

Application Package for the positions of

2 X TRACTOR SLASHER OPERATORS

Position Number: HR014/27 - Permanent Full time - Based in Kilcoy
Position Number: HR032/27 - Permanent Full time - Based in Esk

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Team Somerset is seeking two (2) experienced Tractor/ Slasher Operators to join their multi-disciplined team. As a Tractor / Slasher Operator, you will operate a tractor with powered implements to undertake slashing and mowing operations of TMR and Council roadsides, firebreaks and other Council land and properties; and perform a broad range of construction and maintenance activities at various locations within the Region.

Please note that the Kilcoy position will include the flail attachment and experience will be highly regarded.

To be successful in the role, you will require:

- Experience with slashing and mowing operations
- Certificate of competency for the operation of relevant plant and machinery (nationally recognised RII or VOC qualification)
- Sound knowledge of work health and safety requirements
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills

To make application, please submit your Resume with a cover letter outlining how your experience, qualifications, knowledge, and skills fit the requirements of the role.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the position or the recruitment and selection process, please contact our Human Resources section on (07) 5424 4000.

Applications close at 5pm Friday 8 January 2027



Position Description

Title: Tractor / Slasher Operator

Reports to: Supervisor Maintenance

Award: Queensland Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award – State 2017
Division 2 | Section 5 – Operational Services

Agreement: Somerset Regional Council Field Staff Certified Agreement – 2026 (as amended or replaced)

Classification: Level 5

Position Objective:

Operate a tractor and flail mower (if required) with powered implements to undertake slashing and vegetation management operations of TMR and Council roadsides, firebreaks and other Council land and properties; and perform a broad range of construction and maintenance activities at various locations within the Region.

The position operates as a member of a multi-disciplined team within the Works Section and will be required to perform a broad range of physical tasks, requiring developed industry skills and under the general supervision of the Supervisor.

Position Requirements:

Experience/Qualifications

- Experience with slashing, mowing and vegetation management operations.
- Operation and maintenance of tractors, flail mowers and powered implements such as slashers, rotary brooms and boom cutting heads; or the operation and maintenance of similar major plant engaged in similar work.
- Operation and maintenance of minor plant, machinery and tools.
- Certificate of competency for the operation of relevant plant and machinery (nationally recognised RII or VOC qualification).
- Experience working under traffic control conditions.
- General Safety Induction (Construction Industry) White Card or the ability to obtain prior to commencement.
- Working in Proximity to Traffic competency or the ability to obtain prior to commencement.
- Traffic Management Implementation competency or ability to obtain prior to commencement.
- Current Open Queensland Drivers Licence – unrestricted.
- Truck Licence Class MR or ability to obtain same (desirable).

Knowledge

- Sound knowledge of work health and safety requirements relating to the position.
- Knowledge and understanding of general road construction, and/or road maintenance activities and practices
- Knowledge of plant and tractor operations and working on roads and traffic control situations.
- Knowledge of working around powerlines and ability to identify exclusions zones.
- Use of relevant hand and power tools.

Skills

- Safe, practical, efficient and effective use of the relevant plant.
- Ability to undertake basic checks and minor maintenance on relevant plant.
- Ability to use hand and power tools, small plant and equipment and simple levelling devices.
- Carry out measurements and calculations.
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills with an ability to work co-operatively in a team environment.
- Ability and willingness to communicate in a positive manner with all staff and the general public.
- Willingness to undertake other duties as required, including traffic control.



Additional Requirements

- Level of fitness to be able to undertake a broad range of physical tasks.
- Exercise flexibility and adaptability in undertaking a diverse range of activities and tasks.
- Incumbent may be required to work at different locations across the Somerset Regional Council area from time to time.
- The incumbent:
  - will be requested to complete a National Police Check with the outcome to be acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer as per Council's Fraud Management and Recruitment Policy;
  - will be required to complete a pre-employment functional and medical assessment with the outcome to be acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;
  - will maintain a high standard of personal appearance and dress.

Position Responsibilities:

The key responsibilities may be modified from time to time to ensure that outcomes are co-ordinated within Council's Operational and Corporate Plans. Without limiting the above, the key responsibilities of the position holder shall include:

- Undertake slashing and vegetation management of roadsides and other Council land and properties using Council's tractor/slasher fleet, including flail mower and other powered implements, as scheduled or as directed by the Supervisor.
- Undertake a wide range of labouring activities including basic construction, asset and infrastructure maintenance, and vegetation control.
- Operate and maintain relevant plant, machinery, tools and personal protective equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, standard operating procedures, work methods statements and safety plans.
- Carry out works within agreed standards, priorities and time frames set by the Supervisor.
- Ensure routine inspections and maintenance of relevant plant, machinery, tools and personal protective equipment are carried out at the required frequency. Comply with all workshop maintenance requirements in plant and machinery care and maintenance.
- Identify any traffic control requirements to support slashing and vegetation management activities.
- Ensure signage used on all works is in accordance with current standards; and ensure that signage layouts when working on roads are in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device specifications and Council requirements.
- Maintain assigned Depot storage areas in an orderly and safe manner.
- Keep and maintain accurate relevant records including but not limited to timesheets, daily work performed, plant maintenance, private plant and traffic control, breakdowns and workplace incidents.
- Actively participate in, and foster, a team-oriented work environment and work co-operatively with other Council crews.
- Perform any other duties that are reasonably within the competency, skills and training of incumbent as may be directed from time to time by the relevant Supervisor, Works Coordinator, Works Manager and / or Director Operations to ensure the overall efficiency of the Operations Department or the organisation as a whole, in reaching the Council's objectives as detailed in the Corporate and Operational Plans.

Organisational Responsibilities:

- Represent the Council to the public and members of other organisations in a positive manner.
- Maintain confidentiality of Council information obtained during the course of employment.
- Responsible for compliance with Council's Information Management and Security Policy, to make and electronically record full and accurate records of all relevant business activities within Council's electronic records management system (if applicable to position).
- Security of Council information viewed or accessed during the performance of your duties is contained in the provisions of the Employee Code of Conduct. Subsequently, as a Council employee, you are required to ensure the security and appropriate intended use of Council information at all times.
- Support and comply with the provisions and principles of providing a high level of customer service.
- Comply with any reasonable instructions provided by Somerset Regional Council to ensure work is conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act, Regulations, Codes of Practice and Council's Safety Management System.
- Take reasonable care of your own health and safety.
- Take reasonable care that your acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of others.



- Consult within your work team during any risk assessment of tasks and ensure that any identified control measures are understood, in place and adhered to.
- In addition to the key duties and responsibilities, the incumbent is responsible and accountable for adhering to Council's Employee Code of Conduct, all Council policies and supporting Council's overall Corporate Plan and objectives.

Performance / Skill Standards:

(a) Accountability

- Accountable to the relevant Supervisor.

(b) Extent of Authority

- Freedom to act within established guidelines and procedures and in accordance with the Operational Plan and directions issued by Council.
- Assistance and advice are available on complex matters.

(c) Performance Standards

- Tasks allocated to the position shall be performed to agreed standards and in accordance with established procedural guidelines. Performance indicators shall be those as agreed with the Director Operations, Works Manager, Works Coordinator and Supervisor recognising those standards as outlined in Council's Corporate Plan and supporting Operational Plan.
- Work shall be performed in accordance with accepted industry standards, quality assurance standards and in compliance with Work Health and Safety Act and other legislative requirements or standards which may be appropriate and including Council policies, procedures and local laws.
- Allocated tasks shall be completed consistently within agreed time frames.
- Active participation in planning and recommending possible ways in which allocated tasks can be carried out more effectively and efficiently.
- Demonstration of a spirit of cooperation towards other employees and the achievement of Council's aims and objectives.



ABOUT SOMERSET

Our Values

Safety STAR | Positive Interactions | Community Champions | Excellence | Empowered Workforce

Our Vision

The Somerset region, with its unique identity and proud heritage, is vibrant, cohesive and connected, providing the foundations for a prosperous rural lifestyle.

Our Mission

To provide leadership in making locally responsive and informed decisions, focussing on our customer's needs to deliver the highest-quality efficient services and facilities to all communities of the Somerset region

Lifestyle and Liveability

Located in the heart of south-east Queensland, Somerset is a large region of lakes and landscapes, in fact we've got 5,373km2 of countryside for you to explore.

We're home to the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, Australia's longest recreational rail trail, 161km of high-quality track just waiting for you to cycle, hike or horse-ride. Our lakes are second to none and the perfect spot to drop a line or take a dip. Thrill seekers are covered with a range of outdoor adventures from skydiving to horse-riding.

Somerset also boasts an abundance of art galleries brimming with creations produced by local, national and international artists. Council's iconic art gallery, The Condensery, attracts high profile artists from across the country and offers regular exhibition opening nights and workshops.

Our small, friendly towns have everything you need for a rural lifestyle with the convenience of being a short drive to Brisbane or Toowoomba. Sporting and cultural activities are plentiful, as are community events, and we even have an old-school picture theatre.

Rush hour traffic? Forget it. When you live and work in Somerset, the work commute is likely to be through hills or paddocks under big blue skies. Parking is never a problem, and it's free. When you take a job with Somerset Regional Council, you're making a lifestyle choice.

Location and Brief History

Somerset Regional Council was formed on 15 March 2008 following the amalgamation of Esk Shire and Kilcoy Shire Councils.

Somerset Regional Council has a Mayor and six (6) Councillors, each elected by their constituents and serving a four (4) year term.

This regional local government is an hour west of Brisbane and is the fastest growing local government area in south-east Queensland. It has strong agricultural, environmental, heritage and tourism values. It contains important vegetation and forest, areas of high scenic and landscape amenity and significantly, the key water catchments for southeast Queensland.



The Somerset region includes the five major townships of Esk, Fernvale, Kilcoy, Lowood and Toogoolawah. The region is home to approximately 25,000 people and is expected to grow to an estimated 34,500 by 2031. Somerset's neighbouring local governments are Lockyer Valley, Ipswich City, Brisbane City, Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast, Gympie, South Burnett and Toowoomba.

Somerset Regional Council's logo represents the region's two major dams, with the larger body of water representing Wivenhoe and the smaller body being Somerset. The overall shape of the icon with the water flowing from Somerset to Wivenhoe creates the shape of a clear "S", which uniquely identifies this water graphic to be that of Somerset Regional Council.

Additional Information

Additional information about Somerset Regional Council can be found at www.somerset.qld.gov.au.

JOB APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in this advertised position with Somerset Regional Council.

The following guidelines have been prepared for prospective candidates and include explanation on how to submit an application for employment with Team Somerset.

Applying for a job can be stressful so we have aimed to make our application process as simple as possible while gathering all the vital information required. Below is a summary of the application process which we encourage you to read before commencing your application.

Position Description

The position description, listed in the application package, is the major source of information regarding the position you are applying for.

You should read this document carefully. It includes the following information:

- Details of the position
- Primary delegations, accountability and responsibilities
- Reporting / responsibility lines
- Performance criteria and measurements.

Applying - what do I need to submit?

Resume

All applications must include a resume or curriculum vitae detailing your:

- Full name
- Current contact details including address, email and phone number
- Concise description of your employment experience, including dates
- Qualifications and achievements
- Names, position titles and contact numbers of at least two (2) recent referees.

Cover letter

Your cover letter is an important element of the application, and it's where you can showcase how your experience, qualifications, skills and knowledge meet the specific requirements of the vacant role as listed in the position description.

Your cover letter should also contain information about you that outlines your interest in the vacant role and any unique skills / abilities that make you a good fit for the position.



The Selection Process

All applications are assessed against the responsibilities and functions of the vacant role as outlined in the position description taking into consideration the following:

- Qualifications
- Relevant work experience
- Underpinning knowledge
- Skills and abilities.

Once shortlisted, suitable candidates will be contacted for interview. This will take in person or in some instances, via TEAMS.

The Interview

Should you be invited to attend an interview it is important that you plan and prepare adequately. The interview provides the opportunity for the selection panel to confirm your experience, qualifications, knowledge, skills and personal qualities against the requirements of the role.

It also provides you with the opportunity to find out more about the position and Council.

All interviews are conducted by a selection panel, which would usually consist of two (2) to three (3) Council officers. During the interview you will be asked a series of questions to determine how well you meet the requirements of the role.

You will be notified of the outcome following the interview process. If you are unsuccessful, you will have the opportunity to obtain post-selection feedback from the HR team upon request.

Closing Date

Applications should be submitted before the closing date for the position and should be forwarded to:

Email jobs@somerset.qld.gov.au
Post Chief Executive Officer, Somerset Regional Council, PO Box 117, Esk Qld 4312
Deliver Chief Executive Officer, Somerset Regional Council, 2 Redbank Street, Esk

The position reference number must be included in your cover page. No folders please.

It is recommended each applicant contact Council to ensure the sent application has been received prior to the closing date.

If your application is likely to be late, please telephone before cut-off deadline and request permission for a late application to be accepted. Please note, only the Chief Executive Officer has the ability to accept a late application, and without prior approval it is unlikely to be accepted.

Privacy Collection Notice

All personal information provided by applicants is protected in accordance with Council's Information Privacy Policy. As set out in the policy, Council respects and complies with its obligations under privacy legislation.

Submission of an application, resume and copies of qualifications and references constitutes permission to use the applicant's personal information as necessary for the purpose of selection for the vacant position and subsequent employment, if successful.

The information you provide as an applicant is used primarily by the selection panel to assess merit for a position. Access by other Council staff is limited to what is required to enable them to undertake associated administrative requirements, e.g. processing applications, arranging interviews and/or pre-employment assessments.

Consequently, any personal information gathered about applicants that does not become an employee record relating to the successful candidate/s will be destroyed at the conclusion of the selection process, unless the permission or consent of the candidate has been obtained to keep any such information.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT



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Pre-Employment Checks

As per Council's Fraud Management Policy, successful applicants will be requested to undergo a National Police Check prior to commencing work with Somerset Regional Council with the outcome acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.

Other pre-employment checks, with outcomes to be acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer, may also be required including but not limited to:

- Medical / Functional Capacity assessment (including drug and alcohol screening)
- Blue Card for working with children.

Probation

It is a standard for all Council employees to be placed on a probationary period of three (3) months upon commencement with performance being reviewed during this period.

A further probation period of up to three (3) months may be agreed to in writing if the required standards have not been met.

Hours of Work

Permanent full-time employees currently work a 76-hour fortnight, incorporating a nine-day fortnight. The times below are the general start and finish times for the team. Some sections may work different hours depending on work requirements.

Field personnel		**Administration personnel**	
Start:	6am	Start:	8am
Finish:	3pm	Finish:	5pm

As part of Certified Agreements, start and finish times may be altered by mutual agreement.

Superannuation

As of 1 July 2017, all employees of Somerset Regional Council have a choice of superannuation fund. Brighter Super is the default fund for all employees. Information on this scheme will be provided upon commencement.

Development and Training

Council is aware of the need for the development of its team. Field and administration personnel have performance appraisals completed every two (2) years, with the option of a twelve (12) month check in.

Employees are encouraged to undertake training relevant to their duties and to undertake study in approved courses.

Work Health and Safety

All employees starting with Council must commit to the employee obligations of the *Work Health and Safety Act*, associated Regulation and Codes of Practice.

Thank you for the interest in joining Team Somerset!