

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR** 

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# **PURPOSE AND OUR VALUES**





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#### **REPORTS TO**

Business Development Manager ("BDM")

#### **TEAM**

Business Development Team ("BD Team")

#### **DIRECT REPORTS**

Nil

#### **GENERAL PURPOSE**

Provide advice and support across the communication spectrum to convey the **who**, **what**, **when**, **where** and **why**.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

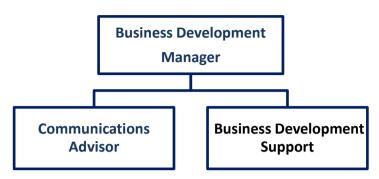
- Support the BDM in ensuring that South Port's communication activities support our overall strategic goals and make a strong contribution to our work, effectiveness and business reputation.
- Enhance South Port's reputation by clearly articulating and promoting our brand, strategy and story and by contributing to our corporate publications and media management.
- Maintain the integrity of the South Port brand in all public communications.
- Provide high quality and well considered communications advice across South Port to support delivery of internal work programmes.
- Assist BDM to develop, manage and maintain South Port's communication channels to improve the uptake of relevant information and increase engagement.
- Co-ordinate the production of written content across all communication channels and for corporate publications, including uploading content written by yourself or others within the company.
- Support South Port's internal communications, 'storytelling' our common purpose, strategy and values and behaviours



## **LOCATION**

Island Harbour, Bluff

## **TEAM STRUCTURE**



## **KEY INTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- Business Development Support ("BDS")
- Leadership Team
- Supervisors

## **KEY EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- Te Runanga O Awarua
- Bluff Community Board
- Bluff Promotions
- Bluff Schools

#### KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

#### 1. Communications Strategy Implementation and Advice

Coordinate implementation, monitoring, and reporting of South Port's communications and community engagement programme.

Provide effective day to day support and advice on communication activities to enhance delivery of business objectives.

#### JOBHOLDER IS SUCCESSFUL WHEN

- Assistance provided to BDM to develop and implement integrated communications, media and communications strategies that support South Port's strategic direction.
- Communications plans developed to ensure we get our information to our key stakeholders and meet strategic communications and community engagement objectives.
- BDM is advised of any issues/challenges that are higher risk.
- Media enquiries effectively triaged, and media releases prepared under direction of or delegation by BDM.
- Assist BDM with research, analysis, and evaluation on appropriateness and effectiveness of stakeholder communications.

#### 2. Story Development, Corporate Publications and Brand Management

Work with South Port teams and external marketing consultants to co-ordinate design and content of corporate publications and articles, including:

- Annual Report
- Interim Report
- Portsider
- Media releases
- Customer Newsletter
- Staff profiles and news
- Social media content
- Other key-stakeholder facing publications

- Corporate 'storytelling' across all communication channels is authentic and aligns with South Port's values.
- Written and edited copy material is produced to a consistently high standard, appropriate for the audience and published in a timely fashion.
- Customer newsletters are published per agreed timetables.
- Proactive engagement with South Port staff to identify and develop stories relevant to their areas and their target audiences for publication across different media channels to external stakeholders.
- South Port contributors are directed in the development of their content to ensure it aligns with overall objectives.
- Internal and external providers are managed to ensure professionalism and consistency in the presentation of corporate publications to agreed branding and style guidelines.
- South Port brand usage is championed across all channels.
- Agreed signoff processes are followed.

#### 3. Community Engagement

Work with the BDM to engage effectively with Bluff community.

- An up-to-date list of priority stakeholders and understanding of the stakeholders is developed and maintained, ensuring the provision of robust high level analysis, evaluation, and communications advice
- Risks and mitigations are identified for South Port's stakeholder communications environment.
- As a member of the BD Team, led by the BDM, develop an annual community engagement programme.
- Timely and effective monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of delivery and effectiveness of community engagement projects and initiatives.

#### Under direction of BDM:

- Co-ordinate strategic community engagement projects:
  - Annual Port Open Day
  - Environmental Impact Projects (eg channel levelling)
  - Annual Scholarship Programme
- Assist with annual and ad hoc:
  - Sponsorship projects
  - Staff engagement projects
  - Port User projects

#### 4. Customer Engagement

Co-ordinate formal customer communications key customer functions

- Customer newsletters are published per agreed timetables.
- Customer functions are organised and held per agreed timetable.
- Customer milestones are acknowledged appropriately.
- Customer Christmas gifts are ordered and distributed in appropriate fashion per agreed timetable.

#### 5. Team Contribution

Support other BD team and/or organisational projects, as reasonably required and delegated by the BDM to meet the priorities and needs of the business.

- Collaboration within BD Team to ensure team objectives are achieved.
- Where delegated, take up opportunities to represent the BD team in organisation-wide projects, working groups or committees.
- BD Team colleagues, project leaders and other staff value your contribution, expertise and professionalism.
- Assistance with coverage when BD Team members are on leave:
  - Back-up provided when BDM or BDS is on leave, for urgent and time-sensitive tasks.
  - BDS trained to provide coverage for self while on leave, for urgent and time-sensitive tasks.
- Assistance and support provided to projects led by BDS, as reasonably required or appropriate:
  - Customer port tours.
  - Secondary and Tertiary Expos.
  - School port tours.
  - School visits.
  - Sponsorship port tours and visits.

#### 6. Internal Communications

Support internal communications to improve knowledge, increase engagement and build a strong and positive culture.

Support the business to build confidence and skill in communications delivery.

- Leadership Team is supported to communicate the direction of South Port to build trust and confidence amongst our staff.
- Opportunities to collaborate together are identified to achieve wider organisational goals.
- Leadership Team understands the importance of effective communications and the key part it plays in successful delivery of their roles.
- Effective working relationships are maintained with internal teams. Communications advice is proactively sought.
- Areas for improvement are identified, solutions developed and recommendations made to enhance communications capability.
- Staff engagement and positive interactions increase as a result of an aligned internal communications strategy.
- Content for the intranet is managed, information uploaded.
- Communication channels have a consistent look and feel and adhere to brand guidelines.
- Staff are supported to develop content for internal communication channels that is fit for purpose and adheres to our brand/style guidelines.
- Staff are supported to receive communications training or mentorship and support.

#### 7. Reporting and Information Flow

Co-ordinate implementation, monitoring, and reporting of South Port's Communications programme.

Provide effective day to day support and technical advice on communication activities to enhance delivery of business objectives.

- Assistance provided to BDM with scheduling, agenda-setting and minute-taking for major stakeholder and community engagement forums.
- Reports are submitted on time, complete, accurate and concise.
- Interact with planning and administration staff to ensure appropriate information is communicated effectively to maintain accuracy of information systems.
- All irregularities reported immediately to BDM and 'no surpises'.
- Understand and utilise software programmes.
- Provide graphical representation of data, where appropriate.
- Ensure controlled documentation handled per agreed procedures.
- Leadership Team and staff informed on time and aware of relevant issues.
- Effective liaison and consultation with Executive Assistant in relation to information submitted to Leadership Team meetings.

#### 8. Website Management

Work with South Port teams to ensure website is fit for purpose.

- Work within the BD Team to update and maintain the South Port Website.
- The website rates well with customers and attracts an increasing audience, measured by agreed targets (e.g. web hits, length of stay, downloads etc.) and customer satisfaction surveys.
- New content is developed as required and is fit for purpose; the main content generators are happy with the services provided.
- Develop new content that is designed to increase digital engagement with customers.

# 9. Digital Communications, and Implementation

Develop, curate, coordinate and manage South Port communication content across all social media channels.

Monitor and respond to social media feedback and manage brand and reputation risks.

Co-ordinate digital communication and proactively keep abreast of emerging digital trends and channels.

Develop, analyse and report on key metrics around digital communications.

- Content is fresh and engaging, supports organisational communications messages and aligns with business priorities.
- Content is published across all channels appropriate in a timely manner and adhere to brand guidelines
- Responses to social media commentary are timely and appropriate and do not expose the organisation to undue reputational risk.
- Brand risk is monitored and reputational threats are escalated as appropriate.
- South Port's digital channels are fit-for-purpose, reviewed regularly and aligned to maximise opportunities to communicate with customers and other key stakeholders.
- South Port's digital communications are at the forefront of emerging trends and opportunities to raise digital impact are utilized.
- Key metrics are developed and agreed around digital communication channels.
- The impact of our digital communication activity is measured and reported on.
- Issues and trends are identified and distributed to designated internal stakeholders in a timely and accurate way

#### 10. Health & Safety ("H&S")

Proactively engage in all areas of health, safety and wellness of the organisation and industry.

- Actively demonstrates safety consciousness and take responsibility for own health, safety and wellbeing.
- Is proactive in own actions to keep self and others safe and cooperates with local workplace safety management practices, policies and procedures that support a healthy, safe and well culture.
- All incidents are reported immediately. No repeat incidents. Nil lost time incidents. Prompt follow up of corrective actions.
- No accidents or incidents are directly attributed to you and where able, all hazards are immediately responded to by the employee.
- Identifies and reports back on training gaps for self and others and actively undertakes and completes all required safety training and refresher training when required.

## 11.Personal and Professional Development

Contribute to own professional development.

 Personal and professional development is proactively managed to meet the current and emerging capability needs of the role and the organisation, whilst supporting personal growth.

#### 12. Process Improvement

Actively participates in, and help drive, South Port's 'PACE' (Port Achieving Combined Excellence) continuous improvement programme

- Has process mapped and has developed and regularly reviewed standard operating procedures.
- Has assisted with inter-departmental process reviews and internal audits.
- Provides accurate and timely communication and reporting on processes to ensure efficient use of own time and other resources.
- Participates constructively in reviews and continuous improvement initiatives.