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Dear John

### **Call for Nominations for GAROC Members**

The terms of the current members of the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) expire at the 2022 LGA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The LGA hereby calls for nominations to fill the two (2) positions allocated to each Regional Grouping of Councils on GAROC (eight positions in total) to commence office from the conclusion of the 2022 LGA Annual General Meeting and to remain in office until the conclusion of the 2024 AGM. A nomination form for the position of member of GAROC is attached and must be received by me, no later than **5pm Friday 19 August 2022**. Late nominations will not be accepted.

At the 2019 LGA AGM, members endorsed the establishment of four (4) GAROC Regional Groupings which took effect from the 2020 GAROC elections, with membership of GAROC to comprise two eligible members elected by a majority vote of the councils within each Regional Grouping, provided that each person elected for that Regional Grouping is from a different member. Additionally, the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide will be a standing member of GAROC.

I write to you in your capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of a Member Council in the Metro North to invite one (1) nomination from your council for a position on the Metro North Regional Grouping of GAROC. A list of the GAROC Regional Groupings is attached to this letter.

A nomination may only be made by resolution of the council and using the attached nomination form. The form must be signed by both the candidate nominated by the council to indicate his/her willingness to stand for election, and by you as the Chief Executive Officer of the nominating council. The nomination form must be accompanied by the attached candidate information sheet.

### **Voting**

The GAROC Terms of Reference (TOR) (extract attached) outlines the process as to how an election will occur. As the Returning Officer I am required to conduct a ballot if the number of nominations for each GAROC Regional Grouping exceeds the number of positions. If a ballot is required, the distribution of ballot papers to councils will include any information provided on the candidate information sheet.

## Timetable

Key (indicative) timings and GAROC TOR provisions are outlined in the following table:

Indicative Timing	Headline	GAROC TOR Provision
	Returning Officer	Returning Officer for all LGA electoral matters is the Chief Executive Officer (Clause 4.4.1)
18 July 2022	Nominations Called	CEO to write to members of GAROC Regional Groupings calling for nomination for position of members of GAROC at least 3 months before AGM (Clause 4.3.2)
19 August 2022	Nominations Close	Nominations must be received by the CEO no later than 5pm on the day specified for the close of nomination, being 24 August 2020 (Clause 4.3.4).
	Nominations equal to vacancies	If the number of nominations received equals the number of vacant positions for the Regional Grouping each candidate is elected and takes office at the conclusion of the AGM (Clause 4.4.3)
5 September 2022	Ballot papers prepared and posted	In the event of an election being required the CEO shall deliver ballot papers to each member of the relevant Regional Grouping at least 6 weeks before AGM GAROC (Clause 4.4.5(a))
17 October 2022	Voting closes	The CEO shall nominate the date, time and place for the counting of votes and shall invite each candidate and a person nominated as the candidate's scrutineer to be present (Clause 4.4.5(f))
18 October 2022	Counting of votes	The CEO shall nominate the date, time and place for the counting of votes (Clause 4.4.5(f))
28 October 2022	Final declaration of result	CEO shall declare the candidate with the most votes elected at the AGM (Clause 4.4.5(h))
28 October 2022	Takes office	GAROC members take office at the conclusion of the AGM (Clause 4.5)
28 October 2022	Voting for Board Members	GAROC should meet at the conclusion of the AGM to elect 3 of its members (plus its Chair) to the Board of Directors (Clause 6.4.1 and 6.4.2) who's term of office commences after the AGM.

## Timing of LGA Election

The LGA Constitution provides for the election of LGA President, SAROC and GAROC members, and the LGA Board to take effect from the LGA's AGM, every other year. This enables the outgoing President to deliver their annual report and finance statements for the preceding year, before handing over to the incoming President.

It is acknowledged that because of the timing of the AGM, the election of LGA Board and President, and the four yearly cycle of local government general elections; that there is the potential for the President and/or a Board member(s) to not be re-elected in their respective council and thus causing a casual vacancy. It is also noted that if the election of LGA office holders was held, say three to six months after the local government elections to coincide with the LGA's OGM there is still the possibility that a current member of the Board may not be re-elected at the November local government elections, resulting in a casual vacancy to be filled prior to the OGM.

Thus, there is no ideal time to hold elections for office bearers for the LGA when the end of term coincides with the general council elections. However, the general view is that it is preferable for a new Board and President to take office at the AGM and as soon as possible around a general council election to ensure the Board and President can maximise their contribution during the two-year term, rather than be put in a holding pattern until a new Board is elected following council elections.

### **LGA Board Appointments**

Under the LGA Constitution and the GAROC TOR, once members are elected to GAROC, these members will then elect a Chair and three GAROC members to form the LGA Board of Directors. These GAROC LGA Board Directors will be accompanied by their equivalent from SAROC, as well as the President and Immediate Past President, to form the ten (10) member LGA Board of Directors.

If you have any questions in relation to the election process, please contact me or LGA Program Leader Governance Tami Norman on 8224 2037 or [tami.norman@lga.sa.gov.au](mailto:tami.norman@lga.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Clinton Jury

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Attachments:

- 1 List of GAROC Regional Groupings
- 2 Extract from LGA GAROC TOR – Section 4
- 3 2022 Nomination Form – GAROC
- 4 Candidate Information Sheet

# Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC)

## Regional Groupings

GAROC Regional Grouping	Members
<b>Adelaide</b>	Adelaide City
<b>North</b>	Gawler Playford Salisbury Tea Tree Gully
<b>West</b>	Charles Sturt Holdfast Bay Port Adelaide Enfield West Torrens
<b>South</b>	Marion Mitcham Onkaparinga
<b>East</b>	Adelaide Hills Burnside Campbelltown Norwood Payneham & St Peters Prospect Unley Walkerville

## Extract – GAROC Terms of Reference

### Clause 4 – GAROC

#### 4.1. Role

The role of GAROC is regional advocacy, policy initiation and review, leadership, engagement and capacity building in the GAROC Region.

#### 4.2. Membership

4.2.1. Each Regional Grouping of Members listed in the schedule to these Terms of Reference will elect in accordance with clause 4.3 and 4.4 from the Members of the Regional Grouping of Members, 2 Council Members of Members in the Regional Grouping of Members as members of GAROC provided that each person elected is from a different Member.

4.2.2. In addition to the members of GAROC elected in accordance with clause 4.2.1, the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide will be a standing member of GAROC.

#### 4.3. Nominations for election to GAROC

4.3.1. The members of GAROC will be elected biennially.

4.3.2. In the year in which GAROC members will be elected, and at least 3 months before the Annual General Meeting, the Chief Executive shall write to all Members of the GAROC Regional Grouping as listed in the schedule calling for nominations for the membership of GAROC.

4.3.3. Each Member of the GAROC Regional Grouping may nominate a candidate for membership of GAROC, provided that:

- (a) a person nominated as a member of GAROC must be a representative of a member on the relevant Regional Grouping of Members; and
- (b) only a Council Member can be nominated to GAROC.

4.3.4. A nomination of a person as a member of GAROC must be by resolution of the Member received by the Chief Executive not later than 5 pm on the day specified for the closure of nominations (Close of Nominations). A nomination must be signed by the candidate indicating his or her willingness to stand for election and be in the form determined by the Chief Executive.

#### 4.4. Election to GAROC

4.4.1. The Chief Executive shall be the returning officer for any election of members to GAROC.

4.4.2. After the Close of Nominations, the Chief Executive will notify Members of each Regional Grouping of Members of the candidates for membership of GAROC nominated by the Regional Grouping of Members.

4.4.3. If the only nominations received from a Regional Grouping of Members by the Close of Nominations match the membership positions described in clause 4.2.1, then the Chief Executive will declare those persons duly elected to those membership positions.

4.4.4. If the number of persons nominated by the Close of Nominations by a Regional Grouping of Members exceeds the number of membership positions described in

clause 4.2.1, then an election for the purpose of clause 4.2.1 must be held in accordance with this clause.

- 4.4.5. In the event of an election being required, the Chief Executive shall conduct the election as follows:
- (a) at least six weeks before the Annual General Meeting, the Chief Executive shall deliver ballot papers to each Member of the Regional Grouping of Members;
  - (b) the ballot papers shall:
    - (i) list the candidates for election;
    - (ii) specify the day of closure of the election;
    - (iii) be accompanied by an envelope marked "Ballot Paper" and a second envelope marked "Returning Officer";
  - (c) each Member shall determine by resolution the candidate or candidates (as relevant) it wishes to elect;
  - (d) the chair of the meeting for that Member shall mark the ballot paper with an "X" next to the candidate or candidates (as relevant) that the Member wishes elected and seal the ballot paper in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper" inside the envelope marked "Returning Officer". Before sealing the second envelope the chair must indicate the Member's name on the inside flap of the envelope. The envelope may then be sealed and delivered to the Returning Officer;
  - (e) on receipt of the envelopes the Chief Executive must:
    - (i) open the outer envelope addressed to the "Returning Officer" and record the name of the Member which appears on the inside flap of the envelope on the roll of Member's eligible to vote; and
    - (ii) place the envelope marked "Ballot Paper" unopened into the ballot box;
  - (f) the Chief Executive shall nominate the date, time and place for the counting of votes and shall invite each candidate and a person nominated as the candidate's scrutineer to be present;
  - (g) at the counting of the votes the Chief Executive shall produce unopened envelopes marked "Ballot Paper" and if satisfied that all votes are valid, count the number of votes received by each candidate;
  - (h) in respect of an election for the purposes of clause 4.2.1, the 2 candidates from a Regional Grouping of Members with the most votes shall be deemed elected in respect of that Regional Grouping of Members and the Chief Executive shall declare the candidates elected at the Annual General Meeting; and
  - (i) in the case of candidates for membership positions described in clause 4.2.1 from a Regional Grouping of Members receiving the same number of votes, the Chief Executive shall draw lots at the counting of the votes to determine which candidate is elected.
- 4.4.6. The Chief Executive may, in his or her discretion, appoint a deputy returning officer and delegate any of his or her powers, functions or duties to that person who shall act accordingly.
- 4.4.7. The Chief Executive may, in his or her discretion, delegate any of his or her powers, functions or duties to an Executive Officer of a Regional Grouping of Members who shall act accordingly for the conduct of elections for the purpose of clause 4.2.1 in respect of the Regional Grouping of Members relevant to that Executive Officer.

## Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) 2022 Nomination Form

<b>Nominee's Council</b>	<i>(insert name of council)</i>
<b>Nominee's Name</b> (full name)	<i>(insert title, first name and surname)</i>
<b>Regional Grouping</b>	<i>(Select one)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> North  <input type="checkbox"/> West  <input type="checkbox"/> South  <input type="checkbox"/> East
<b>Declaration and signature of nominee</b>	I hereby accept such nomination.  Signature:  .....
<b>Signature and name of Nominating Council's CEO</b>	Signature:  .....  (insert name)
<b>Dated</b>	<i>(insert date)</i>

**This form is to be sent to the LGA Returning Officer  
Close of nominations 5:00pm Friday 19 August 2022**

# Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) 2022 Candidate Information Sheet

**(word limit is strictly 1,000 words)**

Name:	<i>(insert title, first name and surname)</i>
Council:	<i>(insert council name)</i>
Local Government Experience & Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>(insert)</i></li> </ul>
Local Government Policy Views & Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>(insert)</i></li> </ul>
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>(insert details of leadership, board, corporate governance experience etc)</i></li> </ul>

**This form must accompany the Nomination Form**