

Candidate Information Package



The Shire of Irwin

Spanning 2,232 square kilometres, the Shire is located along the picturesque Batavia Coast of Western Australia, just 60 km from Geraldton and 350 km north of Perth. Dongara and Port Denison, the historic twin towns, are part of the Shire of Irwin, with Dongara serving as the administrative centre and the Irwin River offering a scenic landmark between the two.

Traditionally known for its lobster fishing industry and acre farming, the area has evolved into a vibrant coastal community. It is now celebrated for its welcoming atmosphere, rich heritage, and strong opportunities in employment and tourism, all contributing to its authentic coastal village charm.

The Shire of Irwin is truly an enviable lifestyle choice.



Find out more at www.irwin.wa.gov.au/

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our mission - delivering excellence in service, driving growth and building strong relationships

Community



The Community is well equipped with a range of essential facilities including a public hospital facility which includes emergency services, a domiciliary care unit and a nurse home care unit, St John Irwin Ambulance, pathology, GP medical centre, district high school, transfer station and various local businesses.

There is an abundance of community and sporting groups that offer great opportunities for people of all ages to get involved and actively participate. The Shire has a modern recreation centre which offers multiple health and fitness options, plus boasts a newly refurbished skate park and pump track for people of all ages to enjoy. In the warmer months, the Dongara Denison Drive-Ins offers hours of fun and entertainment for local and visiting families.

Events

A variety of events are held throughout the year including monthly town markets, Easter Races, Hanging of the Quilts, Port Denison Race Car Sprint and the Mid-West Show and Shine.

Tourism

With a wide range of caravan parks and camping grounds, the Shire of Irwin caters for tourist and locals alike with a brilliant blend of beautiful beaches and agriculture; there is a variety of activities including surfing; fishing; nature and heritage trails and a host of events from Easter and monthly markets; Easter Races; Mixed Lawn Bowls Carnival; Hanging of the Quilts; Moreton Bay Fig trees, Irwin River; Fishermen's Lookout; historic museum; marina and WA's premier annual kitesurfing event, Kite stock. The Shire provides many other attractions in the region.

Industry

Known historically for its lobster fishing industry and broad acre farming, the area has developed to include oil and gas production/exploration and mineral sands extraction industries offering a range of employment opportunities.

Development

The Shire of Irwin is becoming a highly active environment due to the vested interest from the diverse industries with 'green' energy a primary focus. This is an exciting time to join the Shire, as it is positioned for growth in a sustainable environment.

Shire of Irwin

Dongara | Western Australia
Permanent Full Time

Work Health & Safety Officer (WHS)

The Position

The Shire of Irwin is looking for a committed and safety-oriented individual to provide Work Health and Safety (WHS) support across the organisation. This role involves ensuring compliance with relevant health and safety legislation and codes of practice, conducting regular inspections and audits to identify non-compliance, and proactively investigating WHS risks.

This is an ideal role for a safety professional looking to gain a broad range of experience and extend their skillset due to the diverse nature of local government.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Ensuring all employees and contractors comply with Council's WHS systems and processes by way of site safety inspections, inductions and audits.
- Provide education, advice and support with WHS practices and procedures to continue an organisational culture of safety, health and welfare.
- Assist with the development and implementation of WHS strategies, programs and processes.

About You

To be successful in the role, you should have significant experience in delivery Work Health and Safety Projects and:

- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety, Diploma or Advanced diploma in Occupational Health and Safety and have at least 2 years of experience in a similar role
- Bring a proactive attitude and the knack for working seamlessly with stakeholders at all levels
- Experience in using CRM's/HRIS/WHS systems
- Be a WHS regulations guru with hands-on experience managing compliance—safety first, always!
- Excellent communication skills to engage and train staff

Interested? Confidential enquiries can be made to Davina Sandhu on email: hr@irwin.wa.gov.au

How to apply

Applicants are required to submit a cover letter, resume and a statement outlining their suitability for the position by addressing each of the essential role criteria detailed within the Position Description which can be viewed on our website www.irwin.wa.gov.au. **Applications can be emailed to hr@irwin.wa.gov.au.**

The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of eligibility of working rights in Australia; hold a National Police Clearance (no older than 6 months) and willing to undergo a pre-employment screening to include a medical and drug and alcohol testing. The Shire of Irwin reserves the right to commence short-listing prior to the closing date.

Shane Ivers

Chief Executive Officer

Applications close at 5:00 pm on Monday 7th April 2025

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Position Details

1.0 Position Details	
Position Title	Work Health & Safety (WHS) Officer
Classification	6
Employment Type	Full Time
Reporting to	Chief Executive Officer
Department	Office of Chief Executive Officer
Location	Shire of Irwin Administration Office, 11-13 Waldeck Street, Dongara
Supervision	Nil
Relationships	Chief Executive Officer, management, staff, contractors, consultants, government agencies; and Councillors
Extent of Authority	Operates under the directions of the Chief Executive Officer and within established delegations from the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> , Regulations and Policies.

2.0 Position Objective	
<p>Working under general direction and exercising a degree of autonomy and professional judgement, the Work Health & Safety Officer is responsible in the implementation, compliance and management of the Shire's Safety Management System while actively promoting a safe workplace culture.</p> <p>The position will also be responsible for providing Workplace Health and Safety advice and support to the Shire's workplace sites, conduct inspections and audits, conduct safety investigations, provide functional administrative support in the administration of workers compensation claims and injury management</p>	

3.0 Position Specific Tasks and Activities

KEY AREA	DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
<p>Work Health & Safety Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinate the development and implementation of WHS strategy, services and programs in accordance with legislation, standards, codes of practice and policies and procedures to foster a positive safety culture throughout the Shire of Irwin. ▪ Coordinate the implementation and continuous improvement of health, safety and quality managements systems and audit programs. ▪ Manage the day-to-day activities and key areas of responsibility of the Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) in an efficient and effective manner to ensure organisational objectives are achieved in accordance with relevant legislation, Codes of Practice and policies and procedures. ▪ Implement, review, and maintain the Shire’s workplace health and safety program with an emphasis on the provision of systems, support, advice and training for personnel. ▪ Ensure effective proactive responses to incidents, hazards and near misses. ▪ Work collaboratively with both internal and external stakeholders and subject matter experts to investigate and resolve both routine, sensitive, and complex workplace investigations, inspections, and risk assessments to a high standard. ▪ Provide professional advice, education, and assistance at all levels throughout the Shire of WHS related matters. ▪ Analyze information, prepare recommendations and reports, and maintain good record keeping through various information technology programs and databases. ▪ Management of effective return to work and rehabilitation programs to ensure an early and successful return to work for injured employees, including coaching and support line leaders with return-to-work situations. ▪ Coordinate the development of a comprehensive WHS training program for management, staff and contractors and maintain a training matrix. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring compliance with WHS legislation including but not limited to Occupational Health and Safety Act 1984, WHS Act (WA) 2020, WHS (General) Regulations 2022, Codes of Practice, policies and procedures. ▪ Monitor legislation and interpret the impact on the organisation of any changes and provide information, education, and training as necessary to ensure that the staff have the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively and efficiently carry out their WHS related duties.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor the outcome of safety audits, incident and investigation reports and insurance audits and ensure, as appropriate, the implementation of preventative actions and improvements to drive cultural change regarding safety. ▪ Super Admin for the Shires WHSMS (SiteDocs). ▪ Create, review and revise the Shire WHS Policies and Procedures. ▪ Hold annual workshops with Operations crews to review and revise all Safety documentation inc: Safe Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS). ▪ Conduct worker inductions. ▪ Coordinate and participate in monthly WHS Safety Meetings. ▪ Participate in monthly Toolbox Meetings. 	
Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In consultation with relevant managers and committees, regularly monitor and review work practices to ensure that the Shire has safe systems of work and workplace conditions that minimise the risk of injury/illness or damage to property and equipment for all employees and visitors including contractors, labour hire employees, volunteers, and customers. ▪ Provide guidance on the purchase and operation of new machinery and equipment, chemicals, personal protective equipment etc. as required. ▪ Preparation of reports, WHS statistic and information for the CEO, Corporate Management team, WHS Safety Committee as required. ▪ Contribute to the development of effective contract management practices for service delivery by external or internal service providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain the Shires WHS monitoring and reporting system to identify trends, critical incidents, and areas of high risk.

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KEY AREA	DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain Council's WHS risk register and administration of the electronic safety system. ▪ Communicate the outcomes of risk assessments within the department as required. ▪ Support all work areas with respect to risk analysis, accident prevention/investigation, hazard management and compliance. ▪ Liaise as required, with the relevant staff on the management, administration, and review of the Shire's Work Health Safety Management System (WHSMS), to ensure its ongoing effectiveness. 	
Injury Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinate and assist, as required, in the injury management process to ensure the earliest possible return to work for injured employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commitment and adherence to WHS policies and procedures ▪ Ensure Council's Injury Management processes and procedures are maintained and current.
Legislation, Regulations, Codes of Practice, Policies, Procedures and Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor the Shire's compliance with legislation, standards, and codes of practice through the development and implementation of a program of safety audits for Council operation. ▪ Ongoing compliance with the Shire's Safety Management System audit programs in line with the relevant Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulations, Codes of Practice, Health and Safety Policies and Procedures. ▪ Act in accordance with organizational values. ▪ Coordinate fire and emergency evacuation drills and procedures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure adherence to Council Policy and Procedures ▪ Ensure compliance with relevant WHS regulations and standards

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Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure full completion of documentation associated with the hazard identification and risk assessment process. When required, provide reports to the WHS committee or management team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure documentation is recorded as required by the Shire's policy and procedure.

4.0 General Position Requirements

Ethical Behaviour	Demonstrates a positive commitment and compliance with all legislation covering all forms of workplace discrimination, harassment, victimisation and bullying, compliant with the Shire's Code of Conduct and all policies.
Work Health and Safety	Ensuring duty of care which is compliant with WHS legislation and the Shire of Irwin policies and procedures. Follow all safety processes appropriately, including reporting injuries, accidents and near misses.
Risk management	Duties are performed according to the Shire of Irwin procedures and principles for risk management which includes WHS, appropriate to the position's duties as prescribed in our organisational procedures and according to legislative and regulatory requirements.
Human Resource and Leadership	Participates in performance management processes; participates in leadership and development activities including induction, recruitment, and succession planning.
Records Management	Ensures all documents are recorded in accordance with the Shire's Recordkeeping Plan, policies and procedures. Ensures confidentiality is maintained at all times.
Strategic Vision	Articulates a clear picture of the future direction of the team and describes how current decisions will impact the ability to achieve this. Creates realistic schedules and assesses opportunities and problems to assist in achieving the Shire's strategic objectives as required.
Values we are committed to	<p>Creates and maintains a positive working environment while upholding the Shire's values of:</p>  <p>The logo consists of four stacked words: 'innovation' in blue, 'accountability' in orange, 'integrity' in red, and 'respect' in green. Each word has a stylized circular graphic element integrated into its letters.</p>

5.0 Behavioural Competencies

VALUE DESCRIPTION	EXEPECTED BEHAVIOURS
Innovation	<p>We are forward thinking and creative in our approach and strive to continuously improve the way we work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I look for better ways of doing things.▪ I am open to feedback and change.▪ I encourage and embrace new ideas▪ I foster creativity and think outside of the box▪ I am solution focused.
Accountability	<p>We will honour our commitments and responsibilities to achieve positive results in a transparent environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I lead by example▪ I learn from my mistakes▪ I am responsible for my actions▪ I am committed to achieving my goals▪ I acknowledge positive behaviour and successes
Integrity	<p>We always act in the public interest and are open, honest, fair and ethical in our interactions with others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I am fair and consistent▪ I am honest, trustworthy and reliable▪ I effectively and actively communicate▪ I conduct myself in a professional manner▪ I am loyal and committed to the organisation
Respect	<p>We support and appreciate each other in an inclusive culture to ensure a sense of pride and enjoyment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I am considerate of the needs of others▪ I genuinely listen when others communicate▪ I respect the roles and opinions of others▪ I treat others how I wish to be treated▪ I support, help and encourage my colleagues

6.0 Skills, Experience and Qualifications

SELECTION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications and Experience

- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety, Diploma or Advanced diploma in Occupational Health and Safety and have at least 2 years of experience in a similar role
- Relevant experience working at a similar level in the Occupational Safety and Health field, within a multidisciplinary environment.
- Good knowledge and understanding of applicable Federal and State legislative requirements, Standards and Codes of Practice and in particular ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environment & OSH), AS/NZ 4801 and ISO 45001 (OHS Management Systems), with the ability to interpret and apply legislation relevant to this position.
- Well-developed interpersonal, conflict resolution, facilitation, and negotiation skills with the ability to communicate with a wide range of people and groups and to positively influence others and ensure delivery of a high level of customer service.
- Proven written communication skills, including the ability to undertake research and write complex letters and reports, including previous experience in developing, implementing, and reviewing policies, strategies, and procedures.
- Developed organisational and administrative skills with proven ability to effectively prioritise multiple projects and coordinate conflicting priorities to meet strict deadlines and organisational objectives whilst achieving a high level of accuracy.
- Ability to think strategically, exercise initiative and make good decisions including solving day to day problems, applying the appropriate level of discretion and confidentiality to the situation, and accommodating organisational sensitivity.
- Ability to work effectively under pressure both as a team member and autonomously with minimal supervision.
- Ability to utilise personal computer applications and in particular, the Microsoft Office suite of products (ie Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook) including a specialised WHS operating system. (Preferably SiteDocs)
- Current, unrestricted WA Driver's License.
- Current National Police Clearance Certificate not more than 3 months old.
- General Construction Induction (Whitecard).

Desirable

- Understanding of the Local Government Act 1995, services and functions.

Attributes

- High level of personal integrity, confidentiality, and initiative.
- Highly motivated and analytical with attention to detail.
- Ability to work in a team environment and individually.
- Aptitude for learning.

Mandatory Requirements

- Proof of working rights in Australia via copy of Australian birth certificate or passport.
- Current unrestricted WA 'C' Class drivers' license.
- Valid Construction White Card
- National Police Clearance less than 6 months old, or ability to obtain.
- Willing to undertake a pre-employment medical assessment.

7.0 Selection Criteria

- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety, Diploma or Advanced diploma in Occupational Health and Safety and have at least 2 years of experience in a similar role
- Proven written communication skills, including the ability to undertake research and write complex letters and reports, including previous experience in developing, implementing, and reviewing policies, strategies, and procedures.
- Good knowledge and understanding of applicable Federal and State legislative requirements, Standards and Codes of Practice and in particular ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environment & OSH), AS/NZ 4801 and ISO 45001 (OHS Management Systems), with the ability to interpret and apply legislation relevant to this position.
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8.0 Position Description Agreement

This Position Description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by the employee assigned. It is not designed to be interpreted as a comprehensive list of duties and responsibilities of the position. The Shire of Irwin reserves the right to amend responsibilities as required to meet business and operational requirements.

I, the undersigned have noted and agreed to the values, statement of duties, responsibilities and other requirements as detailed in this document. This position description may be subject to change as required; any change of duties shall be discussed with the undersigned.

Date:	
Name:	
Signature:	
Review Date:	March 2025

Your application

The Shire of Irwin has a variety of employment types including full and part time, casual, temporary (fixed term) contract, maximum term contract, apprentice, and trainee. All Shire's job opportunities are posted on our website.

Selection Process

The principles of merit and equity in our recruitment processes are applied to all applications. After the closing date, or earlier candidates will be selected for interview based on their ability to demonstrate to our selection panel of the required skills, experience and qualifications for the job advertised.

Application

Your application is the opportunity to showcase your personal attributes, skills, knowledge, experience and above all – your suitability for the job you're applying for.

Be thorough in your research before making application and be sure to read through all the attachments so you have a clear understanding of the job requirements.

Your application will need to contain the following documents:

Covering Letter	This is an opportunity to introduce yourself and highlight your capabilities and your interest in this position.
Resume	Your current Resume is to include your name, address and contact details, your work history, education, training achievements and most recent referees.
Essential Criteria	Address each essential selection criteria set out in the Position Description providing relevant examples using the STAR method below. This is an important part of your application. Situation Describe a work situation that you were faced with Task Describe the task that you had to complete Action Describe the action that you took to complete the task Result Describe the result of your action
Closing Date to	Your application is to be received prior to the closing date in fairness all applicants

Interview

If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified by telephone and a confirmation email will be sent after the call. Unsuccessful candidates who were interviewed will be notified by telephone.

Good Luck in your Application.