

National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) Board

Expression of Interest Process

BACKGROUND

The National Trust of Australia (Tasmania) is a member based community heritage organization, established under the *National Trust Act 2006*.

Its role is to promote and maintain historic heritage for present and future generations to enjoy. The Trust has been operating in Tasmania since 1960 and was formed to acquire *The Hollies (Franklin House)*, a fine late Georgian house built in 1838 near Launceston.

Its financial members, approximately 400 volunteers, and a small team of staff support the work of the Trust.

The National Trust has an important role to play in presenting historic heritage; advocating for good heritage outcomes; and delivering the *Community Heritage Program* across Tasmania in accordance with the provisions of the *National Trust Act (2006)*.

Its Board has recently adopted a new Strategic Plan that is helping guide its effort to become a more contemporary organisation. It includes initiatives like the introduction of *This Place Matters*, which help to highlight the importance of heritage to local communities.

Its major activities include:

- The management of heritage properties that are opened to the public and visitors
- The Community Heritage Program which supports local community initiatives
- Advocacy and lobbying for the protection of heritage places
- Operating tax-deductible heritage conservation appeals

For further information about the National Trust go to: www.nationaltrusttas.org.au

THE BOARD

The Board operates in accordance with the provisions of the *National Trust Act (2006)*.

It is comprised of six members, including a Chairperson and a Deputy Chairperson, who each serve three year terms, and the Managing Director. Three members are elected by the membership of the Trust and three are appointed by the Minister for Heritage.

A person is not eligible for election or appointment as a director if the person is: (a) under the age of 18 years; or (b) holds any other office or place of profit under the Trust.

A director may be appointed, reappointed, elected or re-elected to the Board, but a person must not serve as a director for more than two consecutive terms. A person may serve again as a director but not until two years after the expiration of their second term.

Board membership is voluntary, although reasonable travel expenses may be reimbursed. On average the Board meets on a monthly basis, and meetings rotate across the state.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be eligible applicants need to prepare a written application that provides an overview of their knowledge, skills and experience relevant to this position, along with a brief statement against each of the following selection criteria:

- professional and personal skills or expertise of benefit to the Board's role;
- knowledge, understanding and a commitment to historic cultural heritage; and
- experience in the sound and contemporary governance of an organization.

For the purposes of this expression of interest, nominations from female candidates from the North and North West of Tasmania, with expertise in marketing, fund raising and corporate sponsorship, are particularly encouraged to apply. This is in accordance with the Government's commitment to achieving gender equality on Boards, a desire to maximise regional representation, and maintain a skills-based Board.

SELECTION PROCESS

The receipt of applications will be acknowledged by Heritage Tasmania.

The selection process will be undertaken by a selection panel that includes representatives from the National Trust and Heritage Tasmania. It will assess each individual application on its merits against the information provided by each applicant and the selection criteria.

The panel may contact referees to discuss and confirm an applicant's suitability.

Once a preferred candidate is identified the Minister will be asked to consider the assessment and make a determination. All candidates will be informed of the outcome.

QUESTIONS

If you have any further questions please contact:

- Mr Nicholas Heyward (Board Chair) on 0412 291 450; or
- Mr Pete Smith (Director, Heritage Tasmania, DPIPWE) on (03) 616 53700

APPLICATION FORM

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PERSONAL DETAILS			
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REFEREE # 1			
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<p><i>Please ensure the expression of interest includes a copy of this page with a brief outline of your knowledge, skills and experience that demonstrates your suitability to fill this vacancy and a copy of your current Curriculum Vitae</i></p>			
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