

**Part Time Executive Support Officer**  
**Application Package**  
**October 2023**



**Re-Advertised**  
**Part Time Executive Support Officer**  
**Flexible Negotiated Hours**

An exciting opportunity has arisen with the Shire of Bruce Rock seeking the services of a suitably skilled person to take on the role of Part Time Executive Support Officer. This is a flexible role that can be from 4-5 days per week with negotiated hours per day.

The successful applicant will work in conjunction with the current Executive Services Manager who is Part Time to provide confidential secretarial and administrative support services for the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Management Team.

Bruce Rock is ideally located just 245km east of Perth in the Wheatbelt region and has excellent services and facilities to make living in this great community very comfortable.

The successful applicant must possess;

- Excellent organisational and time management skills while having the ability to be flexible
- Good computing skills and experience in Microsoft Office products
- Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to exercise discretion and maintain confidentiality; and
- Strong commitment to work as part of a team in an office environment

The position is offered between level 3.1 (\$27.20 p/h) and 5.4 (\$32.36 p/h) as per the Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award plus 5% over award allowance, depending on skills and experience. Other incentives include generous superannuation options, uniform allowance, training and professional development and other employee benefits.

To obtain an information package contact Shenae Negri on 08 9061 1377, email [shenae.negri@brucerock.wa.gov.au](mailto:shenae.negri@brucerock.wa.gov.au) or visit the website [www.bruce-rock.wa.gov.au](http://www.bruce-rock.wa.gov.au).

Applications, addressing the selection criteria, including the names of two referees marked "Confidential – Part Time Executive Support Officer", will be received until 4.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Shire of Bruce Rock  
Private and Confidential  
Part Time Executive Support Position  
PO Box 113  
BRUCE ROCK WA 6418

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

<b>Position Title</b>	Executive Support Officer
<b>Department</b>	Office of CEO
<b>Award/Agreement</b>	Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award
<b>Classification</b>	Level 3.1 (\$27.20 p/h) and 5.4 (\$32.36 p/h)
<b>Status/Hours</b>	Part-time 4-5 days – hours to be negotiated

### Position Objective

Provide confidential secretarial and administrative support services for the Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Management Team in a timely and efficient manner.

### Key Responsibilities and Duties

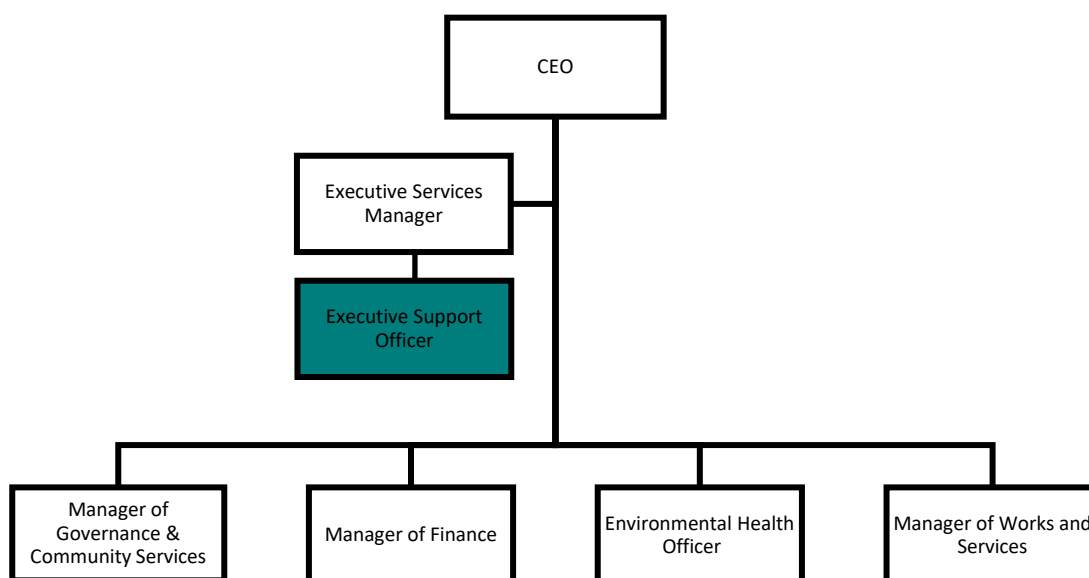
Key Areas of Accountability	
<b>Executive Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide confidential secretarial and administrative services for the Chief Executive Officer.</li> <li>• Provide secretarial and administrative services for the Senior Management Team, as directed.</li> <li>• Respond to Council correspondence as directed by the CEO.</li> <li>• Ensure visitors and guests to the Shire and its meetings are correctly informed and are dealt with using appropriate protocols.</li> <li>• Manage the Chief Executive Officer's diary and arrange appointments as necessary.</li> <li>• Day to Day Correspondence</li> </ul>
<b>Council Meetings &amp; Functions</b>	<p><b>Assist the Executive Support Manager with the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and collate Council's monthly agendas and information bulletins including various officers' reports and attachments to meet the specified timeframes.</li> <li>• Administer the Council Meeting motions tracking system, ensuring that all motion statuses are up to date each month.</li> <li>• Circulate agendas and minutes of each Council meeting and Committee Meetings.</li> <li>• Ensure agenda item outcomes are allocated via memo to appropriate staff for actioning.</li> <li>• Ensure the official copy of Council minutes is signed and filed in line with record keeping requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>General Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer the publication of all advertisements and public notices</li> <li>• With direction from the MGCS maintain Council's Policy Manual ensuring all staff receive changes and updated versions.</li> <li>• Any other duties as directed by MGCS or CEO.</li> </ul>
<b>Council Promotion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved Public Information</li> <li>• Improved Shire self-promotion</li> </ul>
<b>Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the CDO with Council related events.</li> <li>• Arrange catering and refreshments for various Council functions and Council Meetings.</li> <li>• Arrange other meetings and functions including Civic Functions and Australian Citizenship Ceremonies and prepare required documentation.</li> </ul>
<b>Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in the implementation of New Legislation</li> </ul>
<b>Legislation</b>	<p>Manage Attain Program including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reg 17</li> <li>• Annual and Primary Returns</li> <li>• Related Party</li> </ul>



<b>Occupational Safety and Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate a strong commitment to Occupational Safety &amp; Health including risk management and must take all reasonable care in the performance of duties to prevent injury to self and others.</li> </ul>
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Selection Criteria	Essential	Desirable
<b>Skills</b>		
Sound communication and interpersonal skills to communicate professionally in a corporate environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Excellent organisational skills, self-motivated, be flexible and have the ability to work under pressure whilst meeting deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demonstrated understanding and ability to apply customer service and public relations skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ability to handle sensitive and confidential information	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Strong commitment to work as part of a team in an office environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Well-developed writing skills including spelling and grammar with demonstrated ability and experience in preparing letters and reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sound information technology skills and well experienced in Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, Outlook and other products.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Knowledge</b>		
Knowledge of the preparation of agendas and minutes		<input type="checkbox"/>
An understanding of Local Government including Council organisational structure and function		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Experience/Qualifications</b>		
Current 'C' class WA driver's license	<input type="checkbox"/>	
National Police Clearance required upon employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Experience in Local Government or similar administrative roles		<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience in record keeping practices including maintaining electronic and manual records		<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of IT Vision Synergy Software ( <i>not essential – training provided</i> )		<input type="checkbox"/>

## Organisational Relationship



Responsible to	Responsible For
Chief Executive Officer	Not Applicable

#### Internal/External Liaison

Internal	External
Chief Executive Officer	General Public
Manager of Governance & Community Services	Community Groups
Manager of Finance	Ratepayers
Manager of Works and Services	State & Federal Government Departments
Environmental Health Officer	
Other Administration Staff	
Councillors	

## **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **1. Hours of Work**

Ordinary hours are from 8:00am to 5:00pm with an hour for lunch or alternative options can be negotiated, such as 9am to 3pm, with 30 minutes for lunch.

Lunch break is to be taken in consultation and with consideration of others.

You will accrue one Rostered Day Off per month worked, to be taken at your discretion in liaison with the CEO.

### **2. Annual Leave**

4 weeks pro rata annual leave after 12 months of service, including 17.5% leave loading.

### **3. Superannuation**

(a) The Local Government shall pay any superannuation guarantee charge (as defined in the Superannuation Guarantee Administration Act 1992 and the Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992) payable by the Local Government in respect of the Officer ("Statutory Superannuation entitlement")

(b) Council will make a matching co- contribution towards any superannuation payment, made by the officer before tax, up to a maximum amount of 6% of their salary.

(c) All contributions by way of superannuation must be paid by the Local Government in accordance with the Act and any other law but the Officer shall be permitted to have superannuation contributions paid by the Local Government into a superannuation fund of the Officer's choice if permitted under the Trust Deed of the Western Australia Local Government Superannuation Fund.

(d) At the request of the Officer, the Local Government may from time to time vary the amount of the Officer's contributions towards superannuation by way of salary sacrifice.

### **4. Public Holidays**

In addition to the normal public holidays an additional 2 days paid leave are available in lieu of the day after New Year's Day and Easter Tuesday.

### **5. Personal Leave**

Sick, carer's and bereavement leave as per National Employment Standards.

### **6. Long Service Leave**

13 weeks pro rata after 10 years continuous Local Government Service, transferable between local authorities within Western Australia.

### **7. Uniform**

A uniform allowance of \$450 per year will be allocated annually and this allowance is to be used to purchase a uniform from Council's uniform supplier.

### **8. Professional Development**

Provision is available for the officer to participate in relevant training and attend relevant conferences, as approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

### **9. Housing**

Council may be able to assist in finding suitable accommodation for the successful application.

### **10. Medical Examination**

The Officer will be required as a condition of appointment to have a Pre-Employment Medical Examination by a Medical Practitioner prior to appointment being offered. Council will bear the full cost of Pre-Employment Medical Examination. A copy will be retained in the employee's personal file and made available for the employee.

**11. Alcohol and Drug Testing**

The Shire undertakes random testing of all employees for alcohol and drugs. If employed by the Shire you may be required to take a test under the Shire's drug and alcohol policy.

**12. Police Clearance**

The Officer may be required as a condition of employment, to provide a current "Police Clearance" at Council's expense.

**13. Probationary Period**

A probationary period is applicable to this position will be discussed at the time of offer of the position to the successful applicant. At the completion of this period your position of permanency will be approved or declined by the Chief Executive Officer.

## **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

### **Statement of Claims against the Selection Criteria**

Your Selection for an interview will depend on you demonstrating that you meet the essential criteria.

#### **When preparing your statement of claims**

- Treat each selection criteria separately. Use each criteria as a heading and provide your statement underneath that heading.
- Provide a brief statement, which relates your experience, skills and knowledge to the particular criteria. The length of your statement for each criteria is dependent on the position you are applying for and your discretion. As a guideline, a quarter to half a page is generally acceptable. You should provide specific examples in your statement to back up your claims.
- Provide details of any activities you have undertaken outside of work which are relevant to the application.

#### **Referees**

- Applicants are required to nominate two work referees in support of their application. These referees should be able to comment on your work experience, skills and knowledge in relation to the selection criteria.
- Provide names, relationship to you (i.e. Supervisor), work addresses and daytime telephone numbers.
- We understand you may not wish us to contact current work referees initially, if this is the case please let us know.

#### **General Application Information**

- Applicants should submit typed applications.
- When lodging your application, submit a covering letter, Resume, Statement of claims against the criteria and written references.
- Please only include photocopies of your attachments as the application will not be returned.
- Canvassing of elected members is prohibited and any applicant known to have done so may be disqualified.

#### **Delivery of Application**

You may post, deliver or email your application.

Applications must arrive by **4.00pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

#### **Mark your application:**

##### **Post:**

**"Confidential"**

Part Time Executive Support Officer  
PO Box 113  
Bruce Rock WA 6418

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## **THE INTERVIEW**

### **Preparing for the Interview**

The interview questions will relate to the Selection Criteria for the position and the same questions will be asked of each person interviewed for the position.

To prepare yourself for the questions which may be asked:

- Be aware of what the job involves. This information can be established from the position description
- Focus on the selection criteria and think of examples of situations where you have applied the relevant skills and abilities.
- Focus on the duties and responsibilities of the position and how you would carry them out. Think of any problems you would encounter and how you would resolve them.
- If the position has a supervisory role, think about your special responsibilities as a Supervisor
- If you have any relevant reports or other work you have which will provide examples of your skills and abilities, you should prepare it for presentation at the interview
- Prepare a few questions that you may wish to ask Council.

### **The Selection Interview**

There is no need to hire or buy special clothes for the interview. Dress as you would usually do for work.

During the interview:

- Do not assume that your interviewer knows about your suitability for the position even though you may have worked with them or have had previous experience in the position for which you have applied.
- Try to remember the names of the person/people interviewing you.
- Take time to answer each question. In some instances, you will be given the opportunity to read the interview questions and prepare brief notes immediately prior to the interview.
- If you do not understand a question ask for clarification or for the interviewer to repeat the question before providing a reply.
- Give direct answers to questions. Be honest if you do not know the answer to a factual question. Where possible, relate your answers to direct experience you have had.
- When the opportunity is presented, feel free to ask any questions you may have, relevant to the position. Avoid asking questions "just for the sake of it". If you do not have any questions do not hesitate to say so.

The interview panel will record your replies to the questions to assist them in accurately recalling your details when they are making their final decision.

### **After the Interview**

You will be notified of the outcome of your application. When you have been advised of the result of your application, you are encouraged to seek feedback.

## THE ORGANISATION

The Shire of Bruce Rock is a Local Government organisation governed by an elected Council, consisting of 9 Councillors including the Shire President. The Council currently meets on the third Thursday of every month, with meetings commencing at 1.30pm. Council does not meet in January.

The Shire of Bruce Rock currently employs 43 staff, including administrative and external officers as shown in the table below. Additional external contractors and services include rubbish collection and Ranger Services.



## THE STAFF

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	1
Manager of Governance and Community Services (MGCS)	1
Manager of Finance	1
Manager of Works & Services	1
Environmental Health Officer	1
Community Development Officer	1
Senior Finance Officer	1
Administration Staff	3
Supervisors	2
Plant Mechanic	2
Town Maintenance	5
Outside Workforce	9
Gardeners	3
Cleaning Staff	4
Aquatic Centre Manager	1
Recreation Manager	1
Building Staff	2
Medical Centre Staff	3
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## **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

### **Location**

The Shire of Bruce Rock is situated in the Western Australian Central Wheatbelt 245km east of Perth, and includes 3 satellite town sites: Shackleton, Babakin & Ardath, and the Kwolyin locality.

### **Population**

The permanent population of Bruce Rock townsite is approximately 700.

The permanent population of the Shire of Bruce Rock is approximately 1100.

### **Area**

The Shire has a total area of 2,772 km<sup>2</sup> consisting of agricultural land and some nature reserves.

### **Soil Types**

Good fertile soil suitable for agriculture.

## **HISTORY**

### **The First Settlers**

The first settlers were sandalwood cutters who set up camps in the 1860's, and were closely followed by pastoralists. The land's potential for agriculture was realised and was surveyed for selection in the early 1900's.

### **Railway**

The official opening of the railway from Quairading to Nunagin (later renamed Bruce Rock) was on 29 March 1913 and was linked to Merredin on the 22 December 1913.

### **Townsite**

The town was gazetted as Bruce Rock in June 1913.

## **PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Roads**

Total Length in the district	1258
Main roads	72
Sealed local	425
Unsealed local roads	761

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

### **Water**

Water Corporation

### **Sewerage**

Leach & Septic Individual Systems.

### **Electricity**

Electricity is supplied by the Western Power electricity grid

### **Telephone**

Telstra services the entire Shire district. The Shire has a good Next G Mobile telephone service operated by Telstra with a base station at Yarding and a repeater in Bruce Rock.

## **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

### **Rural**

Mixed farming - wheat and other cereals, wool, sheep, cattle and pigs.  
Expanding pulses, lupins, course grains, eucalyptus oil mallees and sandalwood.

### **Support Industries**

Metal Fabrication, Light industrial, agricultural agencies and transport operations.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **Health**

20 bed hospital servicing by a resident local GP  
Dentist

### **Emergency Services**

St Johns Ambulance  
Volunteer Emergency Services



### **Education and Training**

Bruce Rock District High School caters for students from Kindergarten through to Year 10. A daily school bus takes students to Merredin for years 11 and 12. Daycare is conveniently located close to the school and operates weekdays, 8:30am to 5:30pm.

### **The Town and District Halls**

Halls have been built at Bruce Rock, Babakin & Shackleton.

### **Recreation Centre and Facilities**

Completed in April 2012, the new recreation centre includes a synthetic bowling green, ovals, tennis and netball courts, providing facilities for cricket, football, hockey, netball, tennis and squash. A modern Aquatic Centre is located adjacent to the Recreation Grounds and Caravan Park. The shire also consists of 2 golf clubs, one 2km's from Bruce Rock and the other at Ardath as well as a tennis club at Ardath and a bowling club in Shackleton.



### **Other Services**

Bruce Rock Craft Shop with accommodation for workshops, exhibitions and an artist in residence. A recently constructed Men's Shed provides a great place for local men to meet and carry out hobbies.

### **Bruce Rock Federation Amphitheatre & Sculpture Park**

The Bruce Rock Federation Amphitheatre was officially opened in October 2001, the Amphitheatre seats up to 1200 people. Designed and built by the local community, it is host for many get-togethers, community events including the annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion.

The adjoining Sculpture Park has contributions of artwork from all around the region and is a unique place for a family picnic or a stroll through the picturesque gardens that also become a popular venue for weddings.





## TOURISM

### **Granite Way**

Tourist drive including free camping at Kwolyin and day facilities at Kokerbin Rock.

### **Museums**

Bruce Rock Museum, which depicts the development of the Shire and incorporates a settler's cottage, blacksmith shop and a one-teacher school. A machinery museum across the road also houses vintage vehicles and machinery used in the Shire.

### **Wildflowers**

During the months of July, August & September there is an abundance of wildflowers on the rural roadsides and nature reserves throughout the Shire. A wildflower drive is also sign posted from Bruce Rock.

### **Other Places of Interest**

- Mosaic Pathway & Centenary Path in Bruce Rock
- Museums
- Shackleton Smallest Bank

### **Accommodation**

Bruce Rock Hotel Motel, Bruce Rock B & B, Bruce Rock Roadhouse, Ardath Hotel.

### **Other Information**

Should you wish to obtain additional information on the Shire and services available you may contact the Shire office on (08) 9061 1377.

### **Canvassing of Councillors**

*Canvassing of elected members is prohibited and any applicant known to have done so may be disqualified.*

