SOUTHERN MALLEE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REGISTER OF DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FROM NOVEMBER 2022 – APRIL 2027 Last updated 29.10.26

Under section 74(5) & 75A(4) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council must record on the website details regarding disclosures of material or general conflicts of interest during a meeting of the council. The following details will be recorded on the Southern Mallee District Council website:

- The member's name
- The nature of the interest, as described by the member
- If the member took part in the meeting with the actual or perceived conflict of interest
- The manner in which the member dealt with the actual or perceived conflict of interest
- If the member voted on the matter, the manner in which he or she voted
- The manner in which the majority of person who were entitled to vote at the meeting voted on the matter

The table below contains information from November 2022 onwards.

Meeting Date	Report Number	Elected Member Name	Type of Conflict of Interest (Material or General)	Nature of the Conflict of Interest	Did the Member Leave or Remain in the Meeting	If the Member Remained in the Meeting, How did the Member Vote?	If the Member Remained in the Meeting, How did the Remaining Members Vote?
19.07.2023	13.1	Ron Valentine	Material	Cr Valentine owns a business with his wife which may be invited to this event to sell their product.	Left	N/A	N/A
19.07.2023	13.1	Chris Mead	General	Cr Mead's wife is the Treasurer for Lameroo Forward.	Remained	Against	In Favour: Crs Luke Kennedy, Trevor Pocock, Neville Pfeiffer and David Smith Against: Crs Chris Mead and Campbell Michell

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19.07.2023	16.1	Chris Mead	General	Cr Mead is Captain of the Lameroo CFS	Remained	In Favour	In Favour
20.12.2023	5	Campbell Michell	General	Cr Michell is a member of the Council Assessment Panel	Left	N/A	N/A
20.03.2024	8.5	Chris Mead	Material	Cr Mead is providing fencing services for Lameroo Forward on this project and may be asked to quote on the proposed Council fencing works.	Left	N/A	N/A
20.03.2024	8.6	Ron Valentine	Material	Cr Valentine may receive a non-pecuniary benefit or a detriment from Council's consideration of the matter	Left	N/A	N/A
17.04.2024	8.4	Campbell Michell	General	-	Left	N/A	N/A

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19.06.2024	8.2	Campbell Michell	Material	relative's involvement in the proposed Southern Mallee website project, who may suffer an indirect non-pecuniary benefit or a detriment as a result of Council's consideration of the matter.	Left	N/A	N/A
19.06.2024	8.9	Campbell Michell	Material	relative's involvement in an unsolicited proposal being considered by the Council who may suffer a direct or indirect pecuniary or non-pecuniary benefit or a detriment as a result of Council's consideration of the matter	Left	N/A	N/A

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15.10.2025	11.13	Ron Valentine	Material	Mayor Ron Valentine was the subject of the Ombudsman's investigation	Left	N/A	N/A
17.12.2025	11.1	Chris Mead	General	Captain of local CFS Brigade	Remained	In favour	In favour
21.01.2026	16.3	Luke Kennedy	Material	Relative of the member submitted an expression of interest	Left	N/A	N/A
21.01.2026	16.3	Campbell Michell	Material	the member is the Vice President of the Pinnaroo Tennis Club and a group that hires the tennis clubrooms submitted an expression of interest.	Left	N/A	N/A
20.05.2026	11.8	Chris Mead	General	The member owns property accessed by clay based roads.	Remained	In favour	In favour
20.05.2026	11.8	Trevor Pocock	General	The member owns property accessed by clay based roads.	Remained	In favour	In favour

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04.08.2026	3.3	Campbell Michell	General	The members is a member on the Mallee Tourist & Heritage Centre Committee and his partner is a member on Pinnaroo Community Inc, Pinnaroo Agricultural Society and the Pinnaroo Project.	Left	N/A	N/A
21.10.2026	11.5	Chris Mead	Material	Captain of Lameroo CFS Brigade	Left	N/A	N/A