

# Bi-annual Personal Interest Summary

Lodgement Period: 1 - 30 September 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.

<b>Officer Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date Lodged</b>	<b>Regulations (9)(a)-(l)</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Kerryn Ellis	Chief Executive Officer	30/08/2024	9(1)(a)	Destination Gippsland, Director, Appointed 10 June 2020, regional visitor attraction Regional Development Australia – Gippsland, Committee member, Appointed 21 June 2022, Federal regional development body Gippsland Women’s Health, Board member, Appointed 26 October 2023, regional women’s health agency
			9(1)(b) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Boolarra, residence, owner
			9(1)(h)	Nil
			9(1)(i)	DNK Systems, Mechanical Engineering and design business
			9(1)(j) - (l)	Nil
Allison Jones	Director Performance and Innovation	2/09/2024	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	9/09/2024	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
Rena Littlejohn	Director Future Communities	12/09/2024	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 Open Space &	11/09/2024	9(1)(a)– (b)	Nil
			9(1)(c)	Dance Design, dance school

	Environment		9(1)(d)-(l)	Nil
Mozma Tate	Manager Community Health & Safety	30/08/2024	9(1)(a) – (l)	Nil to disclose.
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).
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, farm agistment and rental
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Nick Moore	Coordinator Statutory Planning	11/09/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Inverloch, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil
Michelle Jorgensen	Manager People & Culture	25/09/2024	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	2/09/2024	9(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			9(1)(g)	Mirboo North, residence, owner
			9(1)(h) - (l)	Nil
Lucas Gardiner	Manager Planning & Building Services	2/09/2024	9(1)(a) - (l)	Nil
Wendy Ollington	Manager Infrastructure Maintenance	16/09/2024	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	30/08/24	9(1)(a)	Nil

	Planning		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
			9(1)(h) – (l)	Nil
Catherine Reiske	Manager Infrastructure Planning	24/09/24	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.			
Sophie Dixon	Manager Community, Customer & Visitor	25/09/24	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	3/09/2024	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	30/08/2024	9(1)(a)-(l)	Nil
Taryn Abrahamsson	Manager Financial Strategy	3/09/2024	9(1)(a)- (l)	Nil
Janice Pouw [Initial Return]	Coordinator Governance & Integrity	25/09/2024	8(1)(a) – (f)	Nil
			8(1)(g)	Inverloch, holiday home, owner
			8(1)(h) – (k)	Nil