



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Independent Members to sit on Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

The Shire of Wandering invites Expressions of Interest from experienced professionals to join its **Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC)** as Independent Members. The Committee is comprised of three (3) Elected Members of Council (the Shire President, Deputy President and one Elected Member), and two (2) independent external members

This initiative forms part of recent Western Australian State Government legislative reforms, which require all local governments to establish an independent ARIC by 30 June 2026.

The ARIC supports the Shire in fulfilling its responsibilities for oversight in areas such as financial audit, risk management and continuous improvement, in compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

Positions Available

The Shire is seeking to appoint:

- Independent Presiding Member (Chair).
- Independent Deputy Presiding Member.

About the Successful Candidate

We encourage applications from professionals with experience in:

- Financial reporting and compliance,
- Audit and assurance,
- Principles of good organisational governance, and
- Risk management and internal control principles.

Additional desirable skills and experience include

- Knowledge of the local government sector or public sector administration,
- Analytical skills to assess complex information,
- Familiarity with meeting procedures and strong leadership skills to guide effective committee discussions,
- Awareness of emerging risks such as cyber security, cyber fraud, phishing scams etc.

Key Information

- Appointments are offered on a **two-year term** or until the next ordinary local government election.
- The Committee meets twice per year.

To be classed as an Independent Member, **applicants must meet these criteria:**

- a) Must not be employed by the Shire of Wandering.
- b) Must not be an Elected Member of the Shire of Wandering or any other local government authority; and
- c) Must not be related to any person in categories a) or b).

What We Offer

The role includes remuneration aligned with determinations by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal for Band 4 local governments. The Council has adopted meeting fees at **\$120 per hour**, with an additional **travel allowance of \$100 per hour**, capped at a **maximum**

of \$320 per meeting, inclusive of meeting and travel time.

How to Apply

Applications should submit a recent CV and a cover letter (no more than three pages) demonstrating experience in the key areas listed above. Applications should be marked 'Private & Confidential - Independent Members for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee' in the subject heading and be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer via email to ceo@wandering.wa.gov.au.

Application Deadline: Submissions close at **4:30 PM AWST, Thursday 28th May 2026.**

Should you require further information or clarification on the above, contact Dr. Alistair Pinto, Chief Executive Officer via email ceo@wandering.wa.gov.au or telephone 6828 1800.

Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify the applicant