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1st March 2022

The LGA is seeking nominations from local government members for three positions on the Libraries Board of SA for a three-year term.

The LGA is seeking nominations from suitably qualified council members, or employees of a council, or other local government entity, to fill three positions with a term of three years commencing 1 August 2022.

The Libraries Board of SA is established by the Libraries Act 1982

The functions of the Libraries Board of SA are

- a. to formulate policies and guidelines for the provision of public library services; and
- b. to establish, maintain and expand collections of library materials and, in particular, collections of such materials that are of South Australian origin, or have a particular relevance to this State; and
- c. to administer the State Library; and
- d. to establish and maintain such other public libraries and public library services as may best conduce to the public interest; and
- e. to promote, encourage and assist in the establishment, operation and expansion of public librar public library services by councils and others; and
- f. to collaborate with an administrative unit of the Public Service or any other public sector agency (within the meaning of the Public Sector Act 2009) and any other authority or body, in the provision of library and information services; and

- g. to make recommendations to the Minister on the allocation of funds that are available for the purposes of public libraries and public library services; and
- h. to initiate and monitor research and experimental projects in relation to public libraries and public library services; and
- i. to keep library services provided in the State under continuing evaluation and review; and
- j. to carry out any other functions assigned to the Board under this or any other Act or by the Minister.

There are three LGA nominated positions on the Libraries Board of SA currently held by:

- Mayor Jill Whittaker, Campbelltown City Council
- Ms Megan Berghuis, City of Unley
- Cr Bronwyn Lewis, Alexandrina Council

The above positions expire on 31 July 2022 and current members are eligible for re-appointment.

The Board meets 10 times per year at the State Library of South Australia from 10am – 12noon with sitting fees of \$590 per session and mileage paid for regional based members.

The Libraries Act 1982 requires the LGA to provide a panel of seven nominees from which the Minister will select three appointees. In accordance with section 42 of the *Legislation Interpretation Act 2021* the panel of nominees must include at least one male and one female.

In accordance with the *LGA Appointments and Nominations to Outside Bodies Policy* (Policy) the Nominations Committee of the LGA Board of Directors may undertake preliminary consideration of nominees and make recommendations to the LGA Board of Directors. In the case of the Libraries Board of SA this may include the Nominations Committee undertaking interviews and/or requesting the details of referees.

LGA nominations on Outside Bodies will, unless determined otherwise by the LGA Board of Directors, be currently serving council members or employees of a council or other local government entity. Only nominations submitted following a resolution of council will be considered.

The Policy also enables the LGA Secretariat to maintain a Nominees Database, which will record the details of nominees who agree to be considered for other vacancies for a period of 12 months based on the nominee's preferences. The *Nomination Form* (Part B below) asks nominees whether they want to be listed on the database.

How to nominate

The *Call for Nominations Information Sheet* (Part A) provides further information regarding the role, as well as any selection criteria to be addressed by the nominee.

The nominee and council are required to complete the *Nomination Form* (Part B) and forward to nominationscoordinator@lga.sa.gov.au by **5pm 5 April 2022.**

An up-to-date curriculum vitae and a response to the selection criteria (no more than 2 pages) must b supplied by the nominee – these may be submitted with the Nomination Form or forwarded separately by **5pm 5 April 2022.**

For further information, please contact the Nominations Coordinator, at nominationscoordinator@lga.sa.gov.au or 8224 2037.



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