

WFNL Board Director - Expression of Interest

The Western Football Netball League (WFNL) plays a vital role in Melbourne's west through fostering community spirit via Australian Rules Football and Netball. We are seeking a skilled and experienced individual to join our Board of Directors. This **independent** governance role is crucial in ensuring the League's strategic direction, financial health, and continued growth.

As we continue our commitment to making a meaningful impact, we are looking for a Board Director with **specific expertise** to enhance our diverse leadership and strategic capabilities.

Key Responsibilities

As a collective, the WFNL Board is responsible for the independent governance of the League, including:

- **Strategic Oversight:** Reviewing, developing, and approving the League's Strategic Plan and Annual Operating Plan to ensure alignment with our mission and vision. WFNL Strategic Plan can be found here.
- **Financial Stewardship:** Adopting the WFNL's annual budget and diligently monitoring financial performance and management.
- **Risk Management & Compliance:** Developing and overseeing robust risk management practices and ensuring full compliance with all legal and legislative obligations.
- **Organisational Leadership:** Providing clear leadership and direction for the League, fostering a culture of accountability and excellence.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Ensuring the League remains responsive and accountable to its clubs, players, officials, sponsors, volunteers and broader stakeholders including sporting governing bodies, state/local governments etc.
- **Operational Monitoring:** Continuously monitoring the operating environment to identify and respond to both risks and opportunities.

Time Commitment

The WFNL Board comprises up to nine (9) dedicated Board Members.

- Board meetings are held monthly, and attendance (in-person or virtually) is expected.
- Occasionally, attendance at additional meetings, events, or strategic workshops may be required.
- This is a **voluntary (unpaid) position**, reflecting a commitment to community sport.



Desired Attributes

We are committed to building a diverse and skilled Board that can effectively discharge its responsibilities. While a passion for the success of the WFNL is paramount, we are particularly interested in candidates who possess expertise in **one or more** of the following areas relevant to community sport:

- **Strategic Acumen:** Ability to guide, review, and critically analyse strategic initiatives and organisational data.
- **Financial Management:** Strong comprehension of financial reports, budgeting, and financial oversight.
- Governance & Legal: Expertise in ensuring compliance with governing rules, applicable laws, policies, and codes of practice.
- **Governmental Relations:** Experience in advocating to Local and State Government bodies and/or leadership of Government engagement activities.
- **People & Culture:** Ability to provide strategic insights on human resources, organisational development, and fostering positive workplace relationships.
- **Risk Management:** Proven ability to identify, assess, and implement strategies for mitigating major organisational risks.
- **Business Development:** Capacity to identify and set strategies for building diverse revenue streams beyond membership fees.
- Marketing & Branding: Expertise in developing and executing marketing and branding strategies to enhance the League's profile and partnerships.

Candidates should demonstrate **knowledge of and commitment to community sport**, embracing its diversity and inclusiveness. Every Board Member is bound by the WFNL's Code of Conduct and must undertake their duties in line with statutory obligations.

Ready to make a difference in Western Melbourne's sporting community?

We encourage you to express your interest if you have the skills and passion to contribute to the strategic leadership of the Western Football Netball League.

How to Apply: To express your interest, please submit the following:

• A brief letter highlighting your skills and experience aligned with the requested attributes above and a current resume stating your professional experience.

Submit your application and direct any inquiries to president@wfnl.com.au

Applications close on 14 October 2025.