



**Personal Interest Returns Summary
Executive Team and Audit & Risk Committee
March 2024**

Council Officers and Delegated Committee members – Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return Summary

An *Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return* is a record of the private interests of a person in public office that assists in improving probity, transparency and reducing conflicts of interest. It is a requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020, sections 133 and 134* that *specified persons* lodge an 'Initial personal interests return' when they take office, and a 'biannual personal interests returns' every 6 months thereafter with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). A specified person that is required to complete a personal interest return is the CEO, Councillors, members of a delegated committee and Officers nominated by the CEO because of their role or if they have a statutory or delegated power, duty or function.

The *Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return* must detail matters that are prescribed by the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (Regulations 2020), sections 8 (initial) and 9(bi-annual)*. Under *section 135 of the Local Government Act 2020*, the CEO must prepare a summary of the personal interest information disclosed in the last personal interest return lodged. This summary must be made available on Council's website and must be available for inspection at Council's office.

The following is a summary of the information required to be disclosed by a specified person on an *Initial and Bi-annual Personal Interest Return* per the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020* since lodgement of their initial or bi-annual personal interest return. A specified person is required to declare if they:

1. Are Director or member of any corporate directorships or governing body. (Section 9(a))
2. Are a member and performed a leadership role in any unincorporated associations. (Section 9(b))
3. Are a member of a business partnership or joint venture. (Section 9(c))
4. Are a trustee or beneficiary of a trust. (Section 9(d))
5. Were employed in any paid employment* where payments exceeded \$10,000 during the preceding 6 months. (Section 9(e)) *subject to S.9(3) – do not apply if disclosure constitute a breach of a professional or legal obligation not to disclose the information.
6. Have acted as a consultant, contractor or agent* where payments exceeded \$10,000 during the preceding 6 months. (Section 9(f)) *subject to S.9(3) – do not apply if disclosure constitute a breach of a professional or legal obligation not to disclose the information.
7. Have any land located within the municipal district of the council or an adjoining municipal district which they own or hold a beneficial interest in other than by way of security for any debt. (Section 9(g))
8. Have any shares or have a beneficial interest in where the total value of the company does not exceed \$10Million and the combined total value of the shares is more than \$10,000. (Section 9(h))
9. Are a member of a company in which they solely or jointly with family members hold a controlling interest. (Section 9(i))
10. Have a personal debt exceeding \$10,000, other than with a banking or financial institution. (Section 9(j))
11. Disclose details of any gift received to the value of which equals or exceeds \$500, including gifts in the form of goods or services, and multiple gifts that together equal or exceed that amount. (Section 9(1)(k))[additional question for Bi-annual Returns]
12. Have any other interest that may give rise to a general or material conflict of interest. (Section 9(l))

The following summarises returns made by Officers during and updates following the return period.

Name	Position	Date Lodged	Summary of Declared Interests & Associated Regulations	
Lucy Roffey	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	18/09/2023	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Executive Director and Chair - Coliban Water; Water & wastewater Services • Advisory Board Director – Homes Victoria; Social & Affordable Housing
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coliban Water • Homes Victoria
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary residence and property interest in Castlemaine Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
William Millard	Acting General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning (April 2024 to June 2024) Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (26 June 2024 – 12 July 2024)	25/06/2024	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Director - Wannon Water; Water Services • Forum Chair - Great South Coats Integrated Water Management Forum • Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee - Southern Grampians Shire Council • Independent Chair CEO Employment Matters Committee – Colac Otway Shire
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	N/A
			9 (h)	Millard Management Solutions; Training and development & strategy advice
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A

Matthew Irving	General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning (to April 2024)	07/03/2024	9 (a)	N/A
			9 (b)	Member with Rotary E-Club 9790; Community Service Club
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary residence and property interest in Gisborne Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	Family members are members of Gisborne Toy Library, Kilmore Football Club, secretary of Broadford Junior Football Club, Vice president of Broadford Cricket Club
Amber Ricks	General Manager Infrastructure Assets and Planning (June 2024 – Current)	28/06/2024	9 (a)	Director and deputy chair on board of Management – Loddon Campaspe Regional Sports Authority Incorporated t/a Sports Focus; non-profit support and empowers sporting clubs to be safe, inclusive, and welcoming for the community
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	N/A
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
Emma Little	General Manager Community Wellbeing	21/03/2024	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Member for the Bendigo Regional Tourism Board Planning Committee; Tourism body Chair of Emergency Management Planning Committee; Emergency planning committee
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary residence and property interest in Campbells Creek, Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A

			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
Mick Smith	General Manager Corporate Performance	25/03/2024	9 (a)	N/A
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	MJ & AC Smith; Farming
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	N/A
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
John Watson	Chair Audit and Risk Committee	22/03/2023	9 (a)	N/A
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	Northern Hospital and Victorian Local Government Grants Commission
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary residence and property interest in Castlemaine, Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
Robert Tommasini	Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee	07/03/2023	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director/ Secretary Fiona Elsey Institute; Research • Board Member – Ballarat Cemetery Trust ; Cemetery
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	N/A
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A

Richard Ainio	Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee	25/03/2023	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee – Ballarat Cemeteries Trust ; Cemetery Treasurer – John Curtain Aged Care Inc; Aged Care Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee – Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority; Water Resources Management Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee – Warrnambool City Council; Local Government Independent Member Audit and Risk Committee – Moonee Valley City Council; Local Government
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ainio Assurance ; Consulting Services Windarring Limited, United Wool Company Pty Ltd, Ainio and Associates Pty Ltd, Australian Business Certification Services Pty Ltd
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary residence and owner interest in Wendouree Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A

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Councillors
March 2024**

Name	Position	Date Lodged	Summary of Declared Interests & Associated Regulations	
Liesbeth Long	Councillor Mayor (Nov 2023 – current)	31/03/2024	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Central Goldfields Bushwalking & Hiking Club Inc; Bushwalking & Hiking Club • Chair – Lead Lodden Murray; Leadership Training Organisation
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	Hoogley Grazing Co; Primary Production Enterprise
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary residence and property interest in Maryborough • Investment and two property interests in Timor
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	Family member is the sole trustee of the “Andrew Long Land Trust” of which a third of the Councillors farmland sits on
Waye Sproull	Councillor	26/03/2024	9 (a)	Board member - Central Greenhouse Alliance; a network of local governments working collaboratively on climate action
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	Laminex Pty Ltd
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary Residence and property interest in Maryborough, Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
Chris Meddows-Taylor	Councillor Mayor (Nov 2020 – Nov 2022)	25/03/2024	9 (a)	Chair – Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive Inc; Regional Tourism Organisation
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A

			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary Residence and property interest in Talbot, Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A
Grace La Vella	Councillor Mayor (Nov 2022 – Nov 2023)	28/03/2024	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Member – VGLA; Overseas governance of Local Governance Victoria Board Member - Goldfields FM; Local Radio Station Committee Member – Maryborough Harness Racing Club; Harness Racing Club
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	N/A
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary Residence and property interest in Maryborough, Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
Geoff Lovett	Councillor	21/03/2024	9 (a)	Chairperson – Maryborough-St Arnaud Group Legacy; Looks after welfare of widows and children
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	Maryborough Cemetery Trust; Responsible for Maryborough Cemetery
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residence and property interest in Maryborough Property interest in retail property in Maryborough
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
			9 (l)	N/A

Anna De-Villiers	Councillor	26/03/2024	9 (a)	N/A
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	Romane Family Trust; Management of Investment Properties
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Residence and property interest in Majorca, Victoria • Property interest in office property in Maryborough, Vic
			9 (h)	Shares in AXE ROG (Red Sky Energy Ltd), Flight Centre Travel Groups
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
Gerard Murphy	Councillor	20/03/2024	9 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director – Jeremiah Group Pty Ltd; Bookkeeping (Paid) • Director - MRW Australia Pty Ltd; Café (Paid) • Director – Unified Community Sports and Leisure; Leisure Services (Paid) • Board Member – Highview College; private High School
			9 (b)	N/A
			9 (c)	N/A
			9 (d)	Gerard Murphy Superannuation; Self-Managed Superannuation
			9 (e)	N/A
			9 (f)	N/A
			9 (g)	Primary Residence and property interest in Talbot, Victoria
			9 (h)	N/A
			9 (i)	N/A
			9 (k)	N/A
		9 (l)	Investor of the Bull and Mouth Hotel in Maryborough, Victoria	