Environmental Health Officer

Requisition Number: 823

Salary Range: \$73,207.22 - \$90,595.22 per annum

Position Type: Full Time Permanent

Location: Council Chambers, 119 – 145 Spence Street, Cairns

Application Close Date: Monday, 6 October 2025 at 11.30pm AEST

Are you passionate about protecting public health, ensuring environmental safety, and making a meaningful impact in the Cairns community?

We have an exciting opportunity for a skilled and motivated Environmental Health Officer to join our team!

What You Will Do:

As an Environmental Health Officer, you will play a key role in safeguarding community health and wellbeing by enforcing a wide range of environmental and public health legislation. You will assess businesses and premises, investigate complaints, and take enforcement actions where necessary, all while promoting education and awareness about environmental health standards.

You will be involved in:

- Licensing and compliance monitoring
- Inspections of food premises, shared facility accommodation, tattoo studios, and other regulated businesses
- · Public health risk investigations
- Environmental protection and nuisance prevention
- Emergency on-call support
- Community education and engagement

What We Are Looking For:

- Bachelor of Science (Environmental Health) or equivalent tertiary qualifications in an environmental health related field that qualifies for full membership of Environmental Health Australia.
- Class C driver's licence to travel independently between various sites within the Council Region.
- Qld Working with Children Blue Card or eligibility to obtain.
- Knowledge of the Food Act 2006, Public Health Act 2005, Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003, Environmental Protection Act 1994, Council Local Laws and relevant legislation including their relationship to other legislation.
- Communication and negotiation skills to maintain working relationships with a range of internal and external customers.

Whether you are an experienced officer ready to lead complex investigations, or just beginning your journey in local government, we have a place for you. With multiple levels available (Level 3 - 5), we offer a clear path for career development and advancement.

Some benefits we offer:

- Achieve work / life balance with flexible working arrangements
- Recharge with up to 5 weeks annual leave
- Cherish family time with up to 14 weeks paid parental leave
- Fitness Passport subsidised health and well-being memberships (gym/swimming pool)
- Up to 3 weeks personal leave
- Grow personally and professionally with learning and development opportunities

We are committed to:

Fostering a collaborative and inclusive work environment

Embracing innovation and continuous improvement

• Cultivating a culture of professional growth and support

Now we want to hear about YOU!

Applications MUST be submitted online through the 'Apply' button and include a Cover Letter addressing the selection criteria and Resume outlining previous academic and work experience and if requested include attachments of the relevant qualifications and licenses, relating to the role.

For further information about this role please download the Position Description which includes the Key Duties, Responsibilities and Selection Criteria.

Council's Recruitment Team can be contacted via:

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