Board of Directors – Nomination Form

**Background**

On 1st of July 2015 the Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association (MRBTA) was created with the merger of the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association (AMRTA) and the Geographe Bay Tourism Association (GBTA).

As per the MRBTA constitution, the affairs of the association have been managed during the initial Transitional Period by a Transitional Board, consisting of 9 Transitional Board Members. Rules 10D and 10F of the constitution state that four members of the Transitional Board will retire on, or before, the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM), with replacement Board Members to be elected or appointed in accordance with Rule 11.

As such, four vacancies on the MRBTA Board of Directors will be declared at the 2016 AGM, and we are therefore inviting nominations for people interested in joining our Board of Directors.

**Who can be nominated?**

To be eligible for nomination, a person must have been a financial member of MRBTA for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election. There is no limit to the number of times a Financial Member may be elected.

The Board has also identified a variety of skills and personal attributes aligned to Association’s stage of development and strategic direction that would be highly regarded amongst potential candidates. This criteria is outlined on the following pages, and should be addressed in the nominee’s credentials statement.

**How do I nominate?**

Nominations must be made using this form. The form must be signed by both the nominator, who must be a financial member, as well as the nominee who must consent to the nomination.

A Nominee Credentials Statement must also be completed and submitted electronically, along with a recent photograph of the nominee.

The Nominee and the Nominator can be the same person. Nominations must be received by *4.30pm on Tuesday 19th of July 2016*

**What happens next?**

If the number of nominations received is the same or less than the number of vacancies, the members nominated will be declared as duly elected members of the Board at the AGM.

If the number of nominations received is greater than the number of vacancies, a postal ballot will be conducted with the result declared at the AGM. Those nominees that receive the simple majority of votes will be duly elected and results will be verified by Auditors present at the AGM.

Please note, the term of a Board Member is 2 years, and the *AGM will be held on Tuesday 16th of August, 2016*

Nomination Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wish to nominate
 ***Nominator Name Nominator Business Name***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 ***Nominee Name Nominee Business Name***

for a vacancy on the Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association Board of Directors

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| *Nominator Signature* |  | *Nominee Signature* |

**Checklist**

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|  | Nomination Form signed by Nominator |
|  | Nomination formed signed by Nominee |
|  | Nominee Credentials Statement attached |
|  | Photograph of Nominee Attached |

**Notes**

1. Nominations close at 4.30pm on Tuesday 19th of July 2016
2. Nominations can be received by fax, email, mail or in person and should be addressed to the Public Officer

Fax: 9757 3287 Email secretary@margaretriver.com Mail/In Person: 100 Bussell Highway, Margaret River WA 6285

1. The nominee must be a financial member of MRBTA for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the election
2. The nominee and the nominator can be the same person
3. Nominees are required to submit a brief 300 word Nominee Credentials Statement and a recent photograph with this form
4. The term of a Board Member is 2 years
5. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 16th of August, 2016
6. Should you be elected to the MRBTA Board of Directors, you will be required to provide a Certificate of Police Clearance.

**Office Use Only – Certificate of Receipt**

I certify that the nomination form was received at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(time) on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date) and the nominee has been a financial member of MRBTA for at least 12 months

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 *Pip Close, Public Officer*

**Nominee Credentials Statement**

Each candidate must provide a Nominee Credentials Statement with the completed Nomination Form. If a candidate does not provide a profile, then the nomination will not be accepted.

The Nominee Credentials Statement should outline why the nominee believes they are suitable for election to the Board and may address the criteria considered to be desirable in the attached skills and attribute matrix. Nominee Credentials Statements will be forwarded to all members with postal ballots should an election be required.

**Format and Content**

* Candidates should outline their expertise and the attributes they will bring to the Board.
* Must be confined to information concerning the candidate and their interest and suitability for appointment
* A4 format, maximum of 300 words in Georgia size 10 font excluding the candidate’s name
* To be provided electronically by email in a Microsoft Word document that has been spell checked and word counted.
* Must include a recent (i.e. less than one year old) colour photograph of the candidate only, submitted electronically by email as a scanned jpegs (.jpg) at a minimum of 300 dpi.
* Hard copy photos will also be accepted, and will be scanned and cropped at the discretion of the Public Officer. Please note, photos will not be returned to candidates

**Please note**

* If the Public Officer is not satisfied that Nominee Credentials Statement complies with the Rules as outlined above, the Statement will be returned to the nominee with an explanation outlining the reasons for its return.
* A nominee fails to provide a Nominee Credentials Statement, if the nominee:
	+ Fails to submit an amended Nominee Credentials Statement within the reasonable time specified by the Public Officer, or
	+ Submits an amended Nominee Credentials Statement that, in the opinion of the Public Officer, does not comply with the requirements.
* The nominee will be given reasonable time to submit an amended Nominee Credentials Statement
* The Public Officer is not required to verify or investigate any information included in a Nominee Credentials Statement. Credentials Statements will be checked for accuracy regarding any information about MRBTA.
* The Public Officer takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the content but may suggest corrections to spelling or grammar where appropriate.
* A disclaimer concerning the accuracy of the information contained in the Nominee Credentials Statement will be published with the profiles.
* Should you be elected to the MRBTA Board of Directors, you will be required to provide a Certificate of Police Clearance.

**Queries**

Any queries regarding the content, format, or method of submitting a Nominee Credentials Statement must be directed to the Public Officer prior to submitting the nomination.

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Nominee Credential Statement

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| **Name: *Position:Business Name:*** | Photo |

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| <insert content here> |

Board Member – Desirable Skills and Attributes

Collective Skills

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| **Skill area** | **Description** | **E (Essential)****D (Desirable)****A (Accessible)** |
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| **Strategy** | Ability to think strategically and identify and critically assess strategic opportunities and threats and develop effective strategies in the context of the strategic objectives of MRBTA, Regional Tourism as well as State and National Tourism policies and priorities. |  **E** |
| **Policy development** | Ability to identify key issues and opportunities for Local Tourism Organisations within the Western Australian Tourism Industry, and guide the development of appropriate policies to define the parameters within which the Association should operate. | **E** |
| **Risk and compliance oversight** | Ability to identify key risks to the Association in a wide range of areas including legal and regulatory compliance, and monitor risk and compliance management frameworks and systems. | **D** |
| **Financial performance** | Qualifications and or business owner experience in accounting and/or business finance and the ability to:* analyse key financial statements
* critically assess financial viability and performance
* contribute to strategic financial planning
* oversee budgets and the efficient use of resources

oversee funding arrangements and accountability | **D & A** |
| **Information technology strategy and governance** | Knowledge and experience in the strategic use and governance of information management and information technology, particularly in the context of social media, the collection of tourism data, and including personal information privacy and security risk management. | **D & A** |
| **Executive management** | Experience at an executive level including the ability to:* appoint and evaluate the performance of the CEO and senior executive managers
* oversee strategic human resource management including workforce planning, and employee and industrial relations
* oversee large scale Association change.
 | **D** |
| **Commercial experience** | A broad range of commercial/business experience, preferably in the small to medium enterprise context, in areas including communications, marketing, branding and business systems, practices and improvement. | **E** |
| **Legal** | Ability to assume a directors’ responsibility involving the skilled oversight of compliance with numerous laws as well as possessing understanding an individual director’s legal duties and responsibilities | **E** |
| **Prior Industry Board Experience** | Board members should have well regarded prior or current board member experience and have completed formal training in governance and risk | **D** |
| **Tourism Related Experience**  | Knowledge and experience in tourism or related industries. | **E** |
| **Political****Stakeholders** | Understanding of the political environment and how to establish effective relationships with government (state and local) and opposition parties | **D** |

*\* Accessible refers to the Board’s ability to seek further external independent advice and expertise*

Industry Skills

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| **Skill area** | **Description** | **E (Essential)****D (Desirable)****A (Accessible)** |
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| **Ownership or****Business Interest** | Ownership or business interest in tourism related businesses or organisations in the LTO area(NB: MRBTA will also consider whether it is feasible and appropriate to have Board representation from Local Government or Tourism Related Bodies) | **E** |
| **Local tourism policy, planning and delivery** | Knowledge, experience and networks in tourism including tourism policy, community tourism and well-being, tourism industry needs assessment, social determinants of tourism, tourism planning, resource allocation and service delivery. | **E** |
| **Tourist destination governance** | Knowledge and experience in destination governance, sustainability, safety and quality standards of service delivery in tourism, and associated performance measurement and reporting. | **D** |
| **Community and stakeholder engagement \*** | High level reputation and networks in the local community including with tourism industry and community members (consumers) and related Associations as well as local government officials, and the ability to effectively engage and communicate with those stakeholders. | **E** |

**Sector Representation**

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| **Skill area** | **Description** | **E (Essential)****D (Desirable)****A (Accessible)** |
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| **Accommodation** | Encompassing Resorts, Hotels, B & B, Caravan and Camping Parks |  **D** |
| **Wineries** | Encompassing Wineries | **D** |
| **Food & Beverage** | Encompassing Restaurants, Cafes, Breweries, Primary Producers with Retail | **D** |
| **Arts & Wellbeing** | Encompassing all creative arts industries and health and wellbeing businesses | **D** |
| **Active & Adventure** | Encompassing all outdoor experience operators | **D** |
| **Retail** | Encompassing all non-produce retailers and market operators | **D** |
| **Tourism Bloggers** | Encompassing professional social media bloggers related to the SW Tourism industry | **D** |
| **Tourism Organisation** | Encompassing other Tourism bodies, Associations or Industry Affiliations | **D** |

Personal Attributes

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| **Attribute** | **Description** |
| **Integrity (ethics)** | A commitment to:* understanding and fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of a Board member, and maintaining knowledge in this regard through professional development
* putting the Associations’ interests before any personal interests
* being transparent and declaring any activities or conduct that might be a potential conflict
* maintaining Board confidentiality.
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| **Effective listener & communicator** | The ability to:* listen to, and constructively and appropriately debate, other people’s viewpoints
* develop and deliver cogent arguments
* communicate effectively with a broad range of stakeholders.
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| **Constructive questioner** | The preparedness to ask questions and challenge management and peer Board members in a constructive and appropriate way |
| **Contributor and team player** | The ability to work as part of a team, and demonstrate the passion and time to make a genuine and active contribution to the Board and the Association |
| **Commitment** | A visible commitment to the purpose for which the Association has been established and operates, and its on-going success |
| **Influencer & negotiator** | The ability to negotiate outcomes and influence others to agree with those outcomes, including an ability to gain stakeholder support for the Board’s decisions |
| **Critical & innovative thinker** | The ability to critically analyse complex and detailed information, readily distill key issues, and develop innovative approaches and solutions to problems |
| **Leader** | Innate leadership skills including the ability to:* appropriately represent the Association
* set appropriate Board and Association culture
* make and take responsibility for decisions and actions.
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| **Gender** | Relatively equal gender representation should be sought for the Board to reflect gender diversity in the local community and given that gender diversity has been positively correlated with performance. |
| **Geographic and cultural diversity** | Local Tourism Organisations are designed to have a strong link to their local community and respond effectively to local needs. Therefore, the Board should ideally have equitable local representation from the geographical spread of the region.Where possible, cultural diversity on the Board should be reflective of the cultural diversity in the local community, for example, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation. |
| **Age** | Some age diversity should be sought among Board members to bring different generational perspectives to the Board’s deliberations. |
| **Previous Board experience** | The Board should collectively comprise Board members who demonstrate competence and experience at Board level and/or who have completed formal training in Board membership/governance. |