

## *Expression of Interest: Chair – National Ethics Panel*

The Australian Association of Social Workers is seeking a suitably qualified individual for the role of Chair of our National Ethics Panel. The National Ethics Panel oversees the Ethics Complaints Management Process. The term of office will commence from 01 January 2018 through to 30 October 2019, with the opportunity to be re-appointed for a further two year term.

### **Role and responsibilities**

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The Chair of the National Ethics Panel is responsible for:

- Providing leadership to the Panel
- The efficient organization and conduct of the Panel's function
- Ensuring meetings are held monthly, or as required
- Briefing all panel members in relation to issues arising in relation to the Panel
- Keeping the panel members involved and informed
- Facilitating the effective contribution of all members of the National Ethics Panel and Ethics Pool
- Working with the National Ethics Panel to ensure the Ethics Pool contains sufficient membership with appropriate skills, knowledge, experience and information
- Overseeing the performance and evaluation of individual National Ethics Panel and Ethics Pool members.

### **The successful applicant**

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The Chair of the National Ethics Panel must be an Accredited and financial member of the Association. The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated capacity to conduct reviews into complaints of unethical practice by members of the AASW, in accordance with the Code of Ethics and By-Laws on Ethics
- Capacity to demonstrate impartiality, open-mindedness, sound judgement and fairness
- High level interpersonal and communications skills
- Ability to interpret and apply the AASW Code of Ethics and the By-Laws on Ethics
- Ability to analyse and assess complaints and make a well-reasoned determination taking into account the views of all parties and giving due consideration to the opportunity for rehabilitative/remedial/restorative outcomes
- Knowledge, or a capacity to acquire knowledge, of the Ethics Panel's role and of the AASW, its ethics framework and social context in which the Ethics Panel operations; and principles of natural justice and procedural fairness
- An understanding or a capacity to acquire an understanding, of unethical and ethical social work practice and of the impact of this on individuals, their families, the community and the social

- work profession
- High level of experience and interest in ethics
- At least 7 years practice experience

## Additional information

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The term of office will commence from 01 January 2018 through to 30 October 2019, with the opportunity to be re-appointed for a further two year term. The position requires a minimum commitment of 10 hours per month. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social workers are encouraged to apply. In accordance with AASW policy, successful applicants will be required to consent to the conduct of formal probity checks.

For further information about the role, please contact Annette Crawford via email at [annette.crawford@asw.asn.au](mailto:annette.crawford@asw.asn.au)

## How to apply

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Send your **expression of interest** addressing how you meet the selection criteria and a **copy of your curriculum vitae** via email to [annette.crawford@asw.asn.au](mailto:annette.crawford@asw.asn.au) **by COB 06 December 2017**.