

# Common Equity NSW Company Ltd EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / OFFICE MANAGER POSITION DESCRIPTION

Status: Permanent Salary	
Salary	: SCHADS Level 6
Hours: 35 hours per week worked between 9am to 5pm, on agreed days, with one hour for lunch  Some after-hours work on an evening or weekend will be required at various times (flexi-time is available)	Range: confirmed

#### **SUPERVISOR**

Responsible to: Operations Manager and reports to the CEO on EA activities

#### **ROLE AND CONTEXT OF POSITION**

Common Equity NSW Company Ltd (the company) is not for profit company operating in the cooperative housing sector with the individual housing co-operatives as members. The majority of co-operatives are located in the Sydney Metropolitan region with the balance located in regional areas of NSW. The company is funded from a portion of the rentals collected by the member cooperatives.

The company holds assets of 520 properties on behalf of Housing NSW (HNSW), either through transfer of title or through leasing. The company in turn subleases these properties to individual member co-operatives. The individual co-operatives set and collect rents in accordance with HNSW policies, administer their own budget, allocate vacant properties in accordance with HNSW policies and carry out routine maintenance. The company provides education and resourcing to co-operatives, oversees and audits co-operative operations for compliance with policies, plans and carries out structural maintenance and capita/ upgrades to properties and manages housing growth through the use of surplus funds, borrowings and grants.

The EA/Office Manager is responsible for the operational management of the office and minor procurement transactions. In particular, EA/Office Manager role

includes the following responsibilities:

- CEO and Board resourcing, minute taking (reports to the CEO on these matters)
- Manages complex and changing diaries, including scheduling, negotiating appointments and meetings and organising associated and supporting documentation
- Co-ordinates room bookings and equipment set up such as teleconferencing, video conference and catering when required.
- Maintain systems for recording and storing information
- Providing high level administrative support, including IT support to all Operational staff
- Onboarding of new employees, conducting orientation of new staff-including key policies, shared drive filing, hard copy filing, WHS, IT policy, fire safety, claims for reimbursement
- Maintaining Company online presentation, coordination and administration of website
- Preparing and designing Graphic for the Bulletin, quarterly newsletter and annual report
- Managing stationery and other purchase orders
- Handling customers enquiries and complaints
- Liaising with suppliers and stakeholders as required
- Maintaining diary management and travel bookings
- Maintaining the CENSW annual calendar of meetings, training, consultations and reporting
- Maintaining personnel files in hard and soft copy to ensure documents are both complete and stored to meet privacy requirements
- Maintaining various databases and registers
- Maintaining the integrity of the electronic shared file
- Maintaining and updating the administration manual
- Drafting letters, formatting documents, reports and charts
- Implementing post-outs and other notifications
- Managing incoming and outgoing postage
- Co-ordinating Staff and the Senior Leadership meetings and agendas
- Providing advice on use of office software and problem-solving
- Supporting functions coordination
- Supporting the marketing and fundraising initiatives of CENSW
- Organising and managing training days for the Board
- Organise and co-ordinate office administration and procedure in order to organise effectiveness, efficiency and safety in the office

# **LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The EA/Office Manager will be responsible for assisting the CEO and the efficient operation of managing the office activities of CENSW.

# **SUPERVISION**

The EA/Office Manager will attend a fortnightly meeting with the Operations Manager, and weekly meetings with the CEO.

# **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL**

An annual supervision meeting will be held with the Operations Manager to review performance in line with this job description, review and revise the job description as necessary and identify areas for improvement and training.

# **CORE TASKS AND BEHAVIOURS**

Core Behaviours refer to those tasks, attitudes and behaviours that apply to all staff regardless of position description or level of responsibility.

KEY RESULT AREAS	KEY TASKS	KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
1. Governance and Accountability	<ul> <li>Adhere to the company policies and procedures including state &amp; federal legislation, funding body service agreements, and industry standards</li> <li>Write and complete work plans</li> <li>Prepare a monthly progress report on outcomes</li> <li>Document work in line with required standards</li> <li>Undertake data collection Perform all reasonable duties requested by the supervisor</li> <li>Undertake a twice-yearly performance appraisal Attend supervision sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Familiarity with and application of all relevant regulations and standards</li> <li>Appropriate monthly reports prepared and submitted</li> <li>Work plans in place and appropriate</li> <li>Communications clear and effective</li> <li>All set duties carried out</li> </ul>

2. Teamwork	<ul> <li>All employees will:         <ul> <li>Attend staff, team and casework meetings when required</li> <li>Contribute to company planning relevant to own work</li> <li>Contribute to a positive and cooperative work environment Follow through on commitments Contribute to housekeeping tasks</li> <li>Note and discuss areas for process improvement</li> </ul> </li> <li>Act to support cooperatives, management and other staff members</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Effective working relationships with other staff</li> <li>Appropriate contributions to meetings</li> <li>Appropriate contributions to planning activities</li> <li>Supportive behaviour towards other staff and co-operatives.</li> <li>Adapted to and/or suggested improvements to work processes</li> </ul>
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3. Development	All employees will:  • Participate in required training and ongoing professional education	Demonstrated:  Improvements in skill or knowledge from development opportunities
4. Work Health And Safety	All employees will:  • Understand the WH&S  Policy, and how they can participate and support the implementation of WH&S  policy	Demonstrated:  • Ability to identify safety hazards, report & document incidents or exercise duty of care
5. Values	All employees will support the values statement of Common Equity NSW and support ethical behaviour in the workplace	Demonstrated: Ability to work collegially with team members and cooperatives, transparency re projects, personal responsibility for behaviour and tasks
6. Quality Management	All employees will support the quality management initiatives of the organisation	Demonstrated: Participation in audits and reviews related to team performance and property management, staff satisfaction

POSITION SPECIFIC TASKS		
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Area: Resource the CEO	Resource the CEO in the areas of:  Preparation of reports and letters Preparation of Agendas and Meeting papers for Board and Committees  Preparation of Minutes  Calendar and diary management	Reports and letters are generated in a timely manner and to a high standard Agenda is prepared and discussed with the CEO 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Papers are distributed in a timely fashion Minutes are of a high standard and completed within 1 week from meeting, filed correctly, signed off and all actions and referrals are correctly recorded. Diary is up to date and the calendar is issued annually by October each year.
	Email Inbox management	Ensure CEO emails are responded to in a timely manner and flag all urgent ones.
	<ul> <li>Maintain Personnel files and Business Continuity Plan</li> </ul>	Files included all relevant information and are stored securely in soft and hard copy.
	<ul> <li>Assist Members of the Board</li> <li>Assist the CEO to maintain timely and effective internal and external communications.</li> </ul>	With travel/flights/ accommodating, training, workshops etc.

Area: Managing Projects	To manage and coordinate the following projects:	
	<ul> <li>Monthly Bulletin and Quarterly Newsletters</li> </ul>	Issued on schedule and of high quality. Manage staff to ensure timely quality articles as per specification.
	●Annual Report	Annual Report is on time and of high quality and accuracy. Manage staff to ensure timely quality articles as per specification.

Agreed Marketing and Fundraising events and other Fundraising events are marketing initiatives in liaison with the Project Manager undertaken and well organised. Maintain 6 monthly check Maintain and update the of information on website website and update as necessary. • Regional Meetings Quarterly - Assist in organising and coordinating the logistics including, booking venues, catering, travel, papers, etc, ensure it runs smoothly. • Organising and co-ordinating Every year CE hold AGM **Annual General Meeting** • IT systems Assisting with office IT systems, Moving from MAC to Windows, from Remote desktop to normal windows. Greentree, emails, IT testing Assisting CEO & Ops Manager Eg Co-ops NSW event, with projects for the office as Yearly overview of the well as with external events for all teams stakeholders and Co-ops Provide management and Area: coordination of the following Events are coordinated **Event Management** events: efficiently, venues booked, guests confirmed, dietary Organise the annual AGM requirements catered for and ensure layout and equipment Organise Board organised. Agreed outputs for Development Days / Workshops specific projects are attained. Organise staff Development / Strategic /workshops/Training events • Organise Staff and Board Christmas events

## Area: Provide Support in the following areas: **Office Management** • Preparation of Reports Reports and letters are generated in a timely manner and to a high standard Mail outs are efficient and on Mail-outs managed time. Ensure papers are generated Preparation of Staff and and distributed in a timely Senior Leadership meeting manner and minutes are of a papers and minutes high standard. Travel and Accommodation • Book travel, accommodation booked, communicated and for all staff and Board policies adhered to Members New staff receive orientation • Onboarding of new Staff and orientation papers in orientation personnel file which is prepared and filed electronically and hard copy. • Provide an internal resource Staffs have a go-to person to for use of Windows, layouts, assist with best use of software formats, email management applications and other software issues. • Ensure notifications are in Office phones have adjusted place for annual office messages and all shutdown shutdown procedures adhered to • Daily postage co-ordinated Post is collected and cleared daily on days of work. Maintain registers for cab charges, training, Board Maintain all registers. Attendance, contacts, leave, photo permissions Ensure all enquiries handled in a Handle all enquires that come timely and professional in by email and telephone, manner. including customer complaints Office suppliers are Stationary order replenished fortnightly Monitor and review office services with external

stakeholders e.g. Plants, never

fail, cleaners.

Area: Office Management	<ul> <li>Develop and implement new administrative systems</li> <li>Provide general support to visitors</li> </ul>	Organise and co-ordinate office administration and procedure in order to organise effectiveness efficiency and safety
	<ul> <li>Co-ordinate office staff activities to ensure maximum efficiency</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Responsible for developing and implementing office policies by setting up procedure and standards to guide the operation of the office e.g. Travel forms</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Assisting external organisation SDAA with secretarial duties.</li> <li>Reconciling CEO's Credit card statements</li> </ul>	Co-ordinating room bookings, setting up meeting room as well as telephone conferencing/video, catering, papers etc.
Area: Other Duties	Carry out any other duties and responsibilities determined from time to time by the CEO and office staff.	

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### Qualifications:

Relevant degree or vocational qualification

## Experience:

- High-level extensive executive and administrative support. Experience with administrative processes, office procedure and office software.
- Advanced knowledge and experience in MS Office, Outlook and managing records management system.
- Manages complex and changing diaries, including scheduling, negotiating appointments and meetings and organising associated and supporting documentation.
- Working with Board members and taking minutes at a high level
- Ability to balance conflicting priorities and to work to deadlines
- High level written and oral communication skills and the ability to communicate and liaise effectively and sensitivity at all levels both internally and externally.
- Managing data, mail outs and letter drafting
- Planning and organising functions and events. Organising and managing travel arrangements, catering location confirmation etc.
- Developing newsletters and other communication tools
- Some experience in marketing and/or fundraising is desirable but not essential
- High degree of professionalism and judgement with the ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Acting as the point of contact among executives, employees, clients and other external partners
- Manage logistics for Board Meetings, Team meetings, Regionals, workshops, events and functions.

## Skills-essential:

- Competency with Adobe Pro, In-Design, Photoshop and Illustrator
- Competency with WordPress
- Ability to work in a co-operative and professional manner with others as well as independently
- Demonstrated competency in office administration, and administrative systems
- Minute taking
- Demonstrated high competency in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and software usage in office environments
- Capacity to self-organise and priorities high workload
- Written and oral communication skills
- Well organised and great time management skills
- Competent computer and data base skills
- Initiative and motivation
- Marketing and fundraising
- Website development

CERTIFICATION
I have carefully reviewed this Position Description and am satisfied that it fully and accurately describes the requirements of the position
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / OFFICE MANAGER
Signature:
Date:
I have read this document and agree to undertake the duties and responsibilities as listed above. I acknowledge this profile is only an indicative indication of tasks and understand that I may be required to undertake additional duties and responsibilities from time to time that are not detailed herein, yet within or aligned to my skills set.
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