**ELECTION CAMPAIGN DONATION RETURN FORM**

This form is to be used for the purposes of meeting the requirements of section 306(2)(a) of the Act and Division 5, section 46 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020.

You must declare any gifts received during the donation period by or on behalf of a candidate to be used for or in connection with the election campaign, the amount or value of which is equal to or exceeds the gift disclosure threshold. Under section 3 of the Local Government Act, the gift disclosure threshold means $500.

Under section 3 Definitions of the Local Government Act 2020, the definition of the donation period means the period commencing on whichever is the later of:

1. 30 days after the last general election for the Council; or
2. 30 days after the last election for the Council at which the person required to give the election campaign donation return was a candidate; and
3. ending 30 days after election day in the current election for the Council; election.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NO LATER THAN 40 DAYS FROM ELECTION DAY**

**Election Details:**  Name of Council: STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNICL

Name of Ward: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Details:** Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Details of Each Gift Received During the Donation Period:**

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| **Full Name of Donor** | **Address of Donor** | **Date of Gift** | **Description or Form of Gift** | **Value of Gift ($)** |
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Should you require more space to list donations, please add additional pages of this table and number the pages sequentially.

**Candidate Declaration:**

**I, …………………………………………………………………………………., declare that, as required by section 306(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 46 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020:**

**(i) this election campaign donation return is a complete record of all gifts required to be disclosed; and**

**(ii) the details provided in this election campaign donation return are a true and accurate record.**

**Signature: ………………………………………………………….. Date: ………………………………..**

**NOTES:**

Under section 46(e)(iii) of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 the following information must be provided on this form if the gift was in the form of money:

(A) the exact value of the gift; and

(B) the form in which the gift was given.

Under section 46(e)(iv) of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 the following information must be provided on this form if the gift was in the form of goods or services:

(A) a description of the gift; and

(B) the estimated market value of the gift.

Under section 206(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 a candidate is not required to specify the prescribed details of an amount in a return if:

1. the amount was a gift made in a private capacity to the candidate for the candidate's personal use; and
2. the candidate has not used, and will not use, the gift solely or substantially for a purpose related to the election.

Under section 206(4) of the Local Government Act 2020 a gift made by a person includes a reference to a gift made on behalf of the members of an unincorporated association.

Under section 306(5) of the Local Government Act 2020, two or more gifts made by the same person to or for the benefit of a candidate are to be taken to be one donation.

Under section 306(8) of the Local Government Act 2020, if no details are required to be included in a return under this section in respect of a candidate, the return:

(a) must be given; and

(b) must include a statement to the effect that no gifts of a kind required to be disclosed were received.

To ensure you comply with the Local Government Act 2020 and Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2020 please use the following links to review the legislation:

<https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-04/20-9aa003%20authorised_0.pdf>

<https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-09/20-72sra002%20authorised.pdf>