

Expression of Interest – Independent Member, Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC)

Location: MidCoast NSW

MidCoast Council invites interested persons to submit an Expression of Interest for the position of Independent Member on the MidCoast Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

About MidCoast Council

MidCoast Council serves a diverse community of more than 100,000 people across one of NSW's largest local government areas. Council delivers a broad range of services and manages significant infrastructure and assets across coastal, rural and urban communities.

About the Committee

Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) provides independent assurance and advice to Council across governance, risk management, internal controls, financial management, compliance, organisational performance and internal audit.

The Committee comprises an Independent Chair, two Independent Members and one non-voting Councillor member and meets at least four times each year.

Further information about the MidCoast Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee including reports and the ARIC Strategic Plan is available on Council's website Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - MidCoast Council

The Opportunity

As an Independent Member of MidCoast Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC), you will contribute your professional knowledge and experience to providing independent, objective and constructive advice and assurance to Council.

You will actively participate in Committee discussions, review information, identify significant risks and opportunities for improvement, and provide constructive challenge across governance, risk management, internal audit, financial management, compliance and organisational performance.

You will exercise independent judgement, ask probing questions and maintain effective working relationships with the Chair, fellow Committee members, Council, senior management and internal and external auditors.

We are seeking an experienced professional who brings sound judgement, credibility, independence and the ability to participate in effective discussions in a complex local government environment.

Independent Members contribute to the Committee's advisory and assurance role in accordance with the ARIC Terms of Reference. For a copy of the Terms of Reference see the supporting documentation through this link.

About You

You will bring relevant professional knowledge and experience in one or more areas including governance, risk management, audit, financial management, compliance, internal controls or organisational performance.

You will demonstrate strong analytical skills, sound judgement, professional integrity, independence and the ability to constructively challenge while maintaining effective relationships.

An understanding of local government or the broader public sector environment, relevant professional qualifications and the ability to bring contemporary practices and broader insights to ARIC will be highly regarded.

You will also have the ability to understand financial statements, communicate effectively and commit sufficient time to prepare for and participate in Committee meetings.

Appointment and Remuneration

ARIC meetings are generally held in person at Council's Administration Centre, Yalawanyi Ganya, Taree, with provision for telephone or videoconference attendance by exception. The Committee meets at least four times each year and additional meetings may be held as required.

The successful applicant must be available to participate in the February 2027 ARIC meeting and complete an induction before that meeting.

Remuneration is $1,200 per meeting plus GST and superannuation, including time spent preparing for meetings. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Council's applicable arrangements.

The Independent Member will be appointed by Council for a term of up to four years and may be eligible for reappointment for one further term, subject to performance, Council approval and continued compliance with the applicable independence and eligibility criteria.

Eligibility and Independence

Applicants must meet the independence and eligibility requirements prescribed by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and outlined in the ARIC Information Pack.

The appointment is subject to relevant pre-appointment checks, including criminal record, bankruptcy, reference, eligibility and conflict-of-interest checks.

How to Apply

Please read the ARIC Information Pack before applying and complete all application questions.

Applications must include a current resumé, responses to the application questions and the names and contact details of at least two referees. A cover letter is optional.

Applications must be submitted through Council's recruitment platform by the advertised closing date.

If you have any questions relating to the EOI please contact Donna Hudson, ARIC Secretariat on 0447 166 397 or email council@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

Expression of Interest dates: Open Thursday 19 November 2026 | Close 11:00 pm, Sunday 6 December 2026

Please note before continuing:

You may find it helpful to write your responses to our questions in a separate Word document, then copy/paste this into our Application Form below once you are ready to submit your application.

This information is required to process your request and will not be used for any other purpose without seeking your consent, or as required by law. Your application will be retained in Council's Records Management System and disposed of in accordance with current legislation. Your personal information can be accessed and corrected at any time by contacting Council.