Shire of Murray

Primary and Annual Return Register

Year Ending - 30 June 2027

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

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1. Primary Return Register

The following Council Members and employees lodged a Primary Return as required, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995,* for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

Council Members

Employees (by position)

Coordinator Waste Services	Fleet Officer	Manager Governance and Risk

2. Annual Return Register

The following Council Members and employees lodged an Annual Return as required, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995,* for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

Council Members

Employees (by position)

3. Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1995

5.74. Terms used

(1) In this Subdivision, unless the contrary intention appears —

address means —

(a) in relation to a person other than a corporation, the last residential or business address of the person known to the person disclosing the address in a return; or

(b) in relation to a corporation, the address of the registered office or principal place of business of the corporation in the State or, where there is no such office or place, the address of the principal office or place of business of the corporation in the place in which it is incorporated or taken to be registered; or

(c) in relation to any real property, the postal address of the property or the particulars of title of the property;

annual return means a return required by section 5.76;

corporation means any body corporate, whether formed or incorporated within or outside the State, and includes any ***company*** or ***foreign company*** (as those terms are defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth) but does not include —

(a) a body corporate that is incorporated within Australia or an external Territory and is a public authority or an instrumentality or agency of the Crown; or

(b) a corporation sole; or

[(c), (d) deleted]

(e) an association, society, institution or body incorporated, or taken to be incorporated, under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*;

designated employee means —

(a) a CEO; and

(b) an employee, other than the CEO, to whom any power or duty has been delegated under Division 4; and

(c) an employee who is a member of a committee comprising council members and employees; and

(d) an employee nominated by the local government to be a designated employee;

primary return means a return required by section 5.75;

relative, in relation to a relevant person, means any of the following —

(a) a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descendant of the relevant person or of the relevant person's spouse or de facto partner;

(b) t he relevant person's spouse or de facto partner or the spouse or de facto partner of any relative specified in paragraph (a),

whether or not the relationship is traced through, or to, a person whose parents were not actually married to each other at the time of the person's birth or subsequently, and whether the relationship is a natural relationship or a relationship established by a written law;

relevant person means a person who is a council member or a designated employee;

return means a primary or an annual return;

return period, in relation to an annual return required to be lodged by a relevant person in a particular year, means —

(a) if the last return lodged by the relevant person was a primary return, the period commencing on the day after the start day for the primary return and ending on 30 June in that year; or

(b) if the last return lodged by the relevant person was an annual return, the period of 12 months ending on 30 June in that year;

start day means —

(a) in the case of a council member, the day on which he or she made the declaration referred to in section 2.29; or

(b) in the case of a designated employee, the day on which the person became a designated employee.

(2) A reference in this Subdivision to a disclosure concerning any income, corporation or any other thing (not being real property), includes a reference to a disclosure concerning any income derived, corporation incorporated (or taken to be registered), or other thing arising or received, outside this State.

(3) For the purposes of this Subdivision, loans made, or goods or services supplied, to a relevant person by 2 or more related bodies corporate (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth) are taken to have been made or supplied by a single corporation.

5.75. Primary returns

(1) A relevant person other than the CEO must lodge with the CEO a primary return in the prescribed form within 3 months of the start day.

(2) A CEO must lodge with the mayor or president a primary return in the prescribed form within 3 months of the start day.

(3) This section does not apply to a person who —

(a) has lodged a return within the previous year; or

(b) has, within 3 months of the start day, ceased to be a relevant person.

Penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

5.76. Annual returns

(1) Each year, a relevant person other than the CEO must lodge with the CEO an annual return in the prescribed form by 31 August of that year.

(2) Each year, a CEO must lodge with the mayor or president an annual return in the prescribed form by 31 August of that year.

Penalty applicable to subsections (1) and (2): $10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

5.78. Information to be disclosed in returns

(1) A relevant person must comply with the requirements of sections 5.79, 5.80, 5.81, 5.84, 5.85 and 5.86 in relation to the disclosure of information in a return.

Penalty: $10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.

(2) Nothing in this Subdivision requires a relevant person to —

(a) include in a return any information which has been disclosed in a previous return made by the relevant person; or

(b) disclose the actual value, amount or extent of any asset, income, interest, debt or disposition referred to in section 5.79, 5.80, 5.81, 5.84, 5.85 or 5.86

5.96A. Information published on official website

(1) The CEO must publish the following information on the local government's official website, unless it would be contrary to subsection (2) to do so —

(a) a map of the district showing the district boundaries and, if the district is divided into wards, the ward boundaries;

(b) an up-to-date consolidated version of any local law made by the local government in accordance with section 3.12 that is in force;

(c) the annual budget;

(d) an up-to-date list of fees and charges imposed under section 6.16;

(e) current plans for the future of the district made under section 5.56;

(f) confirmed minutes of council or committee meetings;

(g) minutes of electors' meetings;

(h) notice papers and agenda relating to council or committee meetings and reports and other documents that have been —

(i) tabled at a council or committee meeting; or

(ii) produced by the local government or a committee for presentation at a council or committee meeting and that have been presented at the meeting;

(iii) information of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this subsection or required by another provision of this Act to be published on the website.

(2) The CEO must not publish information referred to in subsection (1)(f) or (h) if the meeting or that part of the meeting to which the information refers was closed to members of the public.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to information —

(a) that is a record of decisions made at a council or committee meeting; or

(b) of a kind prescribed as being information that can be published despite subsection (2).

(4) The CEO must ensure that the following information is not published on the local government's official website —

(a) rate records;

(b) the register of owners and occupiers undersection 4.32(6) and electoral rolls;

(c) information of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

(5) Regulations may specify the period for which information referred to in subsection (1) must be kept on the local government's official website, and may specify different periods for different kinds of information.

[Section 5.96A inserted: No. 16 of 2019

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29C. Information to be published on official website (Act s. 5.96A(1)(i))

(1) In this regulation —

annual return means a return required by section 5.76;

oversight entity means any of the following —

(a) the Corruption and Crime Commission established under the Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003;

(b) an Inquiry Panel;

(c) the Public Sector Commissioner;

(d) a Royal Commission;

(e) the State Administrative Tribunal*;*

primary return means a return required by section 5.75.

(2) For the purposes of section 5.96A(1)(i), the following information is prescribed —

(a) any adverse recommendation made by an authorised person under section 8.13(2) and provided to the local government in respect of the local government, its council, a council member or the CEO;

(b) any adverse finding, recommendation or proposition made by an oversight entity and made available to the public in respect of the local government, its council, a council member or the CEO;

(c) an up-to-date version of each policy of the local government;

(d) the name of each council member who lodged a primary return or annual return for a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020;

(e) the position of each employee who lodged a primary return or annual return for a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020;

(f) the type, and the amount or value, of any fees, expenses or allowances paid to each council member during a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020.

(3) An adverse recommendation referred to in subregulation (2)(a) must be published on the local government's official website within 14 days after the adverse recommendation is provided to the local government.

(4) An adverse finding, recommendation or proposition referred to in subregulation (2)(b) must be published on the local government's official website within 14 days after the finding, recommendation or proposition is made available to the public.

(5) The information referred to in subregulation (2)(d) and (e) must be published on the local government's official website —

(a) if the return is lodged with the local government on or before 31 August immediately following the financial year to which the return relates — on or before 14 September immediately following the end of that financial year; or

(b) if the return is lodged with the local government after 31 August immediately following the financial year to which the return relates — within 14 days after the return is lodged with the local government.

(6) The information referred to in subregulation (2)(f) must be published on the local government's official website on or before 14 July immediately following the end of the financial year to which the information relates.

[Regulation 29C inserted: SL 2020/213 r. 24.]

29D. Period for which information to be kept on official website (Act s. 5.96A(5))

For the purposes of section 5.96A(5), a period of not less than 5 years, beginning on the day on which the information is first published on the local government's official website, is prescribed for the following information —

(a) the annual report;

(b) the annual budget;

(c) confirmed minutes of council and committee meetings;

(d) minutes of electors' meetings;

(e) information referred to in section 5.96A(1)(h);

(f) information referred to in regulation 29C(2).

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