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Where not-for-profits go for help



# Nourish your community organisation's governance

*Explore the free resources and low-cost tools  
Australia's community organisations have  
relied upon for twenty years.*



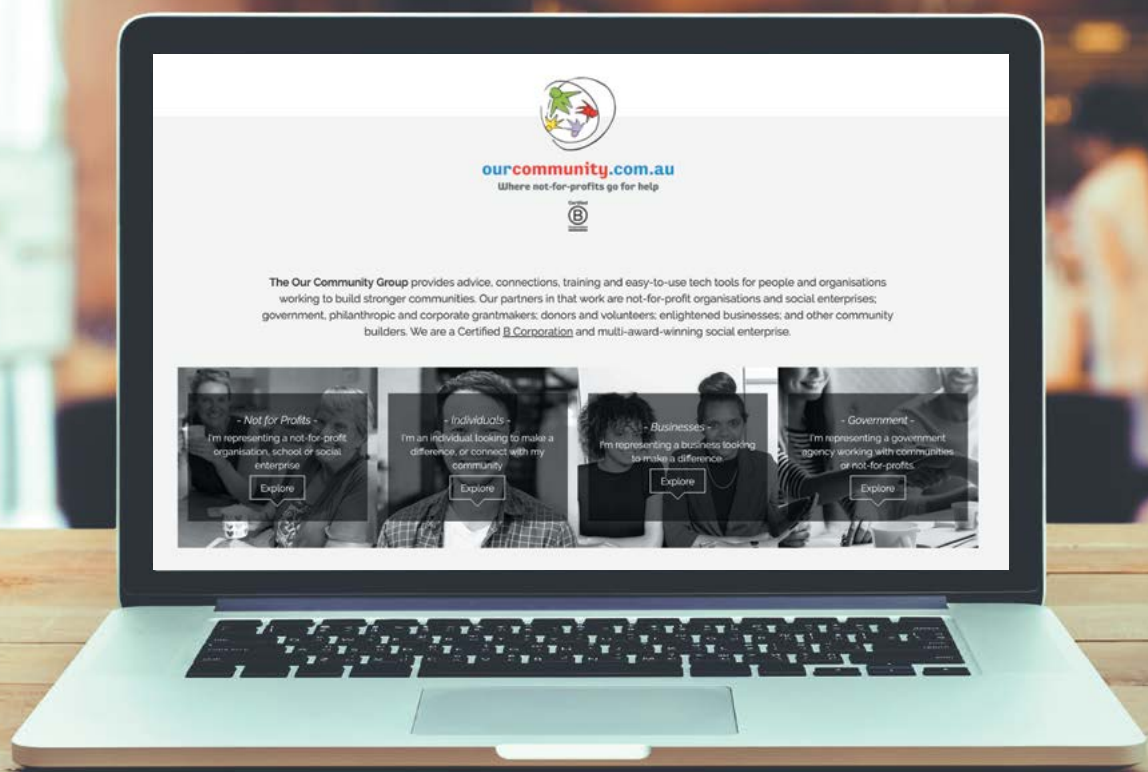


**Our Community** knows the not-for-profit sector. We also know how time-poor community sector workers and volunteers are and how often you come up against problems, both age-old and brand new, that leave you scratching your head.

If only there was a not-for-profit resource bank that could help with everything...

Introducing Our Community's collection of resources and websites produced with the singular goal of helping you do the best you can, as quickly as possible.

Don't pay a fortune for the targeted advice you need. Browse the range of no-nonsense, affordable and often free resources at **[www.ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au)**



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## 1. Save this powerful site

Bookmark [www.communitydirectors.com.au](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au) in your browser - you'll come back to it over and over again.

The online home of the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA), this website is brimming with resources that will help you address your governance questions and conundrums.

Regularly updated with news, videos and resources, the ICDA website is where not-for-profits go for governance know-how.

**Strategic Planning** **Responsibilities** **Advocacy** **governance**  
**Risk Management** **Planning** **Policy-making** **The chair**  
**Policy-making** **Troubleshooting** **Training** **treasurer**  
**Reporting and Transparency** **Annual Meetings** **Policy**  
**Securing funding** **Finances** **CEOs** **Board Structures**  
**Sub-committees** **Reporting** **Staff Help** **Members**  
**Exiting** **Discrimination** **Ethics** **Good Governance**  
**Training** **Senior Roles** **Training** **Diversity** **Office-holder**  
**The board-CEO relationship** **During your term** **secrecy**

## 2. Explore Governance Help Sheets

Good governance can be complex and time-consuming (and that time is precious).

You don't need to waste your time reinventing the wheel when you can find the answers to common and curly questions in our free, expert-written help sheets.

You can start exploring more than 100 help sheets and free guides at [www.communitydirectors.com.au/helpsheets](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/helpsheets)



### 3. Become a member of the Institute of Community Directors

Join a growing alumnus of not-for-profit community directors and gain access to deep connections and a vibrant network of believers and doers.

Membership costs as little as \$65 (inc GST) annually and provides access to news, online discussion tools, events, publications, research and resources.

Being a good community director is hard work. Become a member and we'll help you be great.

Learn more at [www.communitydirectors.com.au/subscribe](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/subscribe)



### 4. Extra! Extra! Read all about it

Finding a safe path through the mirror-maze of financial and legal responsibilities can be a bewildering experience for all board members. Being a community director in the modern era is not just about being safe though – it's also about being effective.

Written in a jargon-free style, *Community Directors Intelligence* brings a new voice and comprehensive, practical approach to all the issues faced by not-for-profit board and committee members. It's the best newsletter in the nation, purely focussed on not-for-profit governance.

Receiving *Community Directors Intelligence* is one of the benefits of ICDA membership. You can learn more about previous editions and read over highlights at

[www.communitydirectors.com.au/updates](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/updates)





## 5. Sign your name in style

Members of the Institute of Community Directors Australia can use the post-nominal AMICDA, signalling their membership of this recognised professional association.

Further, each member is also considered a 'responsible person' in the eyes of the Australian Taxation Office, clearing a hurdle to certain board appointments that require this status.



## 6. Take an online compact course for new community directors

Our online training should be mandatory for new board members.

**Step In, Step Up:** *Everything a New Community Board Member Needs to Know* provides the knowledge and skills you'll need to survive and thrive as a community director. Be safe, be empowered and help change the world with better governance.

Get started at [www.communitydirectors.com.au/training](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/training)



### 7. Grab free governance policies

Does your group have written policies? You really should and the good news is we've laid the groundwork.

You can download more than 80 free policy templates, written by not-for-profit law experts, from [www.communitydirectors.com.au/policybank](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/policybank)

Covering everything from human resources to ethical fundraising, these policies are free to use and easy to adapt. Over to you!



### 8. Build your own governance library

If only there was a "not-for-profit for dummies" book series...

Introducing the Our Community library – a collection of titles written with the singular goal of helping you do the best you can, as quickly as possible.

Don't pay a fortune for the targeted governance advice you need. Mix and match from a range of no-nonsense, affordable guides and build your own library of go-to resources.

Each book costs just \$36 (including GST and postage throughout Australia) and can be ordered at [www.ourcommunity.com.au/books](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/books)

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Type of Board:	
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Good Group	
Role: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary   Location: New South Wales, Newcastle City Council	
Community Sector: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Development <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Culture	
Annual Budget: \$75,001-\$250,000	Current Board Size: 3 or fewer
Number of Paid Staff: 1 - 3	Board Meetings (frequency): Twice yearly
Number of Volunteers: 0	Board Meetings Held: At Night

Human Rights Group	
Role: Chair   Location: Victoria	
Community Sector: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Services <input type="checkbox"/> Community & Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights	
Annual Budget: Not supplied	Current Board Size: 4-7
Number of Paid Staff: 1 - 3	Board Meetings (frequency): Monthly
Number of Volunteers: 21-100	Board Meetings Held: At Night

## 9. Find your next star board member

Need to find fresh talent for your committee or board? You can list your vacancies, for free, through ICDA's Board Matching Service.

Through our websites and newsletters, we'll put your listing in front of an active audience of skilled volunteers who are looking for governance opportunities.

We've helped thousands of not-for-profits find new board members. You can too.

Get started at [www.communitydirectors.com.au/board](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/board)



## 10. Be the best community director you can be

For too long, not-for-profit board members and their supporters have put up with a second-rate reputation and second-rate education. Not anymore.

The Diploma of Business (Governance) - BSB50715 - is Australia's only approved diploma-level governance qualification. This qualification is recognised nationally and will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to sit on or work with boards at the highest level.

To learn how you can join hundreds of now qualified community directors, visit [www.communitydirectors.com.au/diploma](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/diploma)



## Our Community Group of Enterprises

Our Community provides advice, connections, training and easy-to-use tech tools for people and organisations working to build stronger communities.

Our partners in that work are not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises; government, philanthropic and corporate grantmakers; donors and volunteers; enlightened businesses; and other community builders.

A Certified B Corporation and multi-award-winning social enterprise, Our Community's offerings include:

### OurCommunity.com.au

Australia's centre for excellence for the nation's 600,000 not-for-profits and schools: where not-for-profits go for help.



### Institute of Community Directors Australia

The best-practice governance network for the members of Australian not-for-profit boards, committees and councils, and the senior staff who work alongside them.



### FundingCentre.com.au

The best place to go to get information on grants and fundraising in Australia.



### GiveNow.com.au

Commission-free online donations for not-for-profits, and philanthropy education and tools for businesses, families and individuals.



### Good Jobs

Connecting good people with social sector jobs, board vacancies and internships.



### Communities in Control

Australia's most inspiring annual community sector gathering: thought leadership for the not-for-profit sector.



### Australian Institute of Grants Management

Information, inspiration and education for government, philanthropic and corporate grantmakers.



### SmartyGrants

Software & data science for revolutionary grantmakers.



### Australian Institute for Corporate Responsibility

Creating and facilitating authentic connections between enlightened businesses and their communities.



### Innovation Lab

Where Our Community seeds ideas to do old things better and new things first.

