

POSITION TITLE:	Catchment Worker – Excavator Operator		
GROUP:	Asset Management Group	SECTION:	Works Group
REPORTS TO:	Operations Lead		
RESPONSIBLE FOR:	N/A		
DATE REVIEWED:	January 2026		

HBRC STRATEGY

Our Vision:

We want a healthy environment and a resilient and prosperous community.

Our Purpose:

We work with our community to protect and manage the region's precious taonga of rivers, lakes, soils, air, coast and biodiversity for health, wellbeing and connectivity.

Our Values:

- **Manaakitanga:** Living behaviours of care and respect
- **Kotahitangi:** Living behaviours of collective drive and unity
- **Ngākau Pono:** Living behaviours of commitment, integrity, and accountability
- **Whanaungatanga:** Living behaviours of relationships and connection
- **Māramatanga:** Living behaviours of clarity and understanding

Our Focus:

- **Water quality, safety and climate-resilient security** ~ *Te kounga o te wai, te haumarutanga me te mārohirohi ā-āhuarangi o te whakamarutanga.*
- **Climate-smart and sustainable land use** ~ *Kia koi, kia toitū hoki te whakamahinga o te whenua.*
- **Healthy, functioning and climate-smart biodiversity** ~ *kio ora, kia āhe, kia mārohirohi ā-āhuarangi hoki te rerenga rauropi.*
- **Sustainable and climate-resilient services and infrastructure** ~ *kia toitū, kia mārohirohi ā-āhuarangi hoki ngā ratonga me ngā hanganga ā-whare.*

POSITION SUMMARY

The primary focus of the role is to undertake river and drainage maintenance and minor capital works, operate assigned major plant and undertake external and private works in a cost effective, professional and customer focussed manner.

JOB SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	KEY TASKS	METHOD OF MEASUREMENT
Operate major plant and machinery in a safe, efficient and cost-effective manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct daily and weekly checks including all safety checks. report all defects to leading hand and workshop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High availability of major plant achieved particularly during periods of high demand.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate plant to maximise output and minimise maintenance and fuel costs. • Pursue through quality circles new methods of plant operation to improve plant productivity. • Conduct spraying, mowing and excavating operations in line with works group codes of operation and associated statutory requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benchmark rates of production achieved or improved on. • Continual improvement in the methods of utilisation of the WG major assets. • No breaches of operational or statutory codes of practise. No complaints of spray drift and damage.
<p>Operate minor plant and equipment in a safe and economic manner.</p> <p>Conduct all operations in compliance with Works Group Safety Manual and associated Codes of Operation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and understand works group safety manual. • Operate all plant within its capabilities. • Comply strictly with all safety regulations. • Identify work place hazards continuously as part of performing day to day operations. • Maintain a clean and tidy workplace. actively promote a safe and healthy workplace with fellow workers and contractors. • All accidents and near misses reported in accordance with safety policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of operation of plant in line with manufacturers benchmark figures. • No accidents. Employee with strong safety focus. All hazards reported. • Up to date and accurate Accident Register.
<p>Undertakes tasks as required for river and drainage maintenance in a cost effective and professional manner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing. • Vegetation control works including tree clearing, scrub-barring and spraying. • Pump station maintenance. • Rubbish collection and removal. • Tree Planting and plant maintenance. • Willow pole planting. • Miscellaneous tasks and record keeping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance tasks completed on time with no repeat work. • No complaints from clients. • All jobs completed with a positive margin. • All required paperwork completed accurately and on time (e.g. job, plant and time sheets). • Positive comments from clients on staff appearance and attitude. • Proactive defect reporting to supervisor.

Carry out Emergency Response work as required in response to adverse weather and Civil Defence situations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood response, civil defence emergency response and attendance to CD training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional and knowledgeable response team. • Staff well versed in Emergency Response roles.
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FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Internal

- Team members
- Team Leader

External

- Consultants and contracts
- Iwi and other community groups
- Members of our community

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

Fostering good working relationships is fundamental to the successful achievement of strategic goals for HBRC. We know we can't achieve change without the people (our community) outside our business. As expressed under our purpose statement, "working with our community" is at the heart of everything we do. This is particularly relevant to our relations with Tāngata Whenua in terms of co-governance and co-management. Successful relationships involve building trust. Which in turn enables us to support each other to respond to new challenges as they arise.

This means:

- Professional attitude is projected at all times in dealing with external contacts.
- Information is accurate and is provided in a timely manner.
- Outcomes that are fair and clearly understood by both parties are achieved.
- Customers are satisfied with responses to written or verbal requests for information.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

All Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) staff are expected to promote the concept of continuous improvement actively and enthusiastically in their work for HBRC. This means:

- Maintaining a positive overall attitude in the workplace, including promoting HBRC in a positive manner, as assessed by your peers and Manager.
- Taking part in training opportunities provided by HBRC with an open mind, as assessed by pre and post training meetings with your manager.
- Practicing the skills provided in training offered by HBRC, as assessed by regular feedback meetings with your manager.
- Showing a strong team commitment, as indicated by peer feedback and your manager's assessment.
- Practicing the concept of continuous improvement by showing initiative with new ideas and positively acknowledging other ideas.
- Giving honest and open feedback as and when required, aiming to constructively deal with all issues, as assessed by regular feedback meetings with your manager.
- Deliver on project outcomes: on time and on budget.
- Displaying sound judgment and making responsible decisions.
- Working to high quality standards and where applicable contributes to maintenance of ISO 9001:2015 accreditation of the Quality Management System.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All staff are expected to follow established health and safety procedures while working for HBRC, and in accordance with policies developed by HBRC. This means:

- Complying with and adhering to HBRC's accepted standards and procedures.
- Where appropriate, taking responsibility for workplace hazards/risks you identify and communicated to management.
- Undertaking regular reviews of workplace risks/hazards that are present in your work.
- When, and if, necessary, participate in the investigation of accidents/incidents according to HBRC procedures.
- Undertaking appropriate and effective staff training when required or necessary.
- Promoting a healthy and safe workplace.
- Actively supporting health and safety initiatives.
- Comply with any rehabilitation plan designed with you for a return to work after an accident.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

When an emergency event happens, you may be required to assist with carrying out the Council's Civil Defence responsibilities, after providing required support for your family and dependants. This means:

- Undertaking an allocated role for emergency management requirements and responding to emergency management requests as needed.
- Participating in and completing onboarding and training courses, exercises and associated activities required for the readiness and preparedness of emergency events.
- Attending meetings and development forums or exercises as required to maintain competency. Responding to such requests by assuming an allocated emergency management role, as are required by events.
- Being aware of the Business Continuance Plan (BCP) and its contents and the implications for your role.
- Understanding and accepting that Civil Defence Emergency Management and BCP events may require working hours that differ from those outlined in your employment agreement.
- If your role is an Incident Management Team Function Lead, you are required to review the relevance of the BCP for your team, section or group on a regular basis.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Minimum qualifications required

- Valid Driver's Licence Class 1
- Drivers Licence Class 4 and 5 would be an advantage
- W.T.R Endorsements
- F Endorsement would be an advantage
- Current Growsafe certification would be an advantage
- Current First Aid certificate would be an advantage
- Other relevant NZQA Unit standards would be an advantage

Knowledge

The following indicates what would typically be expected for this role at a competent level:

- Proficiency in the use of smart phones or Ipads and associated Apps.
- Competent in completing paperwork accurately and on time.
- Analytical skills.
- Financial literacy - knowledge of financial reporting systems, budget management and requirements.
- Communicating effectively to convey and interpret data/information.
- Collaborative work practices to build strong working relationships.
- Problem solving working knowledge.

Personal Attributes

- Open-minded approach to learning, development, and collaborative working practices.
- Ability to create harmony in a team.
- Ability to anticipate change, remain flexible and be innovative.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to initiate and engage effectively at all levels, internally and externally.
- Ability to clarify objectives, identify key issues, consider all perspectives and evaluate.
- Ability to cope with a variety of work and on occasion difficult situations.
- Sound judgement and initiative.
- A high level of courtesy and listening skills.
- Physically fit to meet needs of role.
- Committed to safe works practices.

Awareness

- Demonstrated awareness of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and including Te Reo Māori in relevant and practical ways in interaction and engagement to demonstrate respect and value of Tikanga Māori in appropriate settings.

CHANGES TO JOB DESCRIPTION

From time to time, it may be necessary to consider changes in the job description in response to the changing nature of our work environment. Such changes, including technological requirements or statutory changes, may be initiated by the manager of this job with due consultation with the position holder. This job description should be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read this job description and fully understand the requirements set forth therein. I understand that this is to be used as a guide and that I will be responsible for performing other duties as assigned. I further understand that this job description does not constitute an employment contract with Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Employee Signature

Date

Printed Name