

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

The Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) is seeking expressions of interest from candidates with lived or living experience of a mental health challenge as an individual, to fill a casual vacancy on its Board of Directors.

About the opportunity

As a member of the board, you will have the opportunity to play an integral role in the governance and strategic direction 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.

In this role, the successful candidate will:

- provide advice and support to the CEO in relation to governance, compliance and strategic direction, ensuring the association 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 \(WA\)](#).

Requirements of the position

In addition to personal experience of mental health challenges, skills and experience in financial management; training and education design; quality improvement; or public health and mental health promotion are desirable.

Candidates with specific Lived Experience expertise in relation to leadership; workforce and practice transformation; or innovation and continuous improvement will be highly regarded for the position but these are not essential requirements. Further information on Lived Experience governance skills can be found in the [Lived Experience Governance Framework](#).

Please note, as Board Directors are officially elected at the association's AGM, 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. Candidates for this position may be current WAAMH members or be eligible to [become a member of the association](#).

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 and remain mentally healthy.

WAAMH achieves this by:

- representing its members and the needs of the sector in WA;
- advocating 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 and recovery.

The association's Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is unique, in that consists of both 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.

Board Directors are elected for three-year terms at the association's AGMs, for a maximum of three successive terms. In order to be elected to the board, candidates must be a WAAMH member for at least three months, either as an individual or as a representative of an organisation.

Submitting an expression of interest

If you feel you are a suitable and willing candidate for this 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 22 July 2026**.

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.

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