

ITEM 9

ANNUAL TABLING OF RETURNS OF DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS - 2020 TO 2021

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 2021 at the first Council meeting after that date.

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 + Customer Service
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report

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 2020 to 30 June 2021 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 104 designated persons and as at the date of this report one (1) return remains outstanding due to the officer being on extended leave. A Register of these returns will be tabled at the meeting in accordance with the Model Code of Conduct. Due to the attendance of Councillors at this meeting, being by electronic means, separate access to the Register, by electronic means, will be provided to Councillors if required.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal under the objective 4.3 *our local Council has the trust of the community*.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Governance and Administration Service Plan 2021-22.