

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

Location: MidCoast NSW

MidCoast Council invites interested persons to submit an Expression of Interest for the position of Chair 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 Independent Chair, you will provide leadership to ARIC and support robust, objective and constructive oversight and advice to Council.

You will lead Committee meetings, promote constructive and appropriately challenging discussion, oversee the internal audit function and support effective relationships between ARIC, Council, the General Manager, senior management, internal audit and external audit.

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

The Chairperson will support the Committee to fulfil its advisory role in accordance with the ARIC Terms of Reference. For a copy of the Terms of Reference see the supporting documentation in [this link](#).

About You

You will bring relevant experience in audit, risk, governance, financial management and/or organisational performance, together with experience chairing or leading an ARIC, board, committee or comparable forum.

You will demonstrate strong leadership and strategic thinking, professional standing and credibility, sound judgement and the ability to constructively challenge while maintaining effective relationships. An understanding of local government or the broader public sector environment, together with relevant professional networks and contemporary governance and assurance experience, will be highly regarded.

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 where appropriate. 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 \$1,500 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 Chair 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 1 October 2026 | Close 11:00 pm, Monday 19 October 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.