

Why be on a Board or Committee?

Benefits of board and committee membership

There are many benefits to be gained by serving on a board or committee. Board and committee membership can enhance your career, enable you to make a positive impact on your community and provide you with an opportunity for personal growth.

Enhance your career

Working on a board or committee will help you to:

Gain valuable knowledge and skills – by developing your existing skill base in interpersonal communication, decision-making, problem-solving, team-building and time-management skills. It will also broaden your understanding of issues, sectors, processes and structures.

Gain insights into areas of interest- by developing new knowledge in diverse areas and aspects of business, industry and government.

Develop as a leader – by providing you with the opportunity to contribute to key debates around vital decisions and influence future directions of the agency or organisation.

Expand your networks – by making connections with board members, stakeholders and other influential people. Such work also allows you to engage on a range of issues with dedicated, like-minded people, enhancing future opportunities and subsequent board appointments.

Give back to the community and help shape our society

Fulfil a sense of personal duty: Utilise your passion, commitment and motivation in a

positive and productive way to achieve benefits for the greater community.

Inspire others: Be a role model for aspiring women leaders and encourage other women in the pipeline. Apply and share your previous experiences and wisdom with others.

Further a cause you believe in: Promote attitudinal and cultural change in the boardroom and beyond. Ensure diverse perspectives are included in top level decision making.

Grow yourself

Challenge yourself: Benefit from confronting the variety of challenges associated with board service such as being entrusted with various responsibilities, working alongside diverse personalities, negotiating conflicting views and fulfilling your board duties effectively and efficiently.

Develop new perspectives and ideas: Give due consideration to the differing perspectives of your fellow board members and undertake constructive debate to overcome differences.

Succeed: Realise your goals. Feel the satisfaction of your hard work and dedication contributing to the successful functioning of the board.

Visit *Women on Boards* for more information and access to an extensive network of other board-ready women:

<http://www.womenonboards.org.au/>

Visit the NSW Government Register for Boards and Committees to register your interest and find out about board vacancies:

<http://www.boards.dpc.nsw.gov.au/online-registration>