

Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Summary

28 February – 18 August 2021



Council Officers and Delegated Committee members – Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return Summary

An *Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return* is a record of the private interests of a person in public office that assists in improving probity, transparency and reducing conflicts of interest. It is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020, section 133 and 134* that *specified persons* lodge an 'Initial personal interests return' when they take office, and a 'biannual personal interests returns' every 6 months thereafter with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). A specified person that is required to complete a personal interest return is the CEO, Councillors, members of a delegated committee and Officers nominated by the CEO because of their role or if they have a statutory or delegated power, duty or function.

The *Return* must detail matters that are prescribed by the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (Regulations 2020), section 8*. Under *section 135 of the Local Government Act 2020*, the CEO must prepare a summary of the personal interest information disclosed in the last personal interest return lodged. This summary must be made available on Council's website and must be available for inspection at Council's office.

The following is a summary of the information required to be disclosed by a specified person on an initial personal interest return per the *Regulations 2020*. A specified person is required to declare if they:

1. Are Director or member of any corporate directorships or governing body. (Section 9(a))
2. Are a member or perform a leadership role in any unincorporated associations. (Section 9(b))
3. Are a member of a business partnership or joint venture. (Section 9(c))
4. Are a trustee or beneficiary of a trust. (Section 9(d))
5. Were employed in any paid employment where payments exceeded \$10,000 during the preceding 6 months. (Section 9(e))
6. Have acted as a consultant, contractor or agent where payments exceeded \$10,000 during the preceding 6 months. (Section 9(f))
7. Have any land located within the municipal district of the council or an adjoining municipal district which they own or hold a beneficial interest in other than by way of security for any debt. (Section 9(g))
8. Have any shares or have a beneficial interest in where the total value of the company does not exceed \$10Million and the combined total value of the shares is more than \$10,000. (Section 9(h))
9. Are a member of a company in which they solely or jointly with family members hold a controlling interest. (Section 9(i))
10. Have a personal debt exceeding \$10,000, other than with a banking or financial institution. (Section 9(j))
11. Disclose details of any gift received to the value of which equals or exceeds \$500, including gifts in the form of goods or services, and multiple gifts that together equal or exceed that amount. (Section 9(1)(k))[additional question for Bi-annual Returns]
12. Have any other interest that may give rise to a general or material conflict of interest. (Section 9(k))

The following page summarises returns made during the return period and encompasses new officers employed and required to complete up to the 18 August 2021.

Officer Name	Position	Date Lodged	Regulations (9)(a)-(l)	Summary
Kerryn Ellis [Bi-annual Return]	Chief Executive Officer	17/03/2021	(a)	Destination Gippsland, Director, regional tourism attraction Local Government Professionals, Board member, professional membership organisation
			(b) – (h)	Nil
			(i)	DNK Systems, 3D printing and design business
			(j) – (l)	Nil
Allison Jones [Bi-annual Return]	Director Performance and Innovation	17/03/2021	(a)– (d)	West Gippsland Library Corporation, Director, library
			(e)	Bass Coast Shire Council, General Manager Business Transformation
			(f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Yinnar South, family farm, owner
			(h)	Nil
			(i)	Belbrook Park, family farming business
Anthony Seabrook [Bi-annual Return]	Director Sustainability Infrastructure	26/03/2021	(a)– (c)	Nil
			(d)	Estate Charles Seabrook, shares and money, deceased estate
			(e) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Inverloch, residence, owner
			(h) - (l)	Nil
Peter Bergman [Bi-annual Return]	Coordinator Statutory Planning	26/03/2021	(a) – (g)	Nil
			(h)	National Australia Bank, AGL
			(i) – (l)	Nil
Noel Creed [Bi-annual Return]	Coordinator Building & Planning Compliance, Building Surveyor	25/03/2021	(a)	Gippsland Pool Inspections, Director, building inspections
			(b) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Korumburra, residence, shared ownership
			(h) – (l)	Nil
John Moylan [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Infrastructure Delivery	17/03/2021	(a) – (l)	Nil
Rena Littlejohn [Bi-annual Return]	Director Economy & Community	26/03/2021	(a)	Nil
			(b)	Nil
			(c)	Nil
			(d)	Littlejohn Family Trust, property, family investment
			(e), (f)	Nil
			(g)	Properties: Leongatha (2) and Nyora (1), residences, personal financial interest
			(h) - (k)	Nil
Michelle Jorgensen [Bi-annual Return]	Manager People & Culture	25/03/2021	(a) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Walkerville, residence, owner
			(h) - (l)	Nil
			(a) – (c)	Nil

Tony Peterson [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Infrastructure Planning	25/03/2021	(d)	Jacton Superannuation Fund – shares - superannuation, Jacton Family Trust – distribution of finances and Peterson Goodman Family Trust – distribution of finances
			(e), (f)	Nil
			(g)	Two properties in Inverloch, residences, joint owner and one in Wonthaggi, residence, investment
			(h) - (l)	Nil
Tracey Costello [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Governance	17/03/2021	(a) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Properties in Cowes; residence (1), investment (2), owner
			(h) - (l)	Nil
Luke Mullen [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Community Safety	25/03/2021	(a) - (l)	Nil
Wendy Ollington [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Infrastructure Maintenance	25/03/2021	(a)	Wenmiel Pty Ltd, Director and Public Officer, private company trading as South Gippsland Exhaust Centre
			(b) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Nerrena, residence and farm, part ownership
			(h), (i)	Nil
			(j)	Wyncut Pty Ltd
(k), (l)	Nil			
Kenneth Griffiths [Bi-annual Return]	Coordinator Strategic Planning	26/03/21	(a)	Nil
			(b)	Korumburra Country Fire Authority, Secretary and Treasurer, emergency services
			(c) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Korumburra, residence, owner
			(h) – (l)	Nil
Melissa Baker [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Financial Strategy	25/03/2021	(a) – (l)	Nil
Joel Goodall [Initial Personal Interest Return]	Manager Open Space & Environment	15/04/21	(a) – (f)	Nil
			(g)	Property in Cowes, owner occupier
			(h) – (k)	Nil
Nigel Yarranton [Bi-annual Return]	Manager Innovation and Technology	22/03/21	(a) - (l)	Nil
Lucas Gardiner [Initial Personal Interest Return]	Manager Planning Services	18/8/21	8(1)(a) – (d)	Nil
			8(1)(e)	Mornington Peninsula Council, Manager Planning Services
			8(1)(f) – (k)	Nil