

Board Member for Barwon Community Legal Service (voluntary)

The Organisation

BCLS is an independent not-for-profit community-based organisation, serving the local government areas of City of Greater Geelong, Borough of Queenscliff, Surfcoast Shire, Colac Otway Shire and some regions of Golden Plains Shire since 1986. The service is an incorporated association governed by an independent Board of Directors and receives funding from a number of sources to deliver services across a range of program areas.

Services currently offered include legal information, referral, advice, casework, social work and education for members of the local community. Our model of service provision ensures that work undertaken is reviewed for emerging patterns and trends, and that issues requiring structural change or political intervention are identified and addressed through advocacy, community education and social policy initiatives.

BCLS is led by a skills-based Board and is comprised of an Independent Chair, and up to nine other independent Board members.

The Role

Working with your fellow directors and the CEO you will contribute to and oversee the achievement of strategic objectives, whilst remaining accountable for the organization's overall performance. Board appointments are for an initial term of three years. Board Meetings occur approximately every two months and new board members will be expected to join and contribute to Board Committee which meet quarterly.

Skills Required

Candidates must be able to demonstrate leadership, strategic thinking and experience in your particular field at senior level. You must have a commitment to social justice.

Candidates with expertise in the following skills will be highly regarded although these are not essential.

- a) Human Resources; or
- b) Monitoring and Evaluation of projects; or
- c) Communications and Media experience.

You are also expected to bring;

- Understanding of corporate governance principles and financial literacy at senior level
- Alignment with the role of the organisation to drive a reform agenda
- Communication, stakeholder management and negotiation skills
- Capacity to devote time and energy to the role of a board director

How to Apply

Expressions of interest (EOI) of no more than 500 words are invited from candidates wishing to be considered for appointment for a term of 3 years. Please forward your EOI and a resume to CEO@barwoncommunitylegal.org.au