

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING - 26 MAY 2009

Subject: GM - LATE REPORT- Nominations for Membership of the Great Lakes Tourism Advisory Committee.
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SUMMARY OF REPORT:

In line with the membership charter for the Great Lakes Tourism Advisory Committee, four existing positions have been vacated and nominations were called for from the industry partnership base of Great Lakes Tourism. The following report details nominees and makes recommendations for Councils consideration.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. Dominique Vasers, Shona Hunter Howarth, Eddie Youngblood and Carolyn Richards be elected to the Great Lakes Tourism Advisory Committee for a four year term commencing on 2 May 2009.
2. Outgoing member Kevin Calvert be thanked for his contribution to tourism in the Great Lakes.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATION:

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

LIST OF ANNEXURES:

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

REPORT

Following a review and restructure of the Great Lakes Tourism Advisory Committee in 2006, changes were made to structure and membership. Following this, eight Great Lakes industry representatives were sought with half on a four year term and half on a two year term.

The industry two year term ended on the 2 April 2009 and nominations have been sought from the partnership base of Great Lakes Tourism for these positions as outlined in the GLTAC membership charter.

At the close of nominations, four (4) were received. The nominations are summarised below and full copies of their nomination forms can be found in dataworks:

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Dominique (Moloney)	Vasers	Re-nominating. Director Pacific Palms Real Estate which is the largest real estate agency operating out of Pacific Palms with many of the areas private 'up market' holiday letting properties. Her business is a level 3 GLT partner and proactive in the marketing of the Pacific Palms area. Dominique has also recently started an events and boutique travel company in the region.
Shona Hunter Howarth		Re-nominating. Representative of the Tea Gardens Hotel which is a level 2 partner of GLT and very active in Myall Coast community. Shona has coordinated local Myall Coast events for the past 4 years and is currently involved with the Stroud Valley Promotional Group.
Eddie Youngblood		Re-nominating. Representing Forster Tuncurry Memorial Services Club (Club Forster) and currently employed as Marketing & Entertainment Manager. Eddie is also actively involved in a number of major events, supports GLT marketing initiatives and has served on the Committee for three years.
Carolyn Richards		New operator. Manager of Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Holiday Accommodation. Prior to this was owner/manager of Wallamba Waterfront Lodges and various hotels in Sydney region. Carolyn is also a committee member of the Pacific Palms Surf Club and Great Lakes P&C. Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Holiday Accommodation is an up market boutique product at Seal Rocks.

Comments from the Manager Tourism & Marketing

The Great Lakes Tourism Advisory Committee plays an important role in the management of tourism in the Great Lakes region and the relationship of Great Lakes Tourism with the community and business. All nominees contribute to the development of tourism and the community in the region and would make excellent additions to the Great Lakes Tourism Advisory Committee.

Recent changes to the tourism funding arrangements between regions and the State Government has seen a focus on industry participation. The GLTAC ensures that there is an active link between Council and the business community.

It is noted that there are only four (4) nominations for the 4 available positions and hence it is recommended that Dominique Vasers, Shona Hunter Howarth, Eddie Youngblood and Carolyn Richards be accepted and elected on a four year term commencing on 2 May 2009.

This selection provides the solid coverage of the Great Lakes region, brings to the Committee individuals well known to be proactive in the industry and are accustomed to working closely with Great Lakes Tourism on projects of regional significance.

Following this Kevin Calvert be formally thanked for his hard work and support to tourism in the Great Lakes.

RECOMMENDATION:

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