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BURONGA
COOMEALLA
CURLWAA
DARETON
ELLERSLIE
GOL GOL
MONAK
PALINYEWAH
POMONA
POONCARIE
RUFUS RIVER
TRENTHAM CLIFFS
WENTWORTH

Candidate Information

Water & Wastewater Operator

Join Wentworth Shire Council for a career in a progressive, community-focused work environment that prioritises the interests of the Shire. Wentworth Shire Council is committed to becoming a child safe organisation by embedding the NSW Child Safe Standards across our organisation. An advocate of Equal Employment Opportunity, Council offers outstanding working conditions and a team-oriented, positive culture.

Employees at Wentworth Shire Council are provided with a range of benefits:

- ▶ Accrued Rostered Days Off throughout the year (for eligible roles), in addition to four weeks of Annual Leave
- ▶ Long Service Leave entitlements after five years of service
- ▶ Professional development opportunities

Applications are encouraged from individuals of all backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people of different ages, those with disabilities, and members of the LGBTIQIA+ community, as well as candidates from various cultural and linguistic heritages.

Wentworth Shire, home to about 8,000 residents, offers a unique lifestyle by the Murray and Darling Rivers. A place of natural beauty and outdoor activities, the Shire is ideal for families. Nearby Mildura provides additional amenities and cultural experiences. This balance makes Wentworth Shire an attractive location for living, working, and exploring.

For further information on advertised positions and details on how to apply, contact Glen Norris, Manager Human Resources:
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At Wentworth Shire Council, we value:

Honesty & Integrity

- ▶ We deliver on commitments
- ▶ We act ethically

Accountability & Transparency

- ▶ We take responsibility for our actions
- ▶ We communicate openly and respectfully with our community

Respect

- ▶ We act professionally towards our community and our colleagues

Quality & Commitment

- ▶ We do our best to provide the highest standard of goods and services to our community
- ▶ We are responsive to the needs of our community and always look for ways to better serve our community
- ▶ We are dedicated to fulfilling the Shire's vision and goals



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Position Description – Water and Wastewater Operator

Directorate	Roads and Engineering
Location	Wentworth
Classification/Grade/Band	ATT 2, Level 1, Step 9
Position Code	R2025/
Date position description approved	August 2025

Council overview

The Wentworth Shire Council region is made up of the following towns and irrigation areas; Wentworth, Dareton, Coomealla, Pomona, Mourquong, Monak, Trentham Cliffs, Pooncarie, Buronga, Gol Gol, Ellerslie and Curlwaa. Some of these towns are classified as villages, and the entire population of nearly 8,000 people is spread across approximately 26,000 square kilometres, making our region one of the most sparsely populated rural council areas. Wentworth Shire Council manages one of the largest road networks in New South Wales (NSW), responsible for maintaining 2,245 kilometres of roads, with over 817 km of these sealed. The Wentworth Shire Council Chambers, main office and works depot, library, town hall and Visitor Information Centre are all located in Wentworth.

Council values

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- Accountability and Transparency.
- Respect.
- Quality.
- Commitment.

Primary purpose of the position

- To undertake duties in support of Council's day to day operation of the Water and Wastewater Unit.
- To ensure water and wastewater treatment plants are operated and maintained in accordance with best practice.
- To ensure that filtered and raw water is delivered to consumers in Council's townships via a network of pipelines.
- To ensure reticulation networks and associated pump stations are operated and maintained in accordance with best practice.

Duties

- Ensure the production of filtered water is in accordance with legislative requirements.
- Operation of water treatment facilities in accordance with all Council policies and procedures to ensure compliance with Council's drinking water quality policy.
- Undertake regular water quality tests in accordance with procedures.
- Operation of wastewater treatment facilities in accordance with all Council policies and procedures to ensure compliance with Council's licences.
- Perform routine preventative maintenance including lubrication, operating adjustments, cleaning and painting equipment.
- Installation and maintenance of pipes, valves and hydrants in water, wastewater and plumbing applications within extent of qualifications.
- Conduct and record infrastructure inspections for Council assets.
- Maintain and service water supply and wastewater system plant and equipment.
- Keep accurate and complete records on various aspects of water and wastewater treatment.
- Report problems and hazards to Team Leader and/or Assistant Team Leader.
- Accurate reading and recording of household water meters as required.
- Participate in rotating on call roster.
- Conduct emergency repairs to council water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Provide support and assistance in other Council functions when required.
- Carry out other duties as directed within the scope, skill and competence level of the position and employee.
- Undertake all identified training requirements associated with the position.

Reports to

Team Leader Water and Wastewater

Key Selection Criteria - Essential

- Experience/understanding in water and/or wastewater treatment operations.
- Having a working understanding on units, fractions, decimals and graphs.
- Ability to work a 7-day rotating on call roster and available for overtime and afterhours duties.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively and efficiently within a team environment and have the required initiative to get the job done.
- Experience in general labouring activities and maintenance techniques.
- Valid and current white card.
- Valid and current drivers' licence.





Key Selection Criteria – Desirable

- Willingness to undertake study to obtain or advance qualifications.
- Qualifications in water and/or wastewater operations/treatment.
- Working ability and competent to operate and maintain various items of plant and equipment.
- Pipeline construction experience/plumbing experience.
- First aid certificate
- Confined spaces certificate.
- Qualifications in traffic control

Capabilities for the role

The Local Government Capability Framework describes the core knowledge, skills and abilities expressed as behaviours, which set out clear expectations about performance in local government: “how we do things around here”. It builds on organisational values and creates a common sense of purpose for elected members and all levels of the workforce. The Local Government Capability Framework is available at <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/capability>

Below is the full list of capabilities and the level required for this position. The capabilities in bold are the focus capabilities for this position. Refer to the next section for further information about the focus capabilities

Local Government Capability Framework		
Capability Group	Capability Name	Level
 Personal attributes	Manage Self	Intermediate
	Display Resilience and Adaptability	Intermediate
	Act with Integrity	Foundational
	Demonstrate Accountability	Foundational
 Relationships	Communicate and Engage	Foundational
	Community and Customer Focus	Intermediate
	Work Collaboratively	Foundational
	Influence and Negotiate	Foundational
 Results	Plan and Prioritise	Intermediate
	Think and Solve Problems	Foundational
	Create and Innovate	Foundational
	Deliver Results	Intermediate
 Resources	Finance	Foundational
	Assets and Tools	Intermediate
	Technology and Information	Foundational
	Procurement and Contracts	Foundational

Focus capabilities

The focus capabilities for the position are those judged to be most important at the time of recruiting to the position. That is, the ones that must be met at least at satisfactory level for a candidate to be suitable for appointment.

Local Government Capability Framework		
Group and Capability	Level	Behavioural Indicators
Personal Attributes Manage Self	Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands what needs to be done and steps up to. Pursues own and team goals with drive and commitment. Shows awareness of own strengths and weaknesses. Asks for feedback from colleagues and stakeholders. Makes the most of opportunities to learn and apply new skills.
Relationships Community and Customer Focus	Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies and responds quickly to customer needs Demonstrates a thorough knowledge of services provided. Puts the customer and community at heart of work activities. Takes responsibility for resolving customer issues and needs.
Results Deliver Results	Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takes the initiative for the quality and timeliness of the team's work. Contributes to the allocation of responsibilities and resources to achieve team/project goals. Consistently delivers high quality work with minimal supervision. Consistently delivers key work outputs on time and on budget.
Resources Assets and Tools	Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses a variety of work tools and resources to enhance products and expand own skill set. Ensures others understand their obligations to use and maintain work tools and equipment appropriately. Contributes to the allocation of work tools and resources to optimise team outcomes.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP REPORTING STRUCTURE

Our Organisational Structure is designed to deliver on the Community's Strategic Objectives as outlined in the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036.

Commenced journey with Council in November 2002.



KEN ROSS

GENERAL MANAGER

Appointed to role in May 2019

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS SUPPORT

- Advocacy
- Executive Services
- Civic Service
- Mayor & Councillor support
- Events
- Library
- Marketing & Communications
- Tourism
- Visitor Information Centre

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Human Resources recruitment
- Organisational training & development
- Work Health & Safety
- Workplace & Industrial relations

BUILDING SURVEYING/ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Bonds and Permits
- Building Certification
- Food Safety – annual inspections & temporary permits
- Public Health/Skin Penetration/Cooling Towers/UPSS

COMPANION ANIMALS

- Barking Dogs
- Nuisance/Aggressive Dogs
- Rehoming
- Shelter Management

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

- Development Determinations
- Planning Portal management & assistance
- Pre-lodgement advice

COMPLIANCE/REGULATORY SERVICES/ LOCAL LAWS

- Alcohol Free Zones
- Development compliance
- Education & enforcement
- Noise
- Pollution & contaminated land

RESERVES & LAND TENURE

- Acquisition of land
- Crown land manager
- Native Title

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

- Heritage Protection & Advice
- Planning Proposals & LEP Amendments
- Strategic Planning Projects & Strategies

Commenced journey with Council in November 2008.



SIMON RULE

DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in May 2014

CORPORATE SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICES

- Bendigo Bank Agency (Midway Service Centre)
- Bridge lift bookings
- Cemetery reservations & burials
- Customer enquiries
- Receipting (rates, water accounts, applications)
- Venue hire bookings

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

- Accounts payable/receivable
- Accounting services
- Payroll
- Procurement
- Rates

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Business continuity
- Cyber security
- End-user support
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Hardware/software/maintenance acquisition

RECORDS

- Record management

RISK & GOVERNANCE

- Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee
- Corporate Compliance
- Corporate Strategic Planning & Reporting
- Internal Audit
- Risk management

STORES

Commenced journey with Council in November 2016.



GEOFF GUNN

DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in August 2019

ROADS & ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING TEAM

- Assets
- Engineering services
- Infrastructure
- Technical Services
- Water & Waste Water

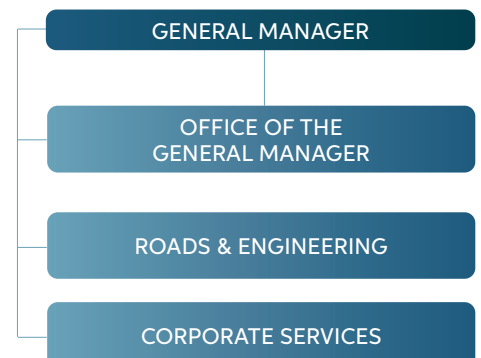
WORKS TEAM

- Aerodrome operations
- Building maintenance
- Civil Works
- Fleet/Workshop
- Landfill/Waste
- Operations
- Parks & Gardens
- Roads



REPORTING STRUCTURE

As at 01 October 2025



Wentworth

at a glance



8.40% of our population identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (State average is 3.44%)

Proclaimed a Shire on 23 January
1879

Area (sq. km)
26,256



7,688
Estimated Residential Population (Remplan)

Largest industry of Employment is Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing with **23.46%** of the population



28.81%
Mining is the largest industry sector with (\$445,500,000) gross revenue

3 Libraries

1 Hospital

8 Schools

1 TAFE Campus

2 Aerodromes

29.51%
of homes are owned outright



Anabranch

Ellerslie

Pomona

Goomealla

Wentworth

Buronga

Gol Gol

Trentham Cliffs

Monak

33.32%

Working age Residents (25-64 yrs old)
(state average is 35.70%)

3,124

Employed Residents

4.20% Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)



Year 12 education as the highest form of education

Wentworth Shire residents

31.40%

vs.

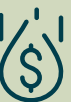
Other areas of NSW

21.40%

\$95,330
per capita Gross Regional Product



The Median Wage for Households:
Wentworth
\$1,987/wk



State (excl. Greater Sydney)
\$1,434/wk



Greater Sydney
\$2,077/wk

The individual median wage is **\$696** per week with **16.25%** of people earning over **\$1,500** per week.

43 years old

is the Median Resident age (State median is 39)

29.62% of Residents are aged under 25 (State average is 30.03%)

20.77% of Residents are aged over 65 (State average is 17.65%)



25.07% of families earn over \$130,000 vs. state average of 37.59%



422km
ADELAIDE

583km
MELBOURNE

1,044km
SYDNEY


662km of sealed road

1,360km of unsealed road



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