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7.1 GOULBURN RIVER VALLEY TOURISM BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION

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SUMMARY

Mitchell Shire Council is one of four Councils (Greater Shepparton, Murrindindi and Strathbogie) who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT).

This report seeks a Councillor nomination to represent Mitchell Shire Council on the Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT) Board, post the resignation of the Manager Active Communities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council appoint Cr _____ as the delegate to the Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT) Board for the Memorandum of Understanding period.

BACKGROUND

Goulburn River Valley Tourism is the independent peak regional tourism body. Mitchell is one of four Councils (Greater Shepparton, Murrindindi and Strathbogie) who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GRVT with the aim of maximising the economic return in the region from the visitor economy through promotion and development of the tourism sector.

The governance structure consists of a Board made up of community representatives with specific skills and Council Officers or Councillors.

The current GRVT Board Members are:

Name	Role	Representing
Annie Fletcher-Nicholls	Chair	Independent
Vacant	Skills Director	Greater Shepparton
Anthony Nicolaci	Representative Director	Greater Shepparton
John Keeffe OAM	Skills Director	Mitchell Shire
Vacant	Representative Director	Mitchell Shire
Andrew Embling	Skills Director	Murrindindi Shire
Stuart McConnell	Representative Director	Murrindindi Shire

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Bruce Minchinton	Skills Director	Strathbogie
Cr. Amanda McClaren	Representative Director	Strathbogie
Alan Arthur	Skills Director	Independent
Janelle Toomey	Skills Director	Independent

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Kellie Vise (Manager Active Communities) previously represented Mitchell Shire Council on the GRVT Board. Since her departure, we now have a vacancy on the Board and will need to appoint a Council Representative to this position.

CONSULTATION

No consultation was required in preparing this report.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial resource and asset management implications associated with this report.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appointment of Councillors to local committees and organisations supports the requirement to strongly advocate for the interests of the municipality.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL)

This is an administration process and does not have any environment and sustainability implications associated with this report.

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

The rights protected in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered in preparing this report and it's determined that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

Councillors have a number of different roles that must incorporate the interests of the whole municipality and those of their constituents. The appointment of a Councillor formalises an already existing membership of the Board.