

Bi-annual Personal Interest Summary

Lodgement Period: 1 - 31 March 2024



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, sections 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 *Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return* must detail matters that are prescribed by the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (Regulations 2020), sections 8 (initial) and 9(bi-annual)*. 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 and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return* per the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020* since lodgment of their initial or bi-annual personal interest return. 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 and performed 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))
*subject to S.9(3) – do not apply if disclosure constitute a breach of a professional or legal obligation not to disclose the information.
6. Have acted as a consultant, contractor or agent* where payments exceeded \$10,000 during the preceding 6 months. (Section 9(f)) *subject to S.9(3) – do not apply if disclosure constitute a breach of a professional or legal obligation not to disclose the information.
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(l))

The following summarises returns made by Officers during and updates following the return period.

Officer Name	Position	Date Lodged	Regulations (9)(a)-(l)	Summary
Kerryn Ellis	Chief Executive Officer	12/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Destination Gippsland, Director, Appointed 10 June 2020, regional visitor attraction Gippsland Women's Health, Board member, non-executive Director Regional Development Australia – Gippsland, Committee member, Federal regional development body
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Boolarra, residence, owner
			9(1)(h)	Nil
			9(1)(i)	DNK Systems, 3D printing and design business
			9(1)(j) - (l)	Nil
Allison Jones	Director Performance and Innovation	12/03/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Yinnar South, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Tony Peterson	Director Sustainability Infrastructure	20/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Gippsland Southern Health Service, Appointed July 2022, Board Director
			9(1)(b),(c)	Nil
			9(1)(d)	Jacton Superannuation Fund, shares, superannuation Jacton Family Trust, taxation Peterson Goodman Family Trust, taxation
			9(1)(e),(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Inverloch, residence, owner Inverloch, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Rena Littlejohn	Director Future Communities	20/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Gippsland League, Member of board of Directors, Appointed 15 March 2023, Development of football and netball players and officials LGPro, Member of Board, Appointed 27 November 2023, Professional development for Local Government professionals
			9(1)(b) – (c)	Nil to disclose
			9(1)(d)	Littlejohn Family Trust, property, family investment
			9(1)(e), (f)	Nil to disclose
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, personal financial interest Nyora, residence, personal financial interest Leongatha, future residence, personal financial interest
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil to disclose
Lyndal Peterson	Manager Community Health & Safety	20/03/2024	9(1)(a) – (b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	Dance Design, Family partnership
			9(1)(d)-(l)	Nil
Nina Barry-Macaulay	Manager Open Space and Environment	20/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Bass Coast Community Foundation, Board Director, Appointed 1 November 2020, Charitable organisation for Bass Coast

			9(1)(b) – (d)	Nil
			9(1)(e)	Nil
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Cape Paterson, residence Cape Paterson, future residence
			9(1)(h)	PT Mayfield Pty Ltd, Land development at Davidson Place, Wonthaggi
			9(1)(i) – (l)	Nil
Jareth Goss	Manager Infrastructure Delivery	22/03/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil to disclose
			9(1)(g)	San Remo, investment residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (k)	Nil to disclose
			9(1)(l)	Potential Conflict of Interest – material interest – in respect of affected person (family member). Potential Conflict of Interest – material interest – in respect of affected person (family member). Potential Conflict of Interest – material interest – in respect of affected person (family member).
Christian Stefani	Manager Regional Partnerships	18/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence Fish Creek, residence, Executor of Estate
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Nick Moore	Coordinator Statutory Planning	21/03/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Inverloch, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Michelle Jorgensen	Manager People & Culture	22/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Mary Mackillop Regional College, Member of Advisory Committee, Appointed 2 November 2023, Advisory body to the Principal
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Korumburra, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Simon Dean	Manager Digital and Technology	13/03/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Hill End, residence, primary production
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Lucas Gardiner	Manager Planning & Building Services	20/03/2024	9(1)(a) – (l)	Nil
Wendy Ollington	Manager Infrastructure Maintenance	20/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Wenmiel Pty Ltd, Director and Public Officer, Appointed 17 January 1996, private company trading as SG Exhaust Centre
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Nerrena, residence, farming, owner
			9(1)(h)	Nil
			9(1)(i)	Wenmiel Pty Ltd, private company trading as SG Exhaust Centre

			9(1)(j)	Wyncut Pty Ltd
			9(1)(k), (l)	Nil
Kenneth Griffiths	Coordinator Strategic Planning	14/03/24	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	Korumburra CFA, Treasurer/ Lieutenant, Appointed 2018, Volunteer fire fighting
			9(1)(c)-(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Korumburra, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Catherine Reiske	Manager Infrastructure Planning	21/03/24	9(1)(a)	Boolarra Folk Festival, Music Coordinator, Member since 9 December 2021, Annual Free Music Festival
			9(1)(b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	RG, AM & CA Reiske - Agriculture (Partnership)
			9(1)(d)	Derek Reiske Estate Proceeds, Deceased Estate
			9(1)(e), (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Boolarra, residence, owner Hirsts Road, Boolarra, 3 properties, agriculture, owner Ashfords Road, Boolarra, agriculture, owner Lewis Road, Yinnar, agriculture, owner
			9(1)(h) – (k)	Nil
9(1)(l)	Partner is a Senior Member of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in the Planning and Environment List. He has recused himself from South Gippsland Shire Council tribunal hearings/matters.			
Christine Legg	Coordinator Communications and Engagement	25/03/24	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	San Remo Recreation Centre, Secretary, General operation of Recreation Centre including facilitation
			9(1)(c) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	San Remo, investment residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Rhys Matulis	Coordinator Governance	12/03/2024	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	Bittern CFA, 4th Lieutenant, Appointed 1 July 2022, Volunteer Fire Brigade
			9(1)(c)-(k)	Nil
			9(1)(l)	Brigade Delegate, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV)
Stephen Fowkes	Coordinator Building and Planning Compliance	12/03/2024	9(1)(a)-(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Nil
			9(1)(h)-(l)	Nil
Taryn Abrahamsson	Acting Manager Financial Strategy	20/03/2024	9(1)(a)- (l)	Nil