

Call for Expression of Interest: Community Membership

Committee for Ballarat is a membership-based organisation that, through vision, strategy, engagement and influence, works to create a better future for Ballarat and the region.

A broad cross-section of regional organisations, companies, and businesses – large and small – are Committee members and share this challenge.

Our Purpose	To inspire diverse thought leadership and unlock potential
Our Vision	A thriving and vibrant regional community recognised for its liveability, sustainability, and inclusiveness
Our Values	The values that guide us are: VISION RESPECT EMPATHY INCLUSION
Who we are	We are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visionary membership body with a strategic long-term focus that transcends political cycles • A strong collaborator working with the three tiers of government and key stakeholders from across the region • A non-partisan advocate for sustainable and responsible development for our region

Committee Activities and Functions

Committee for Ballarat is working to build a strong social and economic future for Ballarat and the region. It aims to achieve responsible and dynamic development that encourages innovation, provides sustainable employment opportunities, and improves the quality of life for all in the region.

It advocates and lobbies for key projects to ensure Ballarat and the region attracts investment opportunities and initiatives.

Committee for Ballarat's agenda is identified and driven by its members. Committee works collaboratively with the three tiers of government, key stakeholders, and other organisations (including other Committees for Cities organisations) to drive change in this region.

Committee for Ballarat hosts key projects and programs, actively contributes to other projects, and adds its voice to initiatives that support its vision and key objectives.

While Ballarat is already a major economic hub for this region, Committee's challenge is to identify key projects that will make a significant contribution in shaping future economic, business and social developments to bring increased prosperity to the wider region and its communities.

For more information on Committee for Ballarat and its activities and achievements, please refer to the website www.committeeforballarat.com or contact the Committee for Ballarat Secretariat on 5332 1240.

Membership

Committee for Ballarat's membership encompasses a wide range of business and community leaders – drawn from or nominated by member groups – who have a passion for making a real difference in our community.

Community Membership

Appreciating that not all those potentially able to make a contribution to Committee for Ballarat's work are to be found in current member organisations, Committee has determined that its Community membership category will enable appropriately experienced/qualified persons with vision and passion to participate in and support Committee's activities.

Community member appointments will be for a two-year term and will be free of membership fees.

Why Become a Community Member?

Community members of Committee for Ballarat will be able to utilise their skills, interests and experience on one of Committee's project/task teams or in an advisory or mentoring role.

Through their contributions, Community members will have an opportunity to make a real difference in their community and help to secure a sustainable, prosperous future for Ballarat and the region.

Applying for Community Membership

As the Committee for Ballarat Board believes it important to have a diverse membership base, it is providing opportunities for *six* (6) Community member positions within the Committee for Ballarat for the period January 2021 to December 2022.

Community membership will be awarded to an individual (or to a nominated representative of a not-for-profit organisation or group) who

- is a resident of the region (including the municipalities of the City of Ballarat, Golden Plains Shire, Hepburn Shire and the Pyrenees Shire)
- is passionate about identifying and developing opportunities for Ballarat and the region
- shares Committee's vision and objectives
- demonstrates that he/she can bring knowledge, skills and experience that will contribute to the work of Committee for Ballarat
- is willing to commit to assisting with Committee's work during his/her tenure (for example, through mentoring, membership of task/project team, or other responsibilities)

Applications are to be submitted on the form *Expression of Interest: Community Membership Application* **on or before the close of business on 30 November 2020.**

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Board of Committee for Ballarat. Appointments will be announced in late January 2021.