

Personal Interest Return Summary

Lodgement Period September 2025



South Gippsland
Shire Council

Councillors – 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 six-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 Councillors during and updates following the return period.

Officer Name	Position	Date Lodged	Regulations (9)(1)(a)-(l)	Summary
Bradley Snell	Councillor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	Nil
			9(1)(d)	Nil
			9(1)(e)	Monoshock – Owner – mechanical repairs
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Mirboo North, residence, owner
			9(1)(h)-(i)	Nil
			9(1)(j)	Nil
			9(1)(k)-(l)	Nil
Nathan Hersey	Councillor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)	One Gippsland, Chair, appointed 31 January 2025 Australian Highland Cattle Society, President, appointed 25 May 2024 Korumburra Agricultural and Pastoral Society, Junior Vice President, Showground Committee, Appointed 23 November 2022
			9(1)(c)	LNH Trading Pty Ltd – Family Business operations, trading as Sky Pastures/ On Clarence
			9(1)(d)	P&S Hersey Family Trust, discretionary trading trust, Family Trust
			9(1)(e)	Nil
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Loch, residence, owner Korumburra, primary production, owner Loch, business commercial, owner
			9(1)(h) – (j)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(k)	Nil additions to declare
Scott Rae	Councillor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	David Campbell Pty Ltd, Director/Secretary, appointed 18 January 2013, Trustee SMSF Campbell GT Pty Ltd, Director/Secretary, Appointed 1 March 2013, Trustee Campbell SBT Pty Ltd, Director/Secretary, Appointed 1 March 2013, Trustee
			9(1)(b),(c)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(d)	Wywurrie Superannuation Fund, Retirement Campbell Estate General Trust, Investment Campbell Superannuation Benefits Trust, Investment
			9(1)(e), (f)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(g)	Foster North – Two properties, primary production, residences, beneficiary of trust
			9(1)(h)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(i)	David Campbell Pty Ltd, SMSF Trustee Campbell GT Pty Ltd, Testamentary Trustee, Wywurrie Pastoral Company Pty Ltd Campbell SBT Pty Ltd, Testamentary Trust Trustee Wywurrie Pastoral Company Pty Ltd, Primary Production, agriculture, farming, forestry
			9(1)(j)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(k)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(l)	Nil to declare

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Sarah Gilligan	Deputy Mayor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	The Boltcutter, Founder 2015, coaching business
			9(1)(b)	Australian Local Government Women's Association, Executive Officer, Appointed 16 September 2024, supporting women in Local Government.
			9(1)(c) – (f)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(g)	Venus Bay, residence, owner Venus Bay, residence, adjoining land, owner
			9(1)(h)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(i)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(j)–(k)	Nil to declare
			9(1)(l)	Personal Interest – Advisory panel member to Venus Bay Energy Project auspiced by the Venus Bay Community Centre. Personal Interest – Advisory panel member to Venus Bay Electric Bus Project MAV – Climate Futures Advisory panel member
Bronwyn Beach	Councillor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	Leongatha Lyric Theatre, 13 Watson Road Leongatha – President - 17 November 2020 – Community Theatre Group
			9(1)(b) - (d)	Nil
			9(1)(e)	Gippsland Southern Health Service, Alcohol & Drug Counsellor, Health Service
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Korumburra, residence, joint owner
			9(1)(h)-(k)	Nil
			9(1)(l)	Korumburra, rental property, owned by close family member
			Steven Finlay	Councillor
9(1)(e)	Westernport Bus Lines / Driver / Buses			
9(1)(f)	Nil			
9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, joint owner			
9(1)(h)-(l)	Nil			
Clare Williams	Councillor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	Nil
			9(1)(b)– (c)	Nil
			9(1)(d)	Matilda Pearl Trust, Shares in private company, Investment Leon Rex Trust, Units in trust, Investment
			9(1)(e)	Hugh Patrick Pty Ltd (Trading as BJ's Earthmoving), Civil Construction Earthmoving
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner Leongatha, residence, investment property Leongatha, residence, investment property
			9(1)(h)	Hugh Patrick Pty Ltd (Trading as BJ's Earthmoving), Civil Construction
			9(1)(i)	Hugh Patrick Pty Ltd (Trading as BJ's Earthmoving), Civil Construction Earthmoving
			9(1)(j)	Nil
			9(1)(k)	Nil
			9(1)(l)	Nil

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John Schelling	Mayor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)	Mid Gippsland Football League, Morwell, Vice President-Governance, appointed 2024 Myli Library Board Member, Board of Directors, appointed 2024 Leongatha & District Cricket Association, President, Appointed 2019, Cricket Club Committee of Management
			9(1)(b) – (d)	Nil
			9(1)(e)	Evans Petroleum Gippsland Pty Ltd, Sales Manager, Fuel and lubricant distributor
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Leongatha, residence, owner Leongatha, residence, investment property
			9(1)(h)	BT Panorama, Superannuation
			9(1)(i)	Nil
			9(1)(j)	Nil
			9(1)(k)	Tickets and Lunch to the Stony Creek Races, \$1,000 Provided by Stony Creek Racing Club – Committee of Management
			9(1)(l)	Nil
John Kennedy	Councillor	10/09/2025	9(1)(a)-(d)	Nil
			9(1)(e)	Nil
			9(1)(f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Kardella, residence, owner Korumburra, business commercial , owner
			9(1)(h)	Nil
			9(1)(i)	Melbourne Elite Sport / Cycle shop
			9(1)(j)	Nil - excluded under s10(2) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020
			9(1)(k)-(l)	Nil