POSITION DESCRIPTION

APPOINTED DIRECTOR

SPORTS ENVIRONMENT ALLIANCE

ABOUT SEA

Sports Environment Alliance (SEA) was established in 2015 to do more {for the world} with less {footprint} so people can continue to have places to play.

SEA leads the sport industry's engagement with the circular economy through education and inspiration for a more sustainable and regenerative Australasia.

SEA is one of three alliances in the world (UK, North America, Australasia) which are leading the growing movement for environmental sustainability in, by and through sport.

SEA counts some of Australia's leading sporting organisations as members, with membership growing annually.

SEA’s profile and environmental credentials are highly valued with an engaged and action orientated member and partner community.

SEA connects its members to the global network of others doing great work; we value partnerships and have a loyal group of Ambassadors who promote our purpose and influence their followers to take action.

SEA is building on its spectacular success of its first 5 years to grow membership, partners and sponsors in order to effect change at all levels in sport and across the sporting community.

Since the UN Sport for Climate Action Framework was released in 2018, we have seen a growing number of Australian signatories and more attention directed towards working collaboratively to make positive change.

The urgency has since increased with the release of the IPCC’s latest report (August 2021) which is both a warning and an opportunity to galvanise a response to guarantee the future.

OUR PURPOSE

The Sports Environment Alliance is established to be a charity with a purpose of protecting and enhancing the natural environment of Australasia by promoting sustainability, sustainable development, regeneration and use of resources by:

- Educating the general public through mass engaging cultural levers, namely, the sport community and industry.
- Encouraging climate action through mitigation and adaptation; sharing resources and undertaking related projects & programs.
- Engaging all communities in the ideals, values, and vision of our charity organisation to protect our clean future through present action.
SEA is looking for an experienced Non-Executive Director with financial experience and qualifications to join the board as Treasurer. The applicant should be passionate about the environment, and support SEA's purpose as it works to make a difference across the sports industry.

The new Director will be appointed to work with an established board, CEO and small management team, who are committed to delivering continued growth. Being a voluntary role, we are seeking a director willing to, and with the time, to take a leadership role working closely with the CEO in relation to SEA’s financial operations and audit requirements.

Bi-monthly Board meetings are run from Melbourne, with a mix of virtual and face-to-face which run for approximately 2 – 3 hours; additional meetings may be held when necessary.

There is an expectation that Directors will actively engage in a committee and attend SEA member events and functions to build member and stakeholder engagement.

This appointed position is for a 2 year term. Further terms are at the discretion of the Board.

ABOUT THE ROLE

SEA is seeking expressions of interest from people who have the following qualities, knowledge and experience. Please ensure you address all of the criteria below in your written submission:

GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE (ESSENTIAL)
Demonstrated experience and understanding of good governance and especially:
- The leadership role of a Board and of its directors.
- The ability to focus on strategic rather than operational issues, and the corresponding ability to distinguish between matters for the Board and matters for management.
- Fiduciary, ethics and integrity acumen.
- The ability to work cooperatively and as part of a team on a Board.
- The requirements to meet the obligations of a Board member including preparation for meetings, contributions out of meeting time and the attendance at SEA events.
- Governance education (AICD member and/or graduate or equivalent).
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES (ESSENTIAL)
A proven background in big picture and strategic thinking ability and capacity with three or more of the following:
- Finance /Accounting qualifications (preferably CPA).
- Financial oversight of financial management, budgeting and operational reporting.
- Identifying and assessing financial impacts in strategic and operational decisions.
- Business experience in unlocking organisation growth.
- Risk management skills and experience.

SPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL UNDERSTANDING (DESIRABLE)
- An understanding of the Australian sports systems, administration and management.
- Experience with member based and not for profit organisations (including charities).
- Care and an interest in the preservation of the natural environment and environmental sustainability.
- Government relations and public policy development / direction.

To express your interest please send a cover note of not more than 2 pages and your CV of no more than 3 pages to applications@sportsenvironmentalliance.org by 6pm on 31st August 2021 AEST.

SCHEDULE

Dates
Interviews planned - early September.
Successful candidates invited to 1:1 with Chair – mid September.
Appointments confirmed late September.

For questions pertaining to the role please email applications@sportsenvironmentalliance.org.

For further information on SEA please visit www.sportsenvironmentalliance.org.

This is an exciting time to be joining SEA and a Board which is passionate about empowering sport to do more {for the world} with less {footprint} so we can continue to have places to play.