

## APEN LTD - CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2025

# Join the APEN Board

Seeking individuals with a passion for enhancing extension practices.



*The APEN Board is seeking three motivated individuals for up to a three-year directorship. The organisation requires active Directors with knowledge, or experience of the challenges facing extension professionals.*

### What we expect from a Director

- Serve for up to two consecutive three-year terms.
- Dedicate 2-3 hours a week of volunteer activity to deliver in their role.
- Able to attend 80% of 11 virtual Board meetings a year.
- Participate in one face-to-face Planning and Strategy meeting per year.
- Oversee the APEN services developed and delivered to ensure they meet Member expectations.
- Oversee APEN to ensure its operations and governance are both efficient and effective.
- In their first year, of service, newly appointed Directors are offered the opportunity to investigate how their skills can be put to best use in one or more of the Board Committees for the oversight of APEN and its services.
- In their second year of service, Directors are encouraged to take on an executive role or to Chair one of the five committees of the Board to play a more influential role that best utilises their unique skill sets.
- A smooth succession is therefore critical to maintain the ongoing capability of the Board.

### The APEN Board is seeking people with skills in the following

- Three energetic and passionate people who value the role of extension in change and adoption.



- Coordination support to the Regional Coordinators (RC) based in the Australian and New Zealand regions.
  - These RCs support and sustain a strong network across Australian and New Zealand by connecting members to each other and to the organisation through various mechanisms.
  - The RCs create opportunities for members to interact online and/or face-to-face through sharing and promoting extension knowledge and skills.
- Ability to network and influence tertiary training in extension.
- Interest in promoting and recognising the use of extension skills in a broad range of agricultural and natural resource management roles.

**As a Director, it is your opportunity to:**

- Bring your passion to support extension professionals.
- Grow board experience, including governance, strategy, knowledge of legal/financial/ethical responsibilities and liabilities as a not-for-profit board member.
- Make a difference and become a change agent by influencing the extension agenda.
- Tap into the wealth of experience to engage and empower our Members to grow their capacity and professionalism.
- Work with our and your networks.
- Enrich our communication channels as we reflect the key issues that serve to enhance our understanding and professional expertise in extension practices – these are our platforms for sharing opinions, trends, and the world of extension

**For further discussion, please contact the**

- **President | Noel Ainsworth M: 61 409 003 009 or**
- **Chair | Governance Committee Dr Roy Murray-Prior M: 61 427 212 079**

We encourage to you to nominate on the [application form](#) and send to [info@apen.org.au](mailto:info@apen.org.au)

**Nominations are due by COB Tuesday 17th September 2024**