



Western Australian Association for Mental Health

Seeking expressions of interest: Casual vacancy on the Board of Directors

The Western Australian Association for Mental Health's Board of Directors is inviting expressions of interest from within the association's membership, to fill a casual vacancy on the board. The board is seeking candidates who have skills and experience in government relations, public affairs and/or crisis management.

As a member of the board, you will have the opportunity to draw on your specialist skills and experience to play an integral role in the strategic direction and governance of a longstanding peak body, which is shaping mental health policy and practice in Western Australia and nationally. You will work as part of a unique peak body board that brings together the collective skills of lived experience and professional mental health expertise.

This is an important time for the association, as it embarks on a revitalisation of its brand and advocacy, and commemorates its 60th anniversary in 2026. You will play a key role in supporting the board and executive team, to ensure the approach to advocacy is both effective and aligned with the organisation's values of courage, inclusion, integrity, respect and self-determination.

You will also support the association to boost its national profile as the centre of excellence for a unique and innovative approach to addressing mental health challenges through supported employment.

The association's work

As WA's peak body for community mental health, the association is working to create a fairer, more equitable mental health system that provides all Western Australians with the resources and support they need – when and where they need it – to recover from mental health challenges, remain mentally healthy and exercise their citizenship.

The association's work includes:

- representing its members and the needs of the community mental health sector in WA;
- advocating to state and federal government stakeholders for systemic change in WA and nationally;
- providing mental health-related training for the workforce of the sector and those in related sectors;
- facilitating the use of a world-renowned employment program in Australia, which supports people with mental health challenges to find meaningful paid employment; and
- coordinating community and industry events, to promote mental wellbeing and encourage positive attitudes towards mental ill-health.

The Board of Directors

The purpose of the association's board is to oversee the governance, compliance and strategic direction of the association. Board Directors are elected for three-year terms and can complete a maximum of three successive terms.

The association's Board of Directors consists of organisational members from community managed organisations providing mental health services, as well as individuals and family members of individuals, with lived or living experiences of a mental health challenge or suicide.

The vacancy

In this role, the successful candidate will:

- provide advice and support to the CEO in relation to government relations, public affairs and crisis management;
- oversee the affairs of the association, including its governance and strategic direction, ensuring it operates within its regulatory and legislative obligations;
- participate in board meetings throughout the year as well as the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in December; and
- adhere to, and execute duties in accordance with, the [Western Australian Association for Mental Health's Constitution](#) and the [Associations Incorporation Act 2015 \(WA\)](#).

Please note, as Board Directors are officially elected at the association's AGM in December each year, this vacancy is a casual, interim position. At the next AGM, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to apply for a non-casual, three-year term in the role.

Submitting an expression of interest

If you would like to join the association's board, and feel you have suitable skills and experience for this vacancy, you are invited to submit an expression of interest.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed by the board's Governance, Risk and Remuneration Committee. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to meet with committee members before a final recommendation is made to the wider board to fill the casual vacancy.

Please submit your expression of interest (outlining your relevant skills and experience) by email to the association's CEO, Taryn Harvey, no later than 5.00pm on 18 July 2025.

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