

Position Description

Title:	Director of Board (voluntary)
Term:	3 years with max. of 3 x 3yrs terms
No of meetings:	7 to 8 Board meetings p.a. and strategic involvement

Are you passionate about giving back to the community? Do you have leadership experience and the desire to make a meaningful impact? We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors and help shape the future of South East Community Links (SECL).

SECL imagines a world where everyone is valued, and systems operate fairly. We are on a mission to challenge the status quo and create a society where everyone's contributions are not only recognised but celebrated. We are tearing down those systemic barriers that stand in the way of equal opportunities, especially for migrants, refugees, women and young people. We are taking action to deliver better social and economic outcomes for the people in our diverse communities. We are all about co-creating opportunities where individuals, regardless of their gender, race, sexual orientation, class and ability can unleash their full potential. Diversity is a strength and by embracing it, we can create a vibrant and inclusive community for everyone.

About SECL

For 54 years, we have been working alongside multicultural communities to offer trusted, place-based and people-centered services focused on social and financial inclusion.

We partner with 200+ organisations including governments, communities, and businesses to deliver culturally responsive, coordinated, and effective services to meet clients' needs.

SECL always puts the community at the heart of our work and is dedicated to finding and closing the gaps that affect our communities.

In the past year, we reached 27,577 people and families across our programs and services including:

- 10,821 who needed emergency relief
- 3,881 young people in our Youth Links programs
- 1,000's of people needing support with bills, loans and fines
- 1,000's of people struggling with housing affordability
- 3,300 through community outreach

Below are links to more information on SECL's impact and reach:

[Media Coverage - South East Community Links](#)

[Case Studies - South East Community Links](#)

Position Overview

As a member of the Board of Directors, you will play a key role in guiding the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. This voluntary role is ideal for individuals with expertise in areas such as management, finance, fundraising, legal, marketing, or community development. We are looking for passionate individuals who are eager to contribute their skills and leadership to support the vision of our organisation: 'Every person counts, every system fair'.

Key responsibilities:

- Provide strategic oversight and governance to the organisation
- Participate in 7-8 board meetings and contribute to decision-making processes
- Support the organisation's vision and purpose and advocate for its goals within the community
- Assist with fundraising, networking, and partnership development
- Ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards
- Collaborate with the CEO and fellow board members to drive the organisation's success.

Qualifications and experience:

- Experience in community service, government, corporate sector, philanthropy, non-profit governance, or a related field
- Knowledge of a director's responsibilities
- Lived experience in our program areas is welcome
- Strong leadership, communication, and teamwork skills
- Ability to commit time and energy to monthly meetings and organisational initiatives
- Passion for community development and making a positive social impact.

Why join the SECL board

- Make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we serve
- Collaborate with a diverse and dedicated team of professionals and community leaders
- Be part of a growing organisation with a powerful purpose.

How to apply

Interested candidates should send their resume and a brief cover letter outlining their interest in the position and relevant experience to Peter McNamara, CEO at pmcnamara@secl.org.au.

Applications are due by 7th August 2025.

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Peter on 0437758899.

SECL embraces diversity and equal opportunity. We know that getting this right underpins our organisation's values of inclusion, equality, compassion, dignity, and choice. Our team represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills which reflect the multicultural communities where we work. We strive to be a place-based service where people of all ethnicities feel welcomed to work, volunteer or seek help.