

Tūranga Mahi / Position Description: *Senior Consents Planner / Pūkenga Whakawhanake Whenua*

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket of knowledge, and my basket of knowledge, all will be well

Rotorua Lakes Council is one of the largest employers in Rotorua, building a positive future for our district with approximately 70,000 residents, and visitors numbering in the millions. We are determined to be among the best councils in New Zealand and are committed to continually improve the service provided to our customers, both external and internal.

Our people are central to achieving Council's Priorities and providing high quality community services that offer best value for money. And we are committed to building a high performing culture based on our **core values** of being *innovative, helpful, respectful, engaging and inspiring*. In addition to our values, there are **core competencies** required of all Council staff, being:

- *Performance Orientation*: A high performer consistently delivering performance outcomes
- *Solutions Focused*: Committed to customer-centred continuous improvement
- *Teamwork*: Contributes effectively within a team providing leadership where appropriate
- *Relationships*: Well-developed interpersonal, and relationship engagement and management skills
- *Collaboration*: Works collaboratively across teams and functions within a matrix organisation
- *Accountability*: Willingly takes accountability and engage in problem solving
- *Te Ao Maori*: Proficiency in te reo Māori me ōna tikanga appropriate to their role¹.

Rotorua is in the heart of the Te Arawa region. 40% of the population are Māori. Being a bicultural city provides a foundation for us to recognise and celebrate our increasing diversity which enriches us as individuals and as a multi-cultural community.

Our top priority is to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our people at work. We want you to go home healthy and safe each day. Safety is everyone's job – all of our staff have a shared responsibility to manage our work environments to prevent harm, and to actively engage with health and safety initiatives and procedures. Managers are responsible for the health, safety and wellbeing of the areas and people under their leadership.

Rotorua Lakes Council has statutory responsibility for Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) within the District. This responsibility extends to all staff, who may be called upon to undertake CDEM roles in addition to their position specific responsibilities.

We are one team. To be successful, it is important that all staff are aligned to and actively support the organisation's direction, working collaboratively, and actively participating in activities and initiatives to advance the organisation e.g. activities to build bicultural capability, improve health and safety, or promote diversity.

The following pages provide the requirements of your specific position. In addition to these, you are also expected to be proactive in knowing and following Council policies and procedures.

¹ This is informed by our Bicultural Competency Framework, and staff are actively supported in gaining competency.

TE ĀHUA O TE MAHI - POSITION SPECIFICATION

MAHI - POSITION:	Pūkenga Whakawhanake Whenua - Senior Consents Planner
RANGATIRA - REPORTS TO:	Team Lead Planning Consents
KĀHUI - GROUP:	Community & District Development
TAUNGA MAHI - LOCATION:	Civic Centre
PŪTAKE - POSITION PURPOSE:	To provide an intergrated customer responsive approach to the full range of planning and resource management consenting functions at a senior level, delegation to make decisions on behalf of Council and provide technical leadership support.
NGĀ WHAKARITENGA - DELEGATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No direct reports • No budget responsibility • Decision making delegation in accordance with the Delegations Manual
HONONGA WAIWAI – KEY RELATIONSHIPS: Rāroto - Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor and Elected Members • Te Tatau o te Arawa • CE’s Group • Manahautū Te Arawa Partnership • Destination Development • Organisational Performance & Innovation • Infrastructure & Assets • Chief Financial Officer • People & Culture • Community Experience
HONONGA WAIWAI – KEY RELATIONSHIPS: Rāwaho - External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council stakeholders • Contracted service providers • Technical professionals in your field • Consultants and Contractors • Auditors • Local Iwi groups • Neighbouring local authorities • Mayor and Elected Councillors • Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) • Media and professional groups • Regional Council • Chamber of Commerce • Te Arawa Entities • Rotorua Community & Partnership • Police • Māori Wardens • Neighbourhood support

**NGĀ MAHI MATUA -
KEY
ACCOUNTABILITIES**
:

- Process and monitor resource consents and associated applications.
- Provide leadership / mentoring support to the planning consents team.
- Positively supports the Team Lead Planning, Consenting to implement change and initiatives and meet the team's goals and objectives.
- Provide support at a senior level for relevant RMA related statutory processes including Statutory hearings, Environment court, Notices of Requirement (NoR) and plan change processes.
- Delivery of solutions-focussed, customer responsive technical planning and resource management advice of a high quality and in a timely manner.
- Contribute towards integrated planning and development solutions customer-focussed service improvement projects.
- Use the highest level of technical judgement and manage risk exposure arising from planning consent and strategic activities and legislative requirements.
- Active engagement with the Planning Policy team to ensure integrated consenting and policy planning.
- Support Planning and Development, Compliance and Customer Solutions teams to meet overall integrated consenting objectives.
- Service quality, technical advice, performance improvement and resolution management for Resource Management Act (RMA), related legislation and other regulatory consent processing matters.
- Contribute to internal and external stakeholder engagement.
- Significant contributions to continuous improvements within the planning consent solutions and policy solutions teams.
- Provision of an integrated consenting customer focussed 'pre-consent lodgement' service process.
- Proactive performance improvement and resolution management and advice for RMA consenting functions.
- Internal and where appropriate external stakeholder engagement including strong functional relationships with Policy, Building, Land Development, Customer and Compliance teams.
- Review and delegated sign-off of decisions.
- Engage with developers and consultant community through pre-lodgement advice, managing communication and ensuring active engagement with the Development Support Manager to support pre-application discussions.
- Build and maintain a strong relationship and liaison through professional input and engagement with the development community, iwi and hapu, stakeholders and other agencies.

NB: the key accountabilities listed above are not an exhaustive list. You may be expected to undertake additional delegated responsibilities in the course of your employment that are consistent with the purpose of your role.

There will also be the annual delivery of agreed KPIs.

TE ĀHUA O TE TANGATA - PERSON SPECIFICATION

<p>NGĀ MAHI MATUA - FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS: (Ngā matau ā-wheako rānei - Or experience recognised as equivalent)</p>	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A relevant tertiary qualification in Resource Planning or a similar field • Minimum 1-2 years' experience working at a senior level, or capability to transition to a senior level in the area of resource management, in an operational council or private sector environment, in the areas of both land use and subdivision consenting. • Experience in the conduct of statutory hearings • NZPI membership (or eligibility for membership) <p>Desirable: Making Good Decisions Certification</p>
<p>NGĀ PŪKENGA - POSITION SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES AND ATTRIBUTES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to demonstrate a senior level of understanding and working knowledge of the relevant legislation and the Local Government regulatory framework.(Resource Management Act, Local Government Act) • Understanding of the conduct of statutory processes. • Understanding the need to balance customer satisfaction and sustainable economic development objectives with public expectations, environmental considerations, legislation, and the ability to effectively communicate this to customers. • Highly developed interpersonal communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively. • Commitment to a culture of a cross organisational collective accountability approach to integrated consenting outcomes. • Well-developed knowledge and appreciation of Tikanga Maori. • Proactive engagement and acceptance of accountability and problem solving • Well-developed interpersonal and relationship engagement and management skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to work independently on own, as well as work collaboratively as part of an inspirational team • The ability to work unsupervised, and to be self-motivated • Ability to develop and sustain effective relationships with core In-House employees and Consultancy Partner/s as appropriate Strong demonstration of a customer, key account and solutions focus

<p>NGĀ UARATANGA - VALUES:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tatou Tatou – We Together Kotahi Tatou – One Community – One Team</p> <p>WHY WE DO IT..... We believe in empowering our people and providing them with the tools to create value and make a positive difference in their lives and the lives of others</p> <p>HOW WE DO IT..... We do this by working in partnership, making it simple and solutions focused</p> <p>WHAT WE DO..... We provide quality services for our community and people to prosper</p> <p><i>OUR CORE VALUES – PEOPLE FIRST</i></p> <p>RESPECTFUL: Integrity, Listening, Pride, Honesty, Empathy, Understanding, Considerate</p> <p>HELPFUL: Approachable, Supportive, Collaborate, Go the extra mile, Proactive, Friendly, Caring, Guiding</p> <p>ENGAGING: Communication, Connectivity, Partnership, Working Together, Inclusive, Supportive, Responsive</p> <p>INSPIRING: Make a difference, Motivated, Take people with you, Encourage, Have pride in your work, Be proactive, Energised</p> <p>INNOVATIVE: Find solutions, Progressive, Continuous improvement, Empowered</p> <p>BICULTURAL: Willingness to learn and understand the Māori worldview, consideration, leading by example, sharing experiences</p>
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