

**Labourer – Parks/Irrigation and Plant Operations**

The Burdekin is located just 70km south of Townsville, where unspoilt natural beauty meets a thriving rural community right on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef. Famous for its abundant sunshine and rich agriculture, the shire's most important asset is water. The Burdekin River combined with a massive underground aquifer and the Burdekin Falls Dam make the district drought resistant.

Council is seeking applications to fill the position of Labourer – Parks / Irrigation and Plant Operations in the Parks, Gardens and Cemeteries section. Working within a small team, the successful applicant will be required to deliver a high standard of care and maintenance in Council parks, gardens, cemeteries, public open spaces and public facilities.

The key responsibilities include:

- Actively contribute to the design, installation, operation and maintenance of Council's irrigation systems.
- Undertake general labouring duties including mowing, planting, watering, mulching, pruning and litter collection and disposal from public areas.
- Conduct risk assessments as needed to ensure a safe working environment.
- Ensure the efficient use of materials, equipment, and plant including completion of plant defect reports and routine scheduled maintenance as necessary.
- Other duties as directed by the Parks Coordinator or Parks Supervisor.

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the entire position description.

The gross fortnightly wage for this position is \$2,212.73 exclusive of applicable allowances and overtime.

Applications for **21/53 – Labourer - Parks / Irrigation and Plant Operations** should include:

- A cover letter
- A current resume
- Statements addressing the selection criteria
- Copies of relevant qualifications and licences

Applications can be submitted using one of the following methods (Word or PDF format is preferable):

- Email – [employment@burdekin.qld.gov.au](mailto:employment@burdekin.qld.gov.au)
- Mail – Confidential Application No. 21/53, PO Box 974, Ayr Qld 4807

Applications close on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 at 5.00pm.

For further information please contact the Acting Parks Coordinator – Karl Schatkowski on (07) 4783 9800.

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It is essential to respond to each criterion explaining how you have demonstrated each skill or quality and including examples from your work experiences. Short-listing of candidates will be based upon an assessment of how well the following selection criteria are addressed.

**Essential**

1. General Construction Induction White Card (CPCCWHS1001).
2. C Class Drivers Licence.
3. Demonstrated experience in horticulture, including tree lopping, tree maintenance, landscaping and parks operations.
4. Demonstrated experience in irrigation system design, including control systems, operation and maintenance.
5. Possess sound literacy and numeracy skills necessary to enable completion of risk assessments, timesheets and participate in training.
6. Demonstrated experience in the operation and maintenance of small plant and equipment, such as industrial mowers, line trimmers, chainsaws.

**Desirable**

1. Current MR (Medium Rigid) Drivers Licence or ability to obtain within 6 months.
2. Unrestricted Commercial Operators Licence.

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<b>Position Number</b>	30152
<b>Certified Agreement</b>	Burdekin Shire Council Certified Agreement
<b>Award</b>	Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award – State 2017
<b>Award Section</b>	Section 5 – Operational Services
<b>Award Level</b>	Level 4
<b>Reports To</b>	Parks Coordinator
<b>Place of Employment</b>	Council Depot, 25-51 Jones Street, Ayr

### Position Objective

Be an enthusiastic, productive and reliable member of the Burdekin Shire Council Parks Team delivering a high standard of care and maintenance in Council parks, gardens, cemeteries, public open spaces and public facilities.

### Key Responsibilities

Council is committed to a One Team One Council approach where all departments work collaboratively together to achieve value for money for the rate payers of the Burdekin.

Accordingly, the key responsibilities may be modified from time to time to ensure the expected outcomes are coordinated with Council's operational and corporate plans. Without limiting the above, the key responsibilities shall include:

- Actively contribute to the design, installation, operation and maintenance of Council's irrigation systems.
- Undertake general labouring duties including mowing, planting, watering, mulching, pruning and litter collection and disposal from public areas.
- Conduct risk assessments as needed to ensure a safe working environment.
- Ensure the efficient use of materials, equipment, and plant including completion of plant defect reports and routine scheduled maintenance as necessary.
- On a day to day basis, work efficiently and accurately, exercising initiative in the application of established work procedures.
- Report immediately to the Parks Coordinator all lost or stolen items, incidents, accidents, near misses, or hazards and participate in accident investigations making recommendations on changes to work procedures.
- Other duties as directed by the Parks Coordinator or Parks Supervisor.

### Machinery Maintenance

- Drivers and Operators of machinery shall be responsible for the daily machinery maintenance prior to machinery start-up (six-point check).
- Ensure the timely servicing and maintenance of plant and equipment.

**Labourer – Parks/Irrigation and Plant Operations****Award Classification**

These classification characteristics are drawn directly from the Queensland Local Government Industry Award (Stream B) and are used as a guide to determine the level of this position, but may not form a specific part of the key responsibilities:

**Characteristics of level 4**

Employees perform more highly skilled and often, specialised tasks. In some cases, these tasks would require formal training and involve the holding of an appropriate authority. A sound knowledge of Council by-laws or legislative provisions relevant to the area of work would also be a feature. The work would be performed under general supervision.

**Position Requirements****Knowledge**

- Extensive knowledge of irrigation system, design, operation and maintenance.
- Sound knowledge of optimal watering requirements of plants, turf and trees/shrubs.
- Sound knowledge of soil and soil nutrition.
- Sound knowledge of Workplace Health and Safety Act and familiarity with related codes.
- Sound knowledge of environmental protection practices.
- Sound knowledge of tree lopping and tree maintenance.
- General knowledge of landscaping, parks, and cemetery operations.
- Sound knowledge in the safe operation and maintenance of small plant and equipment.
- Understanding and appreciation of customer focus in Council operations.
- Sound knowledge and understanding of Council Park's maintenance service levels.

**Skills**

- Sound skills in installing and maintaining irrigation systems.
- Skills in gardening activities including mowing, trimming, and general maintenance of outdoor areas.
- Skills in keeping records of activities and ability to calculate simple volumes and ratios.
- Possess sound literacy and numeracy skills necessary to enable completion of risk assessments, timesheets and participate in training.
- Sound time management, work prioritisation and planning skills.
- Sound customer service skills.
- Sound teamwork skills.

**Abilities**

- Ability to work independently under limited supervision.
- Ability to discuss and resolve problems.
- Physical ability necessary to undertake manual handling and labouring for extended period in direct sunlight.
- Ability to follow both written and verbal instructions.
- Ability to carry out work to a high-quality finish, within set time frames.

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- Demonstrated experience in irrigation system design, including control systems, operation and maintenance.
- On appointment, a satisfactory result from a pre-placement medical fitness for driver/operator (Truck, Plant, Labourer, medium to heavy lifting).
- Immunisation record for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Q Fever.
- Physical ability necessary to undertake manual handling and labouring for extended period in direct sunlight when required.
- Wear all personal protective equipment in the workplace and maintain it to a high standard, obtaining replacements as needed.

**Experience and Qualifications**

- Minimum of a C Class Driver's Licence.
- General Construction Induction White Card (CPCCWHS1001).
- Department of Transport and Main Roads Working in Proximity to Traffic – Awareness Part 1 & 2.
- Traffic Management Implementation (RIIWHS302E)
- Work Safely Near Live Electrical Lines and Apparatus (Ergon 4490)
- Operate and maintain chainsaws (AHCMOM213)
- Extensive experience in the installation and maintenance of irrigation systems.
- Experience in operating a range of small plant items e.g. industrial mowers and line trimmers.
- Possess qualification in horticulture ideally relating to irrigation.
- Unrestricted Commercial Operators Licence.

**Core Competencies**

These competencies relate to Award Level 4 positions:

**Teamwork**

- Participate in team-based activities.
- Respect other team members.
- Complete the tasks allocated to you.
- Know the team goals, parameters, and major issues.
- Work within the parameters.
- Contribute willingly to team activities.
- Accept decisions, even those with which you disagree.

**Customer Service**

- Treat both internal and external customers with courtesy and respect.
- Work according to agreed customer service standards within your team.
- Contribute towards setting customer service standards within your team.

**Communication**

- Write in a way that your reader can understand.
- Listen and speak clearly to your colleagues and customers.

**Labourer – Parks/Irrigation and Plant Operations****Quality**

- Work according to agreed quality standards within 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.

**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.

**Work Health and Safety**

- Work safely and in accordance with the relevant work method statements and procedures.
- Encourage your colleagues to work safely.
- Identify hazards and assess risks in the workplace.
- Use organisational systems, such as customer service requests, to identify and rectify hazards, near misses, and non-compliances with procedures.

**Efficiency**

- Undertake tasks in an efficient and timely manner.
- Suggest improvements through the customer request system.

**General**

1. This is a description of the job as it is at present constituted. It is the practice of this organisation periodically to examine employees' job descriptions and to update them to ensure that they relate to the job as then being performed, or to incorporate whatever changes are being proposed. This procedure is jointly conducted by each manager in consultation with those reporting directly to him or her. Therefore, you will be expected to participate fully in such discussions. It is the Organisation's aim to reach agreement to reasonable changes where identified.
2. Whilst employment is in the position described in this document it is understood that employment is with Burdekin Shire Council. 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.
3. Employees may be required to undertake a variety of duties not related to their substantive role in times of disaster.
4. All employees are responsible for making and keeping records in accordance with legislation, information standards and other relevant guidelines and procedures, and ensuring they are captured in the authorised recordkeeping system, Technology One Enterprise Content Management (ECM).
5. Failure to maintain any licence or certificate, which is a condition of your employment, may result in demotion or termination as Council is unable to guarantee your transfer to a position not requiring the said licence or certificate.

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6. All employees are expected to participate in Council's Induction Program and future training opportunities to maintain a current knowledge base and provide excellent service levels for internal and external customers.
7. All employees are to actively participate in the Employee Performance Development Program.
8. All employees must work in accordance with the standards contained within Council's Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may lead to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.
9. All employees are encouraged to be a contributing member to the wider Burdekin community and therefore it is highly recommended that you take up permanent residency within three months of the successful completion of your probationary period.
10. Abide by all existing policies, guidelines, and Operational Standards and as amended from time to time.