

The South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS) is seeking candidates for the position of SACOSS Chair

SACOSS's Chair plays a vital role in leading and representing SACOSS, as it pursues its vision of *Justice, opportunity and shared wealth for all South Australians*.

The Chair formally chairs both the SACOSS Board, which is responsible for the governance of the organisation's secretariat, as well as its Policy Council, which is responsible for identifying the policy direction and priorities for the organisation.

The Chair also represents SACOSS at meetings with senior government representatives, including government ministers, as well as on external committees and at other state and national events and forums.

The SACOSS Board is currently accepting expressions of interest from individuals interested in nominating to stand as a candidate for this role. The attributes we are looking for include:

- High level skills and experience as a committee chairperson, with an ability to encourage the participation of diverse memberships.
- Outstanding communication skills, with an ability to be persuasive and perform effectively as the public face of SACOSS in the media and other forums as required.
- A knowledge and understanding of the community services sector, a deep appreciation of the impacts of social disadvantage, and a strong commitment to social justice.
- A nuanced understanding of intergovernmental and organisational relationships.
- Able to engage in independent thought and build bi-partisan (multi-party) alliances in response to social issues.

A more detailed job description is available on the SACOSS website: www.sacoss.org.au/positions

The position of SACOSS Chair is elected for a two-year term by a joint meeting of SACOSS's Board and Policy Council. The successful candidate must take up [financial membership](#) of SACOSS following their election.

For further information regarding this role, please contact any of the individuals listed below:

Mike Dawson (mdawson@cbb.com.au), SACOSS Board member

Phillip Beddall (phillip.beddall@bigpond.com.au), Deputy Chair, SACOSS Policy Council

Jennifer Duncan (jennifer.duncan@unisa.edu.au), SACOSS Board member

Queries regarding reimbursements for costs associated with this role should be directed to Ross Womersley at ross@sacoss.org.au or on 0418 805 426.

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To express your interest in standing as a candidate for this position, please send a copy of your CV, as well as a short expression of interest addressing the criteria above, to libby@sacoss.org.au by Monday 15 November 2010.

This process does not preclude the option of direct nomination as a candidate. Membership of the Board is not a pre-requisite for nomination. For further information, please see the [SACOSS constitution](#).

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