



<b>14.6.</b>	<b>Nomination for Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust</b>
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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to nominate a candidate from the Borough of Queenscliffe for consideration for appointment to the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust.

### **Executive Summary**

*Portfolio 5: Governance and Finance*

*Strategic Objective: To provide a financially viable Council that is accountable, transparent and practices good governance.*

*Priority 6: Advocate and work in partnership with other levels government and the private sector on issues important to Borough residents*

Under section 7(2) of the *Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust Act 1980*, the Minister for Creative Industries recommends the appointment of one member to the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust (the Trust) from a list of candidates nominated by the Borough of Queenscliffe, Surf Coast Shire, City of Greater Geelong and Golden Plains Shire.

The Borough of Queenscliffe has been invited to nominate a candidate for consideration by the Minister.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council nominates Cr Ross Ebbels as a candidate for appointment to the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust.



## **Background**

The Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust (the Trust) was established by the *Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust Act 1980* (the Act). It serves as a statutory agency which currently sits within the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. The Minister responsible is Minister for Creative Industries, currently Steve Dimopoulos MP.

Overseen by Creative Victoria, Geelong Arts Centre is the only State Government owned cultural institution located outside of Melbourne.

The key functions of the Trust are:

- Care for, improve and maintain Geelong Arts Centre
- Control and manage Geelong Arts Centre
- Perform any other functions appropriate to Geelong Arts Centre as the Minister for Creative Industries may approve.

## **Discussion**

The Geelong Arts Centre is a significant regional facility that serves the region and the Borough of Queenscliff. Council has been approached by Creative Victoria on behalf of the Minister for Creative Industries seeking a nomination for consideration as an appointment to the Trust.

Cr Ebbels represents the Borough of Queenscliff on the G21 Culture and Economic Development Pillar and has significant experience on the Geelong Regional Libraries Corporation Board and the Tourism Greater Geelong and Bellarine.

Cr Ebbels was also Mayor of the Borough of Queenscliff for three years and has extensive governance experience.

Importantly, Cr Ebbels has a deep understanding of the region, and the important role creative arts plays in defining and enhancing the culture of the region.

For these reasons Council Officers recommend that Council considers nominating Cr Ebbels as a candidate for appointment to the Trust.



## **Options**

1. Council can elect to nominate Cr Ebbels.
2. Council can elect not to nominate a Councillor.
3. Council can elect to nominate another person.

## **Communications and Engagement**

### Community Engagement

The purpose of this report is to inform the community regarding this proposal.

### Collaboration

There are no collaboration requirements associated with this report.

## **Governance Context**

### Relevant Law

Local Government Act 2020

Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust Act 1980

### Charter of Human Rights

This report has had consideration to, and complies with, the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

### Gender Equality Act 2020

No Gender Impact Assessment has been undertaken in the preparation of the recommendation in this report. The Council decision to nominate a candidate for consideration does not have a direct and significant impact on the public.

The Minister for Creative Industries will consider and determine the appointment to the Trust. The State Government will have its own mechanisms to ensure that the appointment process and the Trust itself conform to the objectives of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

### Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

Not Applicable.

### Legal and Risk Implications



Not Applicable.

#### Related Documents

Community Vision 2021–2031

Council Plan 2021–2025

#### Disclosure of Interest

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has any conflicts of interest.

### **Considerations**

#### Environmental Sustainability

There are no environment sustainability matters impacted by the recommendation in this report.

#### Financial and resource implications

There are no financial or recourse implications associated with this report.

#### Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable.

### **Implementation**

#### Operational Impacts

There are no operational impacts associated with this report.

#### Implementation Process

This project will be delivered by existing staff and resources.

### **Attachments**

1. Letter - CEO Borough of Queenscliffe (003) [**14.6.1** - 2 pages]