

Board member and Treasurer (Voluntary)

Role: Treasurer

Location: 2 Snugburgh Way, Epping, 3076, City of Whittlesea

Community Sector: Community Development	Meetings (frequency): Monthly
Annual Budget: \$200,000	Meetings Held: 18:30 – 20:00
Current Board Size: 5-7	Meetings (Mode): Hybrid (online and in person)
Number of Paid Staff/Contractors: 2-4	Number of Volunteers: 5 - 10

Areas of Expertise Being Sought

The Board of Governance of Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre (Creeds Farm) is seeking to appoint a new Board member to fill the vacant role of Treasurer.

The Treasurer shares responsibility for strategic planning, budgeting, risk management and compliance management of Creeds Farm. The Treasurer has Board oversight of financial matters. An important part of the Treasurer's role is to assist other Board members to understand financial information that is being presented and the context and the implications of this information. The Treasurer liaises with management and the finance officer as required.

About Creeds Farm Living & Learning Centre

Creeds Farm works with communities in Melbourne's high growth suburbs of Epping North and Wollert in the City of Whittlesea. We provide opportunities for people to build community connections, for life-long learning, skills development, information sharing, social and recreational activities and community development.

We are a charity and an Incorporated Association in Victoria and receive funding from State, Federal and Local governments, other charities and businesses. You can find the [rules of our association here](#). We employ staff, supervise volunteers, provide community programs and we own the building and land where Creeds Farm is situated. We are part of local, regional and state neighbourhood house networks.

This is an exciting time to join our Board. Creeds Farm reopened in September 2022 - having been closed with the pandemic and building repairs - and welcomed our friends and neighbours back through our doors. Our vision is to be a sustainability and wellbeing hub for our growing community.

Our values

- **Connection.** We connect with each other and connect people to opportunities, support, learning and community.
- **Empowerment.** We enable community participation and support self-awareness and people taking action to meet their needs.

- **Diversity.** We celebrate people's strengths, skills and potential, learn from each other and promote inclusiveness.
- **Welcoming.** We are positive, kind and bring good will and good humour to all we do.

What's involved?

The Board ensures Creeds Farm fulfils its purpose, operates well as a neighbourhood house, remains solvent and complies with all legal, financial and ethical obligations. Board members ensure sound governance and clear strategic direction for Creeds Farm.

In accepting the position, Board members undertake to provide sound governance and effective leadership to the organisation by ensuring that the organisation has:

- Clear strategic directions and achievable plans in line with its purpose and values.
- Adequate resources to carry out its work.
- Competent personnel.
- An effective policy framework to guide its work, implement its plans and meet its obligations.
- Adequate internal controls to ensure sound financial management, risk management and legal compliance.
- Adequate internal accountability mechanisms to ensure compliance with policies and procedures and to monitor organisational performance.

Your commitment

The successful person will need to demonstrate a mix of the following skills and experience:

- Ability to guide the Board and any sub-committees or working groups on the financial implications of operational plans.
- Experience of current corporate governance and financial management.
- Strategic planning, critical thinking and influencing skills.
- An understanding of risk management.
- Prior experience on a Board or regular provision of reports to a Board.
- Willingness to lead the Finance and Risk sub-committee.
- Additional technical skills such as IT or HR are desirable but not essential.

Meeting Obligations

- Meet with the Centre Manager and Finance Officer to review the monthly financial reports (2 hours).
- Prepare for Board Meetings (1 hour).
- Attend monthly Board meetings in person or online at Creeds Farm every six weeks (usually on a Thursday excluding December and January) from 6pm for 60-90 minutes. We are located in Epping North. In keeping with Creeds Farm's commitment to sustainability, we are a paperless Board. We use Microsoft SharePoint for Board and governance documents.
- Prepare for and chair the Finance and Risk sub-committee that meets at least every two months (2 hours).

Benefits of volunteering with us

- Contribute to the local community.
- Work with a passionate and dedicated Board.
- A practical experience in governing a small not-for-profit organisation.
- A great addition to your resume.

How to apply

Please tell us in one page who you are, the skills and experience you can bring to Creeds Farm and why you would like to join the Board of Governance. Please attach your resume to the application.

If you'd like to know more, **please call Jason, Creeds Farm Chairperson on 0416 502 072.**