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ANNUAL TABLING OF RETURNS OF DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS 2024-2025

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 2025 at the first ordinary Council meeting after that date.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the tabling of 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 Customer + Business Integrity
 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 designated persons outlining their responsibilities to complete the return for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 in order to comply with the provisions of the *Model Code of Conduct*.

All designated persons must lodge their return with the General Manager by 30 September each year. Council has identified 62 designated persons, and an electronic register of these returns will be tabled at the meeting in accordance with the Model Code of Conduct. As at the date of this report two (2) returns remain outstanding from Councillors. These returns will be tabled at a future Council meeting when received.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Goal 4 “We have a healthy, respectful, and inclusive community”. It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan 2035	Delivery Program 2025-2029
Strategy	Service
4.14 Council demonstrates responsible leadership that is customer focused, demonstrates respect and inclusion and uses resources that are managed effectively to ensure long-term sustainability.	Governance and Administration