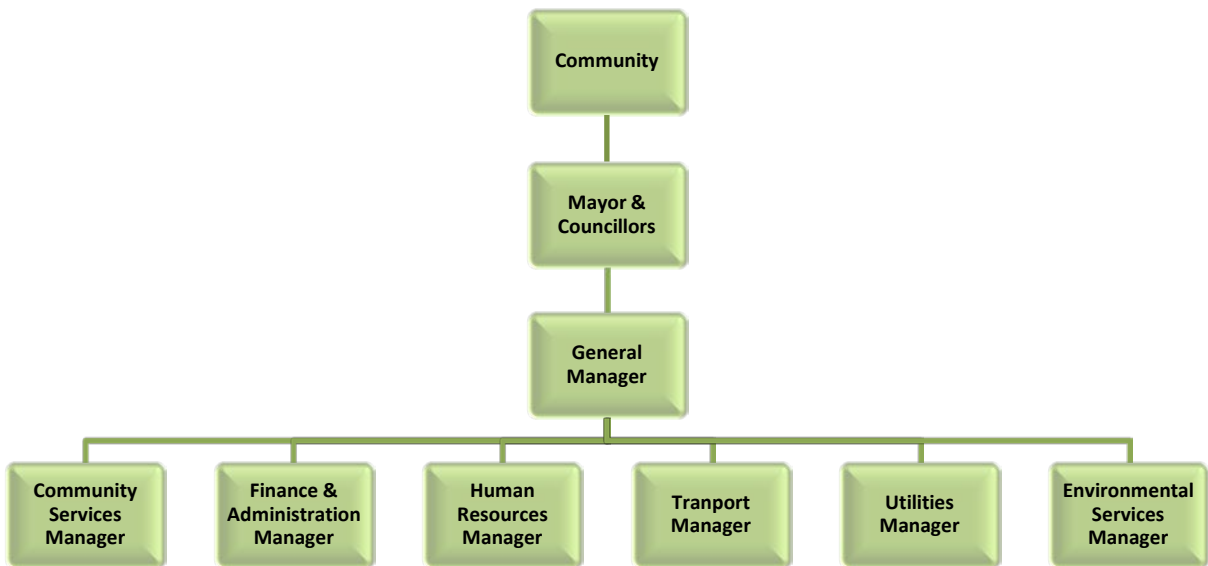


# THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## General Manager



**Jeff Sowiak** M. Bus, B Com

Jeff was appointed to the role of General Manager in February 2017. He has formal qualifications in Accounting and Business Management as well as over 37 years senior experience in Local Government including 14 years in the role of GM/CEO with other local government authorities across NSW and Australia.

As General Manager he is the most senior employee of council and is the only member of staff selected and appointed by councillors. It is the General Managers responsibility to effectively and efficiently run day-to-day operations, implement decisions without undue delay and exercise functions as delegated by council.

The role of Managers is to support the General Manger, to manage the day-to-day operations of their respective business units and other functions as delegated by the General Manger.

## **Finance & Administration Manager**



**Ang Pasang Rai**

Ang is the Finance & Administration Manager of Brewarrina Shire Council.

Originally from Nepal, he moved to Australia in 2006 in pursuit of his academic journey. After graduating in Accounting from Central Queensland University in 2009, he joined Local Government. He joined Brewarrina Shire Council in July 2014 as an Accountant and was appointed to the position of Finance & Administration Manager in July 2017.

In the role of Finance & Administration Manager, Ang oversees three main areas of council which are:

- Financial Management;
- Administration, Records Management & Roads and Maritime Service NSW; and
- Information Technology.

## **Human Resources Manager**



**Tara Byrnes**

Tara has worked in Local Government for the past 4 years and during this time she has been exposed to many areas of Council life including Engineering, Governance and most recently Human Resources.

Tara prior to this has held various management positions in the Private Sector within the Transport, Mining and Construction industries.

At Council Tara is responsible for the day to day Management of Human Resources in areas of Recruitment, Industrial Relations, Workers Compensation, Insurances, Property Maintenance, Work Health and Safety and Risk Management.

## **Transport Manager**



**Amer Twafik**

Amer was appointed to the role of Transport Manager in August 2018. He has formal qualifications in Engineering as well as over 30 years of experience in the private sector and Local Government, including 14 years in senior management roles.

As Transport Manager he is one of the senior employees of council. Amer's responsibility includes, asset management systems (roads and bridges), road construction and maintenance, bridge maintenance, maintenance Plant and Equipment

## **Utilities Manager**



**David Kirby**

David has been with Council 13 years and is currently the Utilities' Manager. He has Formal Qualifications in Engineering Design with a technical background focused on Water and Waste Water Treatment. David is heavily involved in both Urban and State Water throughout the region and is an Executive Member of the NSW Water Directorate. He also represents Council on the Barwon-Darling Customer Advisory Group and the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance.

The Utilities Manager reports directly to the General Manager. He is responsible for the day to day operation and management of parks, open spaces, aerodromes, waste, villages, street cleaning, water and waste water. The Utilities Manager is also responsible for the effective management and roll out of Councils annual capital works programs.

## Environmental Service Manager



**Kim Talbert**

Kim was appointed as to the role of Manager Environment Health & Building in July 2013. He has formal qualifications in Environment, Health & Building with senior experience with a number council's over the past 40 years across NSW, with Managerial level for the past 5 years with Brewarrina Shire Council.

As the Environment Services Manager my areas of expertise are: Environmental Planner - Development Consents, Building Surveyor- covering Complying Development, Construction and Building Certificates along with all building inspections. Manage our four waste facilities along with waste water management and water treatment systems. Manage council's public pool along with conducting inspections on private pools access by the public along with private pool fencing inspections. Conduct food shop inspections. Carry out Plumbing and Drainage inspections as requested by Licensed Plumber. Manage council animal pound and Ranger to control and regulate various animals within the shire. Carry out Local Activity Approvals for various events under the legislation. Manage council cleaner and office staff.

Investigate various complaints concerning environment and health issues. Carry out monthly, quarterly and annual returns to various government organizations. Offer technical advice to various organisations on request covering a variety of subjects. Apply for government grants when available.

The role of the Manager is to support the General Manager in his role and to manage the day-day operations of the business unit and functions delegated by General Manager under legislation and the Building Professionals Board.

# Community Services Manager



**Jen Shearer**

Jen has been with Council since January 2010 and is currently the Community Services Manager. She has Formal Qualifications in Early Childhood education and care, child protection and case management. She is currently studying a Batchelor in Social Science- Social welfare and has previous years' experience within Early Childhood education and care, Youth and Community development, Event/ project Management within Brewarrina. The Community Services Manager reports directly to the General Manager.

Jen is responsible for the day to day operation, management and compliance of Library/ Centrelink, Visitor Information Centre, Tourism and Events, Early childhood Services, Community Development, and Child youth and Family Services.