planning or equivalent discipline
- Extensive relevant experience in strategic planning (minimum of 5 years)
- Current 'C' class drivers licence

REPORTING STRUCTURE

Manager	Manager City Development
Direct Reports	Nil

KEY RELATIONSHIPS (External and Internal Customers, Supplier, Colleagues, etc)	
Internal	Nature of Relationships
City Development	Collaboration Providing and requesting advice Sharing expertise Championing best practice planning
Environmental Health	
Strategy, Economic Development, and Analytics	
Infrastructure Assets Network	
Customer Service	
External	
Department of State Growth	
Tasmanian Heritage Council	
Development community	
Engineers	
Designers/Architects	
Land Surveyors	
Land owners, residents and ratepayers	
Mineral Resources Tasmania	
Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal	
Tasmanian Planning Commission	

DELEGATIONS & AUTHORISATIONS (Local Government Act, By-Laws etc)	
Purchasing Approvals	Limit \$5000
<i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i>	As per Council delegations from time to time
<i>Tasmanian Planning Commission Act 1997</i>	
<i>Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal Act 1993</i>	
<i>Strata Titles Act 1998</i>	
<i>Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993</i>	

Confidentiality

Staff are

- a) Able to access; or
- b) May be exposed in the course of performing their duties to information that may be related to individuals, organisations or the general dealings of the City of Launceston. Some of this information will be of a sensitive nature – either within or external to the organisation.

By accepting this position the employee undertakes:

- a) To keep all information that they are exposed to confidential during and after their period of employment with City of Launceston. Information should never be disclosed outside of the organisation and only be disclosed to other employees if there is a need within the context of the task being performed.
- b) To not access any information within the organisation's systems that is not directly relevant to their work.
- c) To abide by the requirements of the Confidentiality and Privacy clause of the relevant Enterprise Agreement.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION
<p>Expectations of a City of Launceston employee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have strategies in place to enhance their own health and well-being, manage stress and maintain professionalism;• Seeks feedback broadly and asks others for help with own development areas; and• Translates feedback into an opportunity to develop.

