

A photograph of a kangaroo in a field of low-lying vegetation, with a body of water and trees in the background.

Parks & Recreation Labourer

Job No: 1309, 1668
Location: Miles or Chinchilla
Level: WDRC Operational Staff Certified Agreement Grade 3
Status: Permanent/Full Time

Western Downs Regional Council has been awarded the Large Employer of the Year award at the Darling Downs South West Region Queensland Training Awards for 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Be part of a team that make a real difference within the communities we serve. Our mission drives us, and we want you to be part of the journey.

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This Position Location can be based at Miles or Chinchilla

The Opportunity

You will undertake a range of horticultural duties as directed including the maintenance of Council's parks assets and the operation of horticultural plant and equipment.

This role encompasses a range of duties and responsibilities which may vary as directed by Council. The key ones include:

- Operate of a range of horticultural plant and equipment in Councils parks, gardens and cemeteries;
- As part of the Parks and Recreation team, carry out maintenance to park assets;
- Complete allocated tasks consistently within agreed time frames; and
- Other duties as directed.

About Yourself

Suitability for this position will be based on experience, application, achievement, and potential in the following critical competencies as they link to the key responsibilities for this position.

Proven/Demonstrated experience in:

- Operation of relevant horticultural plant/and or equipment including ride on mowers;
- Demonstrated competence/experience in amenity horticulture;
- Successfully working as a team member when undertaking construction and maintenance activities and meet the required standards in a timely manner;
- Good problem-solving ability (root cause identification; process); and
- Sound written and verbal communication skills.

The Benefits of Working for WDRC:

Work / life balance

We understand the importance of balance. Enjoy flexible work arrangements and wellness programs designed to keep you at your best.

Superannuation

In addition to your annual salary, Council will contribute twelve (12) per cent, including the superannuation guarantee contribution.

Growth Opportunities

We invest in your growth. Whether it's skill development, mentorship, or career advancement, we've got you covered.

Access to Corporate Health Plan

Take care of yourself and join one of our Corporate Health Plans to improve life.

Health & Wellbeing program and Mental Health Support

Change your lifestyle and live better with healthy ideas. Be your best possible self with provided support and information.

Access to free Employee Assistance Program & confidential counselling

Reach out to someone confidentially if you are experiencing any concerns or problems.

Salary Packaging Available

Restructure your salary to work for you to pay for everyday living expenses such as Motor Vehicles, Superannuation, Remote Area Housing (Rent), Fuel, Gas and Electricity.

Allowances Available (if applicable)

Allowances such as Locality Allowance may be applicable to your position.

Leave Loading

You will receive 17.5% leave loading on top of your base rate of pay, while you are on Annual Leave.

Uniforms and PPE

Uniforms and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided.

Job security in a local government position

Feel secure working for an organisation who believes in strong foundations of respect, balance, communication, teamwork, accountability and leadership.

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If you are looking to join an innovative and dynamic company, that provides staff with a work life balance and opportunities for growth with state of the art mentoring from professionals within its team, this may be the role for you. Be part of the community you serve. **TOGETHER WE MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.**

Applications close at 5.00pm AEST on Thursday 15 October 2026

Additional Information

The recruitment process may include candidates undergoing a pre-employment medical including drug and alcohol testing.

WDRC reserves the right to close or withdraw vacancies before the advertised closing date, or extend the closing date, without prior notice.

Applicants must have the legal right to work in Australia. Applicants who hold a valid Australian work visa are encouraged to apply.

How To Apply

To view the position description please click the Job Attachments tab, located next to the Advertisement tab at the bottom of the page. If you wish to be considered for the position, click the Apply button and complete your application as required.