



Expressions of Interest

Director Positions (3)

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL)

Help ensure our ongoing commitment to safeguarding within our Church community

Board Director Opportunities (remunerated) – Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited

At ACSL we support Catholic organisations of all sizes to implement and promote strong safeguarding measures for the people who encounter our Church in their everyday lives. We provide leadership and support to strengthen safeguarding practices across the Catholic Church in Australia. Through the development of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, resources, advice and capacity-building initiatives, ACSL promotes safe environments, accountability, and continuous improvement in safeguarding and professional standards.

Thousands of children, families, individuals, parishes and communities across the Australia are assured that through the work of ACSL, there is an ongoing commitment to help them feel safe, connected and empowered to thrive.

We are currently in a phase of Board renewal and are seeking Expressions of Interest for three exceptional skill-based governance candidates who can help guide our continued growth, impact and sustainability.

Who We Are Looking For

ACSL is committed to maintaining a diverse and inclusive Board and welcome Expressions of Interest from individuals with varied professional, cultural and organisational experiences, and those with lived experience relevant to the mission of ACSL.

We are particularly interested in people who bring experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Adult Learning and Development
- Legal / knowledge of regulatory systems to safeguard vulnerable people
- Clinical, psychological, trauma-informed or pastoral practice
- Expertise and /or lived experience and working with victim-survivor groups

What we are looking for

As a skills-based Board, our Directors also need to demonstrate

- Alignment with and commitment to the mission, vision and values of ACSL.
- A strong understanding of, and commitment to, safeguarding children and adults at risk.
- A commitment to supporting victims and survivors and promoting trauma-informed approaches to policy, governance and decision-making.
- Commitment to the highest standards of professional conduct, accountability and continuous improvement.
- Strategic thinking, independence of judgement and collaborative leadership.
- An understanding of the duties and responsibilities of company directors.

About the Role

ACSL is a company established by the leadership of the Catholic Church in Australia. ACSL is functionally independent of its owners, who meet with the Board through its Member Representatives. The Board is responsible for providing governance, strategic direction and stewardship of ACSL on behalf of the company. Board members work together to ensure the organisation fulfils its purpose, operates effectively and ethically, and maintains the highest standards of safeguarding and professional accountability.

The Board currently meets bi-monthly, together with any committee meetings and strategic planning sessions that may be required from time to time. Appointments are generally made for a term of either two or three years, with varying term lengths used to support Board renewal and governance continuity.

Expression of Interest Requirements

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

- A Short Statement of Capability outlining the contribution you would make to the Board, your relevant qualifications, skills and professional experience.
- Curriculum Vitae: A current CV detailing relevant employment, governance and professional experience.
- Details of any current board, committee or advisory appointments

Submissions

Please submit your Expressions of Interest by **30 October** to safeguarding@acsltd.org.au

For further information regarding the Director role, please contact ACSL Chair **David Penny** at davidgpenny17@gmail.com

Receipt of all submissions will be acknowledged.