

Personal Interest Return Summary

Lodgement Period March 2025



Council Officers and Delegated Committee members - Personal Interest Return Summary

An *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 *Personal Interest Return* must detail matters that are prescribed by the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (Regulations 2020)*, section 9. 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 a *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)).
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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
Allison Jones	Interim Chief Executive Officer	07/03/2025	9(1)(a) – (b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	Belbrook Pty Ltd – family farm, owner
			9(1)(d) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Yinnar South, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Tony Peterson	Director Sustainability Infrastructure	24/03/2025	9(1)(a)	Gippsland Southern Health Service, Appointed 1 July 2022, Board Director Governance
			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
Lyndal Peterson	Manager Open Space & Environment	21/03/2025	9(1)(a) – (b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	Dance Design, dance school
			9(1)(d)-(l)	Nil
Nina Barry-Macaulay	Manager Open Space & Environment	20/03/2025	9(1)(a)	Bass Coast Community Foundation, Board Director, appointed 1 November 2020, Charity
			9(1)(b)-(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Wonthaggi, residence, owner Cape Paterson, Investment, Joint owner
			9(1)(h)	PT Mayfield P/L, Land Development at Davidson Place Wonthaggi
			9(1)(i)-(l)	Nil
Shelley Fixter	Acting Manager Community Health and Safety	13/03/2025	9(1)(a) – (b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	Steve Fixter Plastering, relationship
			9(1)(d)-(l)	Nil
Jareth Goss	Manager Infrastructure Delivery	6/09/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil to disclose
			9(1)(g)	San Remo, investment residence, owner San Remo, residence, rental
			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). Victorian State Emergency Service, Volunteer Member

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Christian Stefani	Director Strategy and Partnership Regional Partnerships	14/03/2025	9(1)(a)	Bass Coast UC LTD trading, Director, appointed 15 October 2024, providing rural communities access Country Universities Centre Bass Coast, to university education through the operations of a dedicated learning and study space
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner Fish Creek, farm agistment and rental investment
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Nick Moore	Acting Manager Planning and Building Services	11/03/2025	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Inverloch, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (k)	Nil
			9(1)(l)	Has a registered business which has not operated for in excess of five years but is ABN registered. Family member owns and operates a land surveying business that has dealings with South Gippsland Shire
Michelle Jorgensen	Acting Director Performance and Innovation	21/03/2025	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
Vicki Poxon	Acting Manager People and Culture	07/03/2025	9(1)(a) - (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Nerrena, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil
Simon Dean	Manager Digital and Technology	13/03/2025	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Mirboo North, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil
Lucas Gardiner	Director Future Communities	20/03/2025	9(1)(a) - (l)	Nil
Tahnae McCormack	Acting Coordinator Statutory Planning	20/03/2025	9(1)(a) - (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Ranceby, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil
Robyn Begg	Senior Statutory Planning Officer	11/03/2025	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	Girl Guides Victoria, Unit Leader, Appointed 2017, Volunteer Organisation
			9(1)(c)	Nil
			9(1)(d)	Estate of Sharon Joy McKean, cash, Trustee beneficiary
			9(1)(e)-(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner Leongatha, investment residence Leongatha, family residence, beneficiary
			9(1)(h)-(l)	Nil

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Sebastian Lorenzo	Principle Statutory Planner	12/03/2025	9(1)(a)-(c)	Nil
			9(1)(d)	Family Trust, Business - Town Planning Services Family Superfund, Self-Managed Superfund
			9(1)(e)	Toro Planning Pty Ltd ATF/Family Trust, owner, Owner/Director, Town Planning Services
			9(1)(f)-(h)	Nil
			9(1)(i)	Z & S Scarlow Pty Ltd ATF/Business Trust, owns shares in Physiotherapist Clinic located in Parkdale
			9(1)(j)-(l)	Nil
Caitlin Goodwin	Planning Liaison Officer	24/03/2025	9(1)(a)-(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner
			9(1)(h)-(l)	Nil
Wendy Ollington	Manager Infrastructure Maintenance	20/03/2025	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
Kenneth Griffiths	Coordinator Strategic Planning	20/03/2025	9(1)(k)-(l)	Nil
			9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	Korumburra CFA, Brigade Management Team and Treasurer/ Lieutenant, Appointed 2018, Volunteer emergency service
			9(1)(c)-(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Korumburra, residence, owner
Catherine Reiske	Manager Infrastructure Planning	24/03/2024	9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
			9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	RG, AM & CA Reiske - Agriculture (Partnership)
			9(1)(d)	Nil
			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)	Nil

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Sophie Dixon	Manager Community, Customer & Visitor	24/03/2025	9(1)(a)	Leongatha & District Community Foundation, Secretary, Appointed October 2022, Charitable Organisation for Leongatha and District
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Rhys Matulis	Manager Governance & Integrity	07/03/2025	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	07/03/2025	9(1)(a)- (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil
Taryn Abrahamsson	Manager Financial Strategy	12/03/2025	9(1)(a)- (l)	Nil
Christine Legg	Acting Manager regional Partnership	25/03/2025	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	San Remo Recreation Centre, Secretary, appointed December 2021, Operation and maintenance of Recreation Centre
			9(1)(c)–(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	San Remo, investment residence, owner
			9(1)(h)–(l)	Nil