

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Utility Arborist

Location: Rangiora, Canterbury	Reports to: Underground Supervisor	Team: Underground
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About MainPower NZ Ltd

MainPower is the electricity lines company serving the communities of Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikōura. With a century-long legacy, we take great pride in owning, operating, and maintaining the essential infrastructure of poles, wires, and underground cabling that powers home and businesses throughout our network.

With a commitment to safety and reliability, MainPower ensures a secure electricity supply to over 44,000 connections, positively impacting the lives of the people who call North Canterbury home. From bustling urban centres like Rangiora and Kaiapoi to the picturesque farmland of Hurunui, the renowned wine country of the Waipara Valley, and iconic tourist destinations of Hanmer Springs and Kaikōura, MainPower plays a vital role in supporting the diverse needs of our region.

Position Purpose

The Utility Arborist provides support to the Vegetation team through the safe and efficient operation of equipment for vegetation trimming, ensuring vegetation is trimmed from conflict with overhead power lines and structures. The Utility Arborist will work closely with other members of the Vegetation team to provide customers with cost effective solutions that provide the required level of service.

Key Accountabilities

Key Result Area	Accountabilities
Utility Arborist Operations Provide utility arborist functions within the vegetation team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carry out day-to-day operational activities to provide vegetation trimming functions (e.g. prunes, removes and maintain trees and vegetation) around the live electricity network and in line with project requirements.Operate and maintain tree trimming plant and associated equipment (e.g. chainsaws, pod-saws, chippers).Operate vehicles and plant skilfully and safely (e.g. elevated work platforms, trucks).Act as a safety observer for mobile plant near live electrical overhead conductors.Ensure the work area is left tidy, feeds chipper and removes tree

	<p>materials as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and understand plans and drawings to ensure work is carried out in line with the requirements. • Maintain equipment in a reliable, tidy and safe manner, including carrying out relevant checks and identifying and reporting any maintenance needs. • Undertake and assist with any manual civil work and support other employees as required.
<p>Health and Safety Support</p> <p>Provide support to the Field Services department to contribute towards a culture of health and safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positively contribute to the Company's health and safety culture through active support and adherence to internal policies and procedures. • Ensure safe work practices are followed and report any accidents, incidents and near misses through the correct channels. • Ensures compliance with all legislation, regulations and codes of practice. • Models behaviours that promote HSEQ practices, policies and values of the Company.
<p>Process Support</p> <p>Provide support to department and Company processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively work to support the goals and objectives of the organisation by performing responsibilities in line with documented processes. • Contribute to the continuous improvement of processes by providing improvement ideas and feedback on processes which the Utility Arborist performs.
<p>Team Participation</p> <p>Contribute to and work with the Field Services team and wider Company, to deliver a constructive workplace culture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the Foreman and Underground Supervisor is made aware of issues and kept informed of developments relating to the Vegetation team. • Provide quality service and support to all areas within MainPower, including backup and support as required. • Participate fully in meetings with colleagues, contributing as appropriate and supporting colleagues as required. • Engage with and develop positive and effective relationships with customers, staff members, suppliers and contractors. • Share technical knowledge and expertise; provide training for other staff as required, and customer knowledge to enhance customer

	<p>service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to MainPower during emergency response and adverse weather events. This support may include work that draws on current or past experience within the industry or secondment to other areas of the business as required in order to provide support to the customer and community. • Support the Vegetation team to achieve goals and objectives and acknowledge team achievements. • Undertake any further responsibilities as requested.
<p>Professional Development Undertake all professional development required to fulfil the Utility Arborist competencies and accountabilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participate in all performance reviews with the Underground Supervisor. • Ensure licences and endorsements are up to date to maintain utility arborist competency. • In conjunction with the Underground Supervisor, prepare and keep current a professional development plan.

Key Relationships

Internal

- All MainPower staff

External

- Customers
- Key Suppliers, advisors and consultants

Qualifications/Experience

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- A relevant arboriculture qualification (Level 4 National Certificate in Arboriculture preferable), or equivalent.

Competencies

In order to be effective in the position, the Utility Arborist shall have and be able to demonstrate the following **skills and experience**:

- 2+ years' work experience in vegetation control work and undertaking tree work near electrical supply lines.
- Experience and completed training in chainsaw use and maintenance.

- Confident working at heights - capable of working from an Elevated Work Platform (EWP).
- Comfortable working outdoors in all types of weather conditions.
- Minimum current Class-2 heavy vehicle driver's licence. Class-4 heavy vehicle driver's licence and T (tracks) and F (forklift) driver licence endorsements desirable.
- Plant operator/excavator skills desirable.
- Competent at understanding work plans and instructions.
- An ability to use electronic devices, and to quickly adapt to new technologies and systems.
- You have a professional and results orientated approach with good business and customer focus.
- An ability to take initiative combined with sound judgement.
- You are motivated and driven – you volunteer for new challenges without being asked.
- You have excellent communication and problem-solving skills; oral, written and interpersonal.
- You are a good planner with the ability to prioritise workload.
- Ability to work constructively in a team.

In order to be effective in the position, the Utility Arborist shall have and be able to consistently demonstrate the **attributes and behaviours** described below:

- Demonstrates professionalism and earns respect and loyalty from stakeholders.
- Proactive, energetic, enthusiastic, and positive.
- Persistent in achieving goals, aligning personal objectives with company aims.
- Committed to the Field Services Function and company objectives.
- Supports the goals and objectives of colleagues.
- Plans and directs effectively, making impactful decisions across the company.
- Champions MainPower's Health, Safety, Environmental, and Quality initiatives, setting standards and driving continuous improvement.
- Continuously updates knowledge and skills through training and education.

This document is not intended to be exhaustive in terms of detailing the role and responsibilities of the position but to at least to provide a 'flavour' of the requirements of the role – you may be asked to complete other duties for the betterment of the business from time to time.