

ITEM 5 APPOINTMENT TO DESTINATION WOLLONGONG BOARD

On Wednesday 9 May 2018, Council released an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Wollongong City Council Appointed Independent Director on the Destination Wollongong Board.

Six applications were received by the closing date and considered by the Panel.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of Sharon Arrow as the Council Appointed Independent Director on the Destination Wollongong Board.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council endorse the appointment of Sharon Arrow as the Council Appointed Independent Director on the Destination Wollongong Board for a period of two years.
- 2 If a vacancy arises on the Destination Wollongong Board in the next two years, the next highest ranked applicant will be offered a position as a Council Appointed Independent Director.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Kerry Hunt, Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development
Authorised by: Greg Doyle, General Manager (Acting)

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report

BACKGROUND

Under section 14.2 of the Wollongong City of Innovation Ltd (trading as 'Destination Wollongong') Constitution, the Board consists of:

- a Three Council Appointed Directors.
- b Two Council Appointed Officer Directors.
- c Four Member Directors.

Section 14.5 of the Constitution states that:

(a) *Wollongong City Council may appoint:*

- a. *Three Council Appointed Directors, who must be persons independent of Wollongong City Council (not Councillors or Officers) and who have demonstrated an interest and capacity to act in the general interests of the Wollongong community.*

At the Council meeting of 24 August 2015, Council endorsed the appointment of Mr Wayne Morris, Ms Anita Mulrooney and Ms Amy Harper as the three Council Appointed Independent Directors on the Destination Wollongong Board for a period of four years.

On 19 March 2018, Ms Mulrooney tendered her resignation to the General Manager, leaving a vacancy in the position of Council Appointed Director.

On Wednesday 9 May 2018, Council released an EOI for the position of Council Appointed Director to the Destination Wollongong Board. As part of the recruitment process, a suite of selection criteria was developed, including:

- 1 Broad business or corporate experience.
- 2 Proven experience in establishing and maintaining strategic partnerships and networks.
- 3 Superior communication skills.
- 4 Experience in corporate and strategic planning.

- 5 A demonstrated commitment to Wollongong 2022.
- 6 Previous Board experience.
- 7 Relevant qualifications in Commerce, Governance, Public Administration or any other relevant area.

Advertisements were placed in the Illawarra Mercury and the Wollongong Advertiser with six applications being received by Council. A panel chaired by the Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development was established to undertake the recruitment process. The panel assessed each applicant under the *Recruitment of External Members to Committees Policy* and assessed each applicant against the selection criteria and scored accordingly.

PROPOSAL

The report recommends Council endorse the appointment of Sharon Arrow to the Destination Wollongong Board as the Independent Council Appointed Director for a period of two years.

If a vacancy arises on the Destination Wollongong Board in the next two years, the next highest ranked applicant will be offered a position as the Council Appointed Independent Director on the board.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal “We have an innovative and sustainable economy”.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Economic Development Service Plan 2018-19.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The nomination of suitable candidates to fill the vacant position will enable the board to function to its full capacity and deliver on the Destination Wollongong Constitution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

The nomination process undertaken for filling the position of Council Appointed Independent Director to the Destination Wollongong Board has been undertaken in accordance with the Destination Wollongong Constitution and Council’s Recruitment of External Members to Committees Policy.

On this basis, the report is submitted for endorsement of the recommended candidate.