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APPOINTMENT OF WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS TO DESTINATION WOLLONGONG BOARD

On Wednesday, 23 October 2019, Council released an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the two vacant Wollongong City Council Appointed Independent Directors on the Destination Wollongong Board. 11 applications were received by the closing date, Friday, 9 November, and considered by the panel.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of Ms Amy Harper and Mr Wayne Morris as the Council Appointed Independent Directors on the Destination Wollongong Board.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council endorse the appointment of Ms Amy Harper and Mr Wayne Morris as the Council Appointed Independent Directors on the Destination Wollongong Board until 30 June 2021 (ie the final date of the current funding agreement).
- 2 Should a vacancy arise on the Destination Wollongong Board over this period, the next highest ranked applicant will be offered a position as a Council Appointed Independent Director.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Sofia Gibson, Manager Community Cultural + Economic Development (Acting)
Authorised by: Sue Savage, Director Community Services - Creative + Innovative City (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.

The four year terms of Ms Amy Harper and Mr Wayne Morris expired on 24 August 2019.

On Wednesday, 23 October 2019, Council released an EOI for the position of two Council Appointed Directors 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 2028*.
6. Previous board experience.

7. Relevant qualifications in Commerce, Governance, Public Administration or other relevant area.

A media release was included on Council's website which included a link to the selection criteria, and advertisements were placed in the Illawarra Mercury and the Wollongong Advertiser.

A panel chaired by the Manager Community Cultural and Economic Development was established to undertake the recruitment process. The panel assessed each applicant against the selection criteria and scored accordingly.

PROPOSAL

The report recommends Council endorse the appointment of Ms Amy Harper and Mr Wayne Morris to the Destination Wollongong Board as the Independent Council Appointed Directors until 30 June 2021.

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

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Legal Services

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 Community Cultural and Economic Development Service Plan 2019-20, 'Managing the Destination Wollongong Funding Agreement 2016-21'.

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 positions of Council Appointed Independent Director to the Destination Wollongong Board has been undertaken in accordance with the Destination Wollongong Constitution.

On this basis, the report is submitted for Council's endorsement of the recommended candidates.