



Expression of Interest

Independent Chair – Audit and Risk Committee

Renmark Paringa Council | Berri Barmera Council | Loxton Waikerie Council

Four-Year Term Appointment

Renmark Paringa Council, Berri Barmera Council and Loxton Waikerie Council are seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and experienced professionals for appointment as the Independent Chair of each Council's Audit and Risk Committee for a four-year term.

The Councils are recruiting collaboratively through the G3 Alliance and are seeking a suitably qualified individual with the expertise, independence and leadership capability to chair the Audit and Risk Committee of each participating Council.

This role provides an opportunity to support good governance, financial stewardship, risk management and continuous improvement across local government in the Riverland region.

About the Role

The Independent Chair will lead each Council's Audit and Risk Committee and provide independent oversight, guidance and strategic advice to elected members, chief executive officers and senior management.

The Audit and Risk Committees assist Councils in fulfilling their responsibilities relating to:

- Governance and accountability
- Financial reporting and financial sustainability
- Risk management frameworks and practices
- Internal controls and assurance activities
- Internal and external audit
- Legislative and policy compliance
- Fraud and corruption prevention
- Business continuity and organisational resilience
- Continuous improvement and organisational performance



The Chair is responsible for facilitating effective committee meetings, encouraging constructive discussion, and ensuring the committee provides objective and independent advice to Council.

Time Commitment

The expected commitment is approximately 6–12 hours per quarter, including:

- Preparation for meetings
- Attendance at Audit and Risk Committee meetings
- Review of reports and supporting documentation
- Follow-up actions arising from committee meetings

Additional special meetings may be required from time to time, including meetings relating to annual financial statements, audit matters or significant organisational risks.

Meetings may be attended in person or via electronic means where approved by Council.

Remuneration

The successful applicant will receive an individual sitting fee from each participating Council for committee meetings attended.

The sitting fee will cover meeting preparation, attendance and associated committee responsibilities. As of 2026/27 this fee is currently \$1,200 plus superannuation.

Reasonable travel expenses may be reimbursed in accordance with the relevant Council's policies.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate:

Essential

- Significant experience in governance, audit, accounting, finance, risk management, legal practice, public administration or executive leadership.
- Demonstrated experience chairing boards, committees, audit committees, risk committees or similar governance bodies.
- Strong understanding of governance, accountability and assurance frameworks.
- Advanced financial literacy, including the ability to understand financial statements, audit reports and financial risk.



- Experience in strategic risk management and internal control environments.
- Well-developed communication, facilitation and stakeholder engagement skills.
- High standards of integrity and professionalism.
- Capacity to satisfy all independence requirements and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Desirable

- Local government experience.
- Public sector governance experience.
- Professional membership with CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Governance Institute of Australia, Institute of Internal Auditors, Risk Management Institute of Australasia or a similar professional body.

Applications

Applicants should submit:

- A cover letter outlining their suitability for the role.
- A current curriculum vitae.
- Details of relevant qualifications and professional memberships.
- A statement addressing the selection criteria.
- Disclosure of any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest.

A copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference can be obtained from the participating Councils.

For further information, please contact:

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Applications close: 6th September 2026