

Position Title: Non-Executive Director (NED)

CommonAge Association for the Ageing, Incorporated in 2013 in Australia, is seeking dynamic Non-Executive Directors to join its diverse Board of directors from seven Commonwealth countries. The ideal candidate would need to bring strategic vision and expertise in non-profit governance to support CommonAge's mission of building an age-friendly Commonwealth. We seek an experienced leader, ideally from the non-profit sector, with a strong background in governance, financial management, and risk oversight. This unpaid role requires active participation in quarterly board meetings, committee work, and organizational development. Directors will also act as ambassadors, leveraging their networks to support fundraising and strengthen stakeholder relationships., across the commonwealth. The position offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on ageing policies and services across the Commonwealth. Candidates must be willing to travel once every two years, through Bursaries and partially self-funded, to attend conferences and events in Commonwealth countries.

Help drive positive change in ageing advocacy across the Commonwealth!

Who are we:

We are an international charitable organisation, advocating to ensure older people are fully recognised in society, and are supported and enabled to live well in an all-age friendly Commonwealth.

We support the view that a healthy ageing population is much less expensive one for governments to support, and therefore is less of a burden on taxpayers and health systems. We actively lobby governments, encourage sharing of ideas and promoting intergenerational activities, hold both physical and virtual events, and support ongoing research into issues affecting older people in the Commonwealth.

Our vision is to advance the interests of older people throughout the Commonwealth by building capability and capacity in health and care service.

Key Responsibilities:

Strategic Guidance:

- o Contribute to setting and reviewing the organization's strategic direction.
- Offer insights based on expertise, trends, and external perspectives to help the organization adapt and innovate.

Governance & Accountability:

- o Ensure that the organization complies with statutory and regulatory requirements, maintaining high standards of corporate governance.
- o Participate in board and committee meetings, contributing to decisions that align with the mission, vision, and values of the organization.

Risk Management:

 Oversee risk assessment processes, helping to identify, evaluate, and manage risks to ensure organizational resilience and internal control processes.

Financial Oversight:

- o Contribute to financial decision-making on financial planning, budgeting, and performance, ensuring the organization remains financially healthy, particularly on investments and resource allocation, to achieve sustainable impact.
- o Identify fundraising and new member opportunities

Stakeholder Engagement:

 Serve as an ambassador by leveraging personal networks where appropriate, for the organization, fostering relationships with key stakeholders including donors, partners, and community members.

Board Effectiveness:

- Support the Chair in ensuring effective board dynamics and contribute to the development and performance of the board.
- o Participate in performance evaluations and development activities to promote continuous improvement within the board.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Prior experience in a strategic or governance role, ideally within a non-profit or similar sector.
- Knowledge of financial management, legal compliance, and risk management within non-profits on a global scale
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to challenge constructively and work collaboratively.

Time Commitment:

- Attend quarterly board meetings via Zoom, annual general meetings, and any subcommittees.
- Occasional attendance at key events or meetings with stakeholders.

Compensation:

The role is Pro bono but with opportunities to participate in international conferences and events as needed, through Bursaries and partially self-funded.

Please send in your applications by 15th February 2025 to secretariat@commage.org