

Nominations for the Libraries Board of SA

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Association (LGA) has advised that nominations are now open for a local government representative on the Libraries Board of SA for a period not exceeding three years. Nominations must be forwarded to the LGA by 12pm (noon), Friday 31 January 2025.

This report seeks a decision from Council regarding making a nomination. Councillor Snape has indicated an interest in being nominated for appointment to the Libraries Board of SA.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the call for nominations to the Libraries Board of SA from the Local Government Association.
2. Resolves to nominate a Councillor from the City of Adelaide, to be considered as the Local Government Association representative on the Libraries Board of SA.
3. Approves Councillor _____ to be nominated for consideration by the Local Government Association Board of Directors as a Member of the Libraries Board of SA.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation <i>“Demonstrate bold capital city leadership and robust governance with our community at the heart of our decisions.”</i>
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	<i>Libraries Act 1982 (SA)</i>
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The Libraries Board of South Australia (the Board) is established pursuant to the *Libraries Act 1982* (the Act).
2. Under the Act, the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) nominates three people to the Board who may be:
 - 2.1. council members (elected members)
 - 2.2. librarians employed in a public library
 - 2.3. community information officers employed by a council
 - 2.4. any other officers or employees of a council or
 - 2.5. any other people with experience in local government.
3. Following the recent appointment of Megan Berghuis as Director, State Library of South Australia, a LGA nominated position is now open and the LGA is calling for nominations.
4. The current LGA nominees on the Board are:
 - 4.1. Cr Joost den Hartog, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
 - 4.2. Ms Bridget Mather, Coorong District Council
5. The remaining five members are nominated by the Minister of Arts, with one member appointed by the Governor as the Presiding Member. The other members of the Board are:
 - 5.1. Bruce Linn AM, Chair
 - 5.2. Joanne Cys
 - 5.3. Amanda Nettelbeck
 - 5.4. Andrew Culley
 - 5.5. Kedeisha Kartinyeri
6. The Officer of the Board is Megan Berghuis, Director, State Library of South Australia.

Board Functions

7. The functions of the Board are as follows:
 - 7.1. formulate policies and guidelines for the provision of public library services;
 - 7.2. 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;
 - 7.3. administer the State Library;
 - 7.4. establish and maintain such other public libraries and public library services as may best conduce to the public interest;
 - 7.5. promote, encourage and assist in the establishment, operation and expansion of public libraries and public library services by councils and others;
 - 7.6. 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 and body, in the provision of library and information services;
 - 7.7. make recommendations to the Minister upon the allocation of funds that are available for the purposes of public libraries and public library services;
 - 7.8. initiate and monitor research and experimental projects in relation to public libraries and public library services;
 - 7.9. keep library services provided in the State under continuing evaluation and review; and
 - 7.10. carry out any other functions assigned to the Board under this or any other Act or by the Minister or Premier.

Board Details and Nominations

8. A call for nominations to the Board was published via the LGA's Latest News circular in December 2024.
9. Board members are entitled to \$590 per meeting, with up to 10 meetings held per year and some intrastate travel may be required.
10. LGA nominations to outside bodies will, unless determined otherwise by the LGA Board of Directors, be currently serving council members or council staff according to the LGA Appointments or Nominations to Outside Bodies Policy.
11. Councils may make nominations to the LGA by no later than 12pm (noon) on Friday 31 January 2025.
12. Council is under no obligation to make a nomination.
13. The Acting Manager Governance advised Council Members of the vacancy and the opportunity to express an interest in being nominated via an email sent on 16 December 2024.
14. At the time of finalising this report, Councillor Snape had expressed an interest in being nominated for appointment to the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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