



Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation (2x NEDs)

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Scope: National Area of expertise: Mental Health Education & Treatment, Clinical Governance, Organisational Growth Organisation Type: Not for profit Remuneration: Voluntary, Expenses Only

Board and Clinical Governance Committee Members

The Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation (AKKF) is a national not-for-profit organisation supporting over 3,500 young people living in families impacted by mental illness. The organisation aims to empower the young people it serves to:

- build resilience;
- learn about mental illness and build knowledge and abilities so they can reach their potential; and
- form relationships with peers in an environment constructive to achieving the above learning goals while also building supportive friendships.

AKKF has been supporting children and young people living in families affected by mental illness for over 20 years, with the first program being delivered to 16 children in Sydney. Currently, programs are being delivered in all capital cities as well as the large regional centres. The goal of the organisation is to continue to significantly grow nationally, rapidly increasing the number of young people served who the program is offered to over the near to long term.

AKKF programs provide free, evidence-based, age-appropriate prevention and pre-early intervention mental health services, embedded within a peer-based social and activity-based format. A “Defence Kids Program” also supports serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force families

The Board is seeking to appoint **two** new board members for an initial three-year term. The positions are remote, and appointments are anticipated to commence early in FY 2025. Specific experience is sought for the role as follows:

- A mental health professional, who is AHPRA registered, with at least five years post-graduate experience in the Mental Health sector.
- Mental health social workers who have completed a bachelors’ degree and have at least five years practical post graduate experience will also be suitable applicants.
- Experience in senior management and/or prior experience in clinical governance or research in a health-related position is desirable, together with prior experience in clinical risk management and risk mitigation strategies.
- Experience supporting successful growth organisations will be highly regarded.



- GAICD qualification or equivalent experience is preferred although not absolutely necessary if a number of the above criterion are satisfied.

In addition to the above demonstrated senior leadership experience, tertiary qualifications, teamwork, and excellent communication skills will be needed to enable successful applicants to build strong relationships across the Board and the organisation. The successful NEDs will be members of the Board & Clinical Governance Committee.

The Board has a broad range of skills and experience, and your appointment will complement existing Board members. The current Board directors can be viewed here: <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/our-organisation/governance-board-of-directors/> The

Board meets bi-monthly, and Board sub-committees meet quarterly throughout the year, outside working hours. There are currently four sub-committees: Audit and Risk, Clinical Governance and Operations, Governance and Culture, and Fundraising and Board members serve on at least one sub-committee. A commitment to prepare for all meetings is expected together with attendance at additional strategy meetings and events. The Board works in close

partnership with the AKKF Chief Executive Officer and Senior Leadership Team, including as part of the committee structures to ensure that AKKF's objectives and goals are achieved. Board Members serve a three-year term on the Board and

Committees and may be eligible for re-appointment for two additional three-year terms.

NEXT STEPS

Candidates are invited to send an expression of interest with a CV to nedsearch@kookaburrakids.org.au by close of business July 31st, 2024.

For further information please review <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/> or call Patricia Reid, Chair, AKKF on 0410 633 098 or Lee Knight Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee on 0431 067 810.