



Board Director Vacancies

Can you help a much-loved Victorian charity reach its potential?

Much-loved Victorian charity, Our Village, (formerly St Kilda Mums Geelong Mums and Eureka Mums) is seeking 2 to 3 Non-Executive Directors to join a passionate and collegiate board. If you share our passion for turning pre-loved into re-loved so every child thrives and are willing to share your skills and networks to further our cause, join us and be part of our next exciting chapter.

Overview

Our Village, rehomes the essentials kids need to give them the best start in life. The charity, with warehouses in Clayton (Melbourne) and Geelong, currently positively impacts over 20,000 babies and children each year right across Victoria. But, with around 100,000 children needing our help we now need to scale up our operation significantly. In addition to a passion for and a desire to advance the strategic objectives of Our Village, we are seeking:

- A fundraising expert who can support the Board's strategy within this critical pillar. An understanding of charity fundraising and extensive networks and experience across a variety of funder segments would be looked upon favourably.
- A representative of the Geelong community. As a service provider, employer and provider of volunteering opportunities to the local community it is essential we have strategic representation from, and engagement with, the local community.
- A qualified accountant or equivalent who can also sit on our Finance, Risk and Audit Committee and learn from our Treasurer as part of our succession planning.

If you can fulfil any of these roles we would love to hear from you.

More about Our Village

Our Village collects and rehomes pre-loved essential baby and children's items which are sorted, cleaned, safety checked and packed by our massive volunteer crew. We then partner with social services, maternal and child health nurses and other community organisations to pass these items on to vulnerable babies and children across Victoria who need them. Instead of being discarded into landfill, good quality, safe items can now provide many more families with years of use.

Our vision is Share More. Waste Less. Every Child Thrives. To achieve it we have made three ambitious pledges to:

- Support every child up to the age of six that needs us, first in Victoria and then beyond
- Reduce waste by ensuring children's products are used for their full safe lifespan

Turning pre-loved into re-loved so every child thrives.

- Contribute to thriving communities, social connection and employment opportunity by providing enjoyable and fulfilling volunteering experiences

Our Village is an Incorporated Association governed by a board of voluntary Non-Executive Directors. Board meetings are held quarterly (two per year online and two in person at each of our warehouses / Clayton & Geelong) and directors are also expected to sit on one board committee (Governance Committee or Finance, Risk and Audit committee) which meet between Board meetings. Directors must also attend one strategy day per year.

We have a skills-based board and consequently have identified areas which are essential to our future success and which we are now seeing to fill. Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate one or more of the areas of expertise listed, together with a desire to advance the strategic objectives of Our Village.

Our Village values diversity, gender equality and inclusion. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and/or from the LGBTIQ+ community are encouraged to apply as are people living in rural and regional Victoria, bringing skills and experience which are highly valued at Our Village.

Qualifications with a recognised association such as AICD will be highly regarded but not essential.

Short listed applicants will be required to undergo a Working With Children Check and a Victorian Police Check.

Board Snapshot

Organisation:	Our Village Network Inc know as Our Village
Role/s:	General Board Directors x 2-3
Location:	Victoria
Community Sector:	Children, Family, Material Aid, Environmental Sustainability
Annual Budget:	\$3.5m
Number of Paid Staff:	Approximately 22fte
Number of Volunteers:	500+
Current Board Size:	7

Board Meetings (frequency):	Quarterly (two online and two in person, one at each warehouse / Clayton & Geelong). One strategy day per year.
Board Meetings Held:	Predominantly Evenings, mixture of virtual and in-person as above
Payment:	Voluntary role

Area of Expertise Being Sought

We ask that you fulfill at least one of these criteria as these are the gaps we are currently looking to fill / succession plan for on our board:

- Fundraising / Charity experience / expertise
- Professional and community connections - especially with high-net-worth individuals and/or philanthropic funders
- Professional leadership experience
- We are seeking one Director to represent the Geelong community.
- Accounting / Financial expertise

To Apply

Please email a **resume** (maximum two pages), together with a **one page cover letter** expressing your suitability and motivation for the position, including what you will bring to advance the Our Village strategy, to boardrecruitment@ourvillage.org.au

Applications close 8am Monday 17 March

If you have questions, please email boardrecruitment@ourvillage.org.au