

ITEM 20

ANNUAL TABLING OF RETURNS OF DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS - 2018 TO 2019

The *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code)* requires the General Manager to table all Annual Returns of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters (the return) lodged by the prescribed due date of 30 September 2019 at the first Council meeting after that date. This report is submitted in addition to the bi-monthly report which tables Primary and Interim Returns.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the tabling of the Annual Returns of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters as required by Clause 4.26 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance and Customer Service
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Register of Returns of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and Other Matters (to be tabled at meeting)

BACKGROUND

Council Officers forwarded the Office of Local Government guidelines and designated forms for the completion of returns to all relevant Councillors, staff and designated persons outlining their responsibilities to complete the return for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 in order to comply with the provisions of the *Model Code*.

All designated persons must lodge their return with the General Manager by 30 September each year. Council has identified 211 designated persons and as at the date of this report 12 returns remain outstanding. Council officers continue to follow up outstanding returns.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal under the objective *our local Council has the trust of the community* (Community Goal) *we are a connected and engaged community*.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Governance and Community Services, Service Plan 2019-20.