



## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: BOARD DIRECTORS**

The Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing & Ideas is current seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for Board of Directors positions (voluntary).

### **ABOUT THE WHEELER CENTRE**

The Wheeler Centre is Melbourne's home for smart, passionate and entertaining public talks.

The Wheeler Centre exists to support writers, readers and thinkers. Through live and digital conversations, debates, readings, performances and discussions, it deepens public engagement with the most pressing topics of the day. It is dedicated to creative collaboration, community engagement, diversity, and innovation.

### **Our Purpose**

The Wheeler Centre exists to honour and amplify the culture of ideas, stories and debate that has existed in Victoria for millennia. We serve writers, storytellers, thinkers, readers, listeners – the diverse ecology of people, communities and cultures that keep ideas alive and evolving.

### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to be a globally renowned home for storytelling and ideas that is sought after and celebrated by writers, readers, speakers, listeners and decision-makers.

### **Our Mission**

To connect, support and promote Victoria's unique culture of writing, storytelling and ideas. We seek to open up writing, reading, storytelling and inclusive public discussion to everyone, everywhere and in doing this, we also elevate Melbourne's status as Australia's original UNESCO City of Literature.

### **Our Structure**

The Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing & Ideas is **an independent, not-for-profit charity company limited by guarantee**, registered at the Federal level with the [Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission](#) (ACNC). We are also one of the Victorian Government's [public cultural institutions](#).

More information is available about The Wheeler Centre at our [website](#).

### **About the role**

The Wheeler Centre Board is responsible for governance of the Centre, to ensure that it operates successfully and in an ethical and financially sound manner in accordance with its Constitution and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The Board meets six times a year and board members are each required to participate in at least one sub-committee.

If appointed to the Board, Directors will be expected to adhere to the Victorian Public Sector Commission [Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities](#). More information about the expectations for Directors on public entity Boards is available at: <https://www.boards.vic.gov.au/resources-boards>



### **What we're looking for**

As an ideal candidate, you will have a demonstrated interest in books, writing and ideas and be familiar with The Wheeler Centre. You will also demonstrate engagement in creative sector events and activities.

We are currently seeking candidates with strong skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Finance / Accounting / Investment management
- Corporate Governance
- Risk Management
- Lived experience and understanding of diversity

Experience in the following areas would also be seen as advantageous:

- Audience/customer acquisition and retention
- Philanthropy

You can read more about our current board members and team at our [website](#).

### **How to apply**

Interested applicants should submit an Expression-of-Interest including a one-page cover letter and a resume to [board@wheelercentre.com](mailto:board@wheelercentre.com)

Applicants are also required to register interest in joining a Victorian Government Creative Industries Board at the following link: <https://www.boards.vic.gov.au/search-board-vacancies/expressions-interest-creative-industries-boards-vgb/vcib2024>

**The deadline for both submissions is 31 August 2024.**