

Independent Member – Governance and Risk Committee

Victorian Local Governance Association

Area of expertise: Governance, Strategy, Audit & Risk, Local Government, Community/Membership Based Organisations

Organisation Type: Non-Government Organisation (NGO)

Remuneration: Sitting Fees/Allowances Paid

The VLGA is an independent organisation that supports councils and councillors in good governance. Operating as a council and councillor support network, we inspire and enable good governance in elected representatives, nurturing their journey from candidacy to end-of-term.

Our vision for good governance in local government across Australia is:

- A diverse and growing network of community leaders elected to local government who are more connected, informed, and capable of providing good governance for the communities they serve
- Communities, economies, and the environment are well governed; people feel they belong, can contribute and thrive
- Ways of working within councils are enhanced and conduct is harmonious and inclusive
- Elected representatives are supported and trusted to make good community-centred and socially, environmentally, and economically responsible decisions
- The VLGA is valued and respected as the go-to place for elected representatives to network, access standards of good governance, be informed about new and emerging issues, and develop their community leadership and engagement capabilities.

The VLGA is continuing its transformation into a trusted, valued, and respected voice of local government and enabler of good governance, validated through recent member and stakeholder surveys and interviews.

Stakeholders are keen to see the VLGA scale up its services, evident by a growing demand from elected officials for support and assistance, along with access to a contemporary knowledge base, leadership and capability building opportunities, and problem-solving networks.

Acutely aware of the current and emerging issues facing local government, the VLGA is well-positioned to partner with the Victorian government, work in concert with its member councils, and collaborate with the MAV and LG Pro to remodel Victoria's local government culture and conduct.

VLGA Governance and Risk Committee (GRC)

The VLGA was originally incorporated as an Association under the Incorporations Association Act (1981) in 1995. A new Constitution was passed by majority in November 2018.

The Governance and Risk Committee is a formally appointed advisory committee of the VLGA Board. The purpose of the GRC is to ensure the long-term viability of the VLGA by ensuring its programs and projects are undertaken with the appropriate level of financial and risk management oversight. The GRC monitors and provides timely and relevant advice to the Board on the VLGA's risk,

governance and financial management processes, reporting, policy and strategy in order to facilitate decision-making by the Board. In addition, the GRC provides oversight to ensure that the VLGA Board fulfils its legal, ethical and functional responsibilities through adequate governance policy review and development, monitoring of Board and GRC activities, and evaluation of Board and GRC performance.

The GRC meets quarterly, or more often as required.

Governance and Risk Committee Independent Member Role

The organisation is seeking to appoint an experienced and appropriately qualified professional as an independent member of its Governance and Risk Committee.

The GRC consists of: VLGA President, Treasurer, Vice President, up to two sitting VLGA Non-Executive Directors, two Independent Members and the Company Secretary/CEO or their delegate. Members of the VLGA Board are able to attend the meetings of the GRC as observers.

Applicants should submit their resume and address the key selection criteria and qualifications below:

Key Selection Criteria

1. Level and breadth of senior governance, risk management, organisational performance and/or business transformation experience;
2. Knowledge or experience in the not for profit sector and experience in management at an executive level;
3. A thorough understanding and acceptance of the principles of good corporate governance in the context of a member based, not for profit organisation;
4. Knowledge and understanding of financial and performance reporting, and auditing requirements;
5. Board and/or audit and risk committee experience.

Experience and Qualifications

Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
Postgraduate and/or professional qualifications

Sitting fees will apply.

Term

Two years.

Applications

Closing date for applications: midnight, Sunday 12 February 2023

Applications to be addressed to Kathryn Arndt, CEO, VLGA – c/o hr@vlga.org.au

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