

Outer Urban Projects is seeking a new Board Director to work alongside our Board and leadership team, to support the continued growth and development of the company.

About Outer Urban Projects

Outer Urban Projects, founded in 2012, is a bold and dynamic performing arts company based in the outer northern suburbs of Naarm/Melbourne. We work with emerging artists and their communities to create an ambitious program that reflects the face of contemporary Australia.

Outer Urban Projects encourages a culture of respect for the enormous diversity of humanity—diversity of race, culture, class, religion, gender, sexuality, age and ability in all that we do.

Outer Urban Projects is a proud equal opportunity employer. We strongly welcome applications from people who are underrepresented in the arts, including young people, migrants, refugees, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, Australian and international First Nations peoples, those from low socioeconomic backgrounds, LGBTQIA+ communities, Deaf people, people who are blind or have low vision, and people with disability.

About the Director role

As a Board Director, you will play a key role in shaping the strategic direction and governance of Outer Urban Projects. This includes contributing to high-level decision-making around finance, staffing, compliance, and organisational development.

You will be expected to:

- Attend five Board meetings annually (held in person at our office in Coburg North and/or online)
- Participate in subcommittee meetings as needed, and an annual strategic planning day
- Contribute your skills, networks, and perspectives to support the company's mission
- Engage in training and development as needed

This is a volunteer role. However, we are committed to reducing barriers to participation and may be able to provide support on a case-by-case basis.

Board terms are for two three-year terms, with the option for a third.

Who We're Looking For

We are seeking a Board Director with strong ties to the communities we work with in Naarm/Melbourne's outer north (municipalities of Darebin, Hume, Merri-bek, or Whittlesea).

While no formal qualifications or prior board experience are required, we encourage applications from individuals with relevant skills, community networks, or professional experience who can contribute to Outer Urban Projects' growth and vision. What matters most is your interest in community arts, and your connection to Naarm/Melbourne's outer north, and your commitment to supporting our vision. We also welcome those newer to governance. Induction and governance training can be made available to ensure all members feel confident and supported in their role.

How to Apply

Please email your application to Director Anne Kershaw via anne.kershaw@deakin.edu.au.

Applications must include:

- A resume (maximum 2 pages)
- A cover letter outlining:
 - Why you are interested in joining the Board of Directors
 - The skills, experience, and perspectives you would bring

Applications close Friday 21 November 2025

Enquiries

To learn more about Outer Urban Projects, or to discuss the Board Director role, please contact Anne Kershaw, or visit our website, www.outerurbanprojects.org

