
Request for MC for International Women's Day event

Responsible Officer: Group Manager People and Performance (Helen McNeil)

Recommendation

That Council approve one councillor to be the MC for the International Women's Day event.

Background

In honour of International Women's Day (IWD), Rous County Council is hosting a private event at Invercauld House on 12 March 2024 with Rabia Saddique as the keynote speaker.

Rabia will provide a 45-minute presentation followed by a Q+A session with a small number of panellists associated with Rous. Attendees will be Rous staff and, if any seats are available, staff from constituent councils.

Rabia is a retired British army officer, criminal and human rights lawyer, and former terrorism and war crimes prosecutor. The theme Rabia will focus on is *'the power we have to overcome adversity when we call upon our resilience, and the capacity we all have to create ripples of positive change – in our lives and in the lives of those around us'*.

Nomination of councillor as Master of Ceremonies (MC)

A Rous councillor is sought to undertake the duties of the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for this IWD event.

The event celebrating International Women's Day (IWD), will run from 9 am to 12 noon and includes morning tea. Invitations will be sent to all councillors for their attendance.

Finance

Not applicable – the MC is a volunteer role.

Legal

Not applicable.

Consultation

This request is being sought by Rous's Communications and Customer Service team, who are leading preparations for the event, and in consultation with the General Manager and Chairperson.

Conclusion

To enable the efficient conduct of Rous's 2024 IWD event, it is recommended that a councillor be approved to act as MC at the event.