Pirie Voices Steering Committee Information Pack

1. Background
Pirie Voices is a community-driven initiative established to strengthen local voice, participation and leadership across the Port Pirie district. Over the past year Pirie Voices has engaged more than one thousand residents, revealing a community eager for deeper involvement in shaping its future. Port Pirie has long experienced fragmented consultation, siloed decision-making and limited influence over programs and services affecting daily life. Pirie Voices aims to change this by providing a trusted, ongoing mechanism for listening, dialogue and shared action.

The next stage of development focuses on transitioning Pirie Voices from a service-led leadership group to a community-led governance model. The Steering Committee will guide this transition, ensuring community perspectives remain central while partners from government, industry and services shift into supporting and technical roles. Comprising between 5-9 members, the committee will help build a shared vision for Port Pirie's future, strengthen local leadership, and act as a broker between community voices and decision-makers.

2. Purpose of the Steering Committee
The Steering Committee will:

- Provide strategic guidance for the evolution of Pirie Voices into a community-led governance body.
- Champion meaningful community participation and ensure local perspectives shape priorities, decisions and advocacy.
- Support deeper, deliberative engagement processes and help coordinate delivery partners around shared goals.
- Strengthen community capacity, leadership and confidence in representing local needs and aspirations.
- Uphold Pirie Voices' values of inclusion, transparency, respect and shared responsibility.

3. Selection Criteria
Community members appointed to the Steering Committee should demonstrate:

- Commitment to community voice – A strong belief in the importance of local perspectives in decision-making and a willingness to advocate for meaningful engagement.
- Connection to and across Port Pirie – Lived experience, professional or community involvement and a demonstrated understanding of local strengths, challenges and aspirations.
- Collaborative mindset – Ability to work constructively with others, listen deeply, find common ground and contribute to shared outcomes.
- Integrity and respect – A reputation for fairness, openness and respectful communication across diverse groups.
- Leadership potential – Interest in developing skills, stepping into community leadership roles and supporting others to do the same.
- Availability – Capacity to contribute approximately 3-5 hours per month to pre-read committee reports, attend monthly meetings, participate in discussions and contribute to ongoing work of the committee.

Desirable attributes:

- Experience in community development, board and committee governance, advocacy, volunteering or local initiatives.
- Understanding of local services, economic or policy environments.
- Ability to reflect the perspectives of groups whose voices are often under-represented.

4. Nomination Process
Community members may nominate themselves or be nominated by others. All nominations will be reviewed by a selection panel comprising representatives from Pirie Voices and partner organisations. Shortlisted nominees may be invited to a conversation to discuss their interest and suitability.

Applications must include a completed nomination form and CV, emailed to **hello@pirievoices.com.**
Closing date for nominations is: **5pm on 20th January 2027.**

5. Further Information
For further information about the nomination process or Pirie Voices please contact Anita Kuss, Pirie Voices Strategic Lead on: 0427 609 404.

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Shaping our future, together

Nomination Form
Pirie Voices Steering Committee

Personal Details

Full Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:

Demographic Diversity Please provide the following information to help us fully represent the community on the steering committee:

Age:	Under 20	21-40	41-60	Over 60
Gender:	M	F	X	Prefer not to say
Cultural Background:	Born in Australia	New migrant	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage	Other
Occupation:	Employed	Business Owner	Unemployed	Retired

Connection to Port Pirie Please briefly describe your connection to the community (e.g., how long you've lived here, involvement in local groups, personal or family ties):

Why You Want to Be Involved What motivates you to join the Pirie Voices Steering Committee? What strengths or perspectives would you bring?

Experience Please outline any relevant experience (eg board and committee experience, relevant qualifications, business and professional experience, community involvement, advocacy, leadership, participation in local initiatives):

Representation Are there particular groups, communities or perspectives you feel you can represent or bring forward?

Availability Please outline your time availability and any limitations you face to prepare for and attend monthly committee meetings and participate in Pirie Voices activities?

Referee Please provide contact details for at least one referee who is known to you either professionally or personally.

Name:

Relationship:

Contact Phone:

Declaration I declare that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date:

Please forward your completed nomination form and current CV to Pirie Voices at:
***hello@pirievoices.com* by 5pm, 20 January 2027**