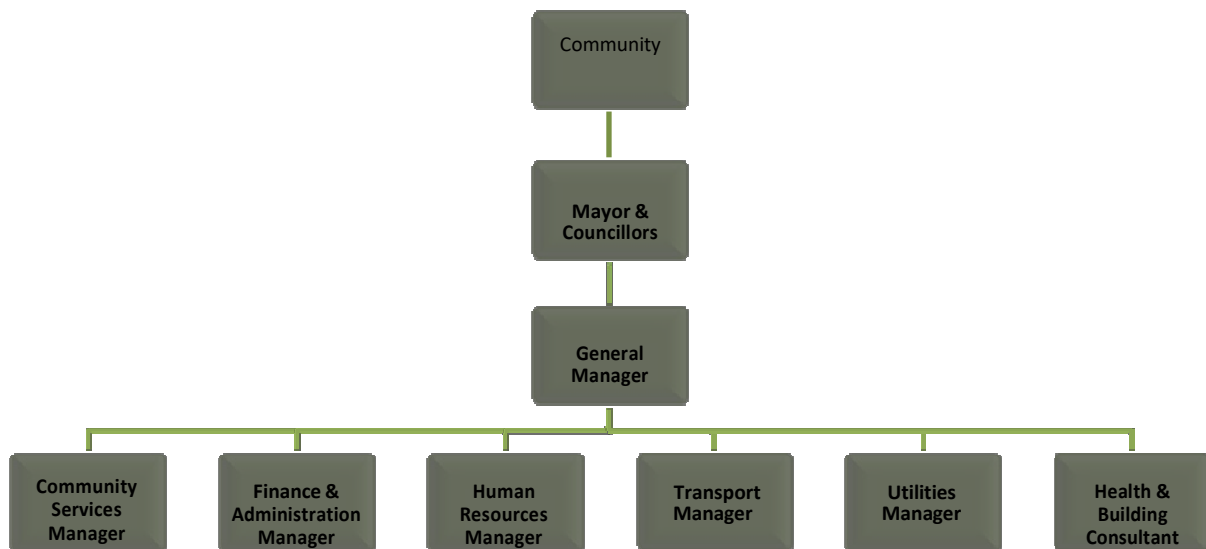


# THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## General Manager



**Jeff Sowiak**

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Jeff was appointed 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 the Councillors. It is the General Managers responsibility to effectively and efficiently run day-to-day operations of Council, and implement decisions without undue delay and exercise functions as delegated by Council.

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

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## **Finance & Administration Manager**



**Ang Pasang  
Rai**

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

Originally from Nepal, Ang 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.

[Click here for Ang Rai's 2019-2020 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest](#)

## **Human Resources Manager**



**Steve Scott**

Steve has worked in Senior Executive Management positions in Public and Private sector for over 30 years.

Steve's experience in Government department's both State and Local have provided him with a diverse and rich experience in developing a strong team, with strong collaborative framework and quality improvement focus.

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

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## **Transport Manager**



**Amer Tawfik**

Amer was appointed to the role of Transport Manager in August 2017. Amer has formal qualifications in Engineering as well as over 30 years of experience in the private sector as well Local Government, 14 of these years were spent in senior management roles.

As Transport Manager he is one of the senior employees of Council. Amer's responsibilities includes; asset management systems (roads and bridges), road construction and maintenance, bridge maintenance, maintenance of plant and equipment. Amer is also the Quarry Manager responsible for maintaining all of Council Quarries.

[Click here for Amer Tawfik 2019-2020 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest](#)

## **Utilities Manager**



**David Kirby**

David has been with Council for 13 years and is currently the Utilities' Manager. David 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 and is responsible for the day to day operations 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.

[Click here for David Kirby's 2019-2020 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest](#)

## Health & Building Consultant



**Phil Denniston**

Phil has taken on his role as Consultant in the areas of Environmental Planning, Health and Building in May 2021. He has a broad range of qualifications including Planning, Health and building, plus a degree in Legal Studies, Masters in Training and Education and a Graduate Diploma in Australian Indigenous History and Culture. As an Environmental Consultant he has worked for both the private and public sector and sees himself as a facilitator rather than a regulator.

Phil describes himself as a bit of a Gypsy and has worked his way around most of Australia and New Zealand, working in a range of roles for Rural and City Councils to remote First Nations communities. He has also been an educator and a successful business owner.

While Phil believes there are many rules and regulations that are essential for protection of the public and wider communities good, and that these need to be enforced, he also understands that in some cases the rules can be out of date, or inappropriate for different types of communities. In those situations he endeavors to try and find alternative sensible and practical solutions, but accepts that this is not always possible.

Working in smaller communities such as Brewarrina has always been his passion, because it involves work with the full range of community interest and aspirations – for both individuals and the collective good.

[Click here for Phil Denniston's 2021 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest](#)

## Community Services Manager



**Jen Shearer**

Jen has been with Council since January 2010 and is currently the Community Services Manager. Jen has formal qualifications in Early Childhood Education and Care, Child Protection and Case Management. She is currently studying a Bachelor 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, and is responsible for the day-to-day operation, management and compliance of Library/ Centrelink, Visitor Information Centre, Tourism and Events, Community Development, and Child Youth and Family Services.

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