

THE RIDDOCH



ARTS & CULTURAL TRUST - *Board Member Prospectus*

THE RIDDOCH ART GALLERY - A BRIEF HISTORY

The Riddoch Art Gallery has a history in Mount Gambier dating back to the 1880's when John Riddoch donated 1,000 pounds to build a second storey on the Institute building on Commercial Street to house an art gallery and museum.

The Riddoch Art Collections and management have gone through various governance and ownership arrangements whilst the Riddoch Art Gallery building has remained consistently owned by the City of Mount Gambier, undergoing extensive refurbishment in 2010/2011 to make it the only A Grade art gallery in regional South Australia.

In 2016 the City of Mount Gambier secured ownership of the Riddoch Art Collections and assumed the full management of the Riddoch Art Gallery as a business unit of Council.

Over the past 7 years the City of Mount Gambier has refined its activities in the arts and cultural space and at the Council meeting on 18 August 2020 resolved to establish the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust (an incorporated body) and to rebrand the Council's operations of the Riddoch Art Gallery and surrounding facilities as the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre.

RIDDOCH ARTS AND CULTURAL TRUST

The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Trust was incorporated on 19 August 2021. The establishment of the Trust will enable Deductible Gift Recipient status to be obtained for the benefit of deductible gifts and donations to support the Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre gallery and collection.

A key purpose of the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre and associated Trust is to promote the arts and culture of the Limestone Coast region of South Australia to National and International audiences.

The City of Mount Gambier is seeking suitably qualified and/or experienced individuals to contribute to the next chapter of a skills based Board, to work collaboratively with the City of Mount Gambier to contribute to the advancement of a regional art and culture centre.

A copy of the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust Constitution is to be provided with this prospectus.

OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Under the provisions of the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust it is intended that the Trust will promote and support the Riddoch Art Gallery and Collections, in collaboration with the City of Mount Gambier.

The ownership of the Riddoch Art Collection, in its current form, will remain with the City of Mount Gambier whilst being managed by the City. It is anticipated that the Trust will accumulate its own collection to be managed under service arrangements in the future.

Whilst independent, the Trust is established by the City of Mount Gambier as its sole Member, including appropriate mechanisms to enable oversight without interfering in ordinary operational matters. The Trust will, at least in its establishing years, be reliant on the use of Council resources for its operations, which are to be determined annually by way of a joint annual business plan and budget for promotion and support of the Riddoch Art Gallery and Riddoch Art Collections.

Board Members will be appointed by the City of Mount Gambier at a General Meeting of the Association, or by resolution of Council.

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BOARD MEMBERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The affairs of the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust will be governed exclusively by the Board whilst providing strategic direction for the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre, including for collection and gallery content and policy direction.

The Board will comprise between three and five Members, of which one may be an elected Council Member, and will be supported by a maximum of three (non-voting) Board Observers including the Riddoch Art Gallery Director employed by the City of Mount Gambier.

In promoting the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre to a broader audience and contributing toward regional tourism and economic prosperity it is anticipated that Board Members will work collaboratively together, with the City of Mount Gambier, and with other regional bodies and businesses (including other regions) to identify and leverage opportunities for the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust and Centre.

BOARD MEMBER DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTER TRAITS

The City of Mount Gambier is seeking to appoint a skills based Board for the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust, with eligibility comprising the following:

- over 18 years of age and otherwise qualified to hold office in accordance with the Act and the ACNC Act;
- has obtained all current criminal screenings and background clearances in line with relevant state and national laws having regard to the operations of the Association at the relevant time;
- has consented in writing to being a Board Member; and
- is not an employee of the City of Mount Gambier.

Further, appointment of Board Members will be based upon:

- at least one Board Member with experience and skills relevant to a position of company director and/or company secretary.
- at least one Board Member with an appropriate national or international profile in the arts and/or cultural fields.
- no more than 1 Board Member who is an Elected Member of the City of Mount Gambier; and
- no more than 2 Board Members who are Field Experts and who do not otherwise come under this clause.

BOARD OPERATIONS

As a new Association and Board, the operations of the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Trust are still being established, with assistance from the appointed Board Observers and other resources (as applicable) of the City of Mount Gambier.

Board Members will be entitled to re-imbursement of properly incurred travel and other expenses in connection with the business of the Association.

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