

Mallee Sustainable Farming



Role	Non-Executive Director
Location	Regional
Board size	Up to 11
Meeting frequency	Quarterly
Sector	Environment / Agriculture / Research

The Organisation

Mallee Sustainable Farming (MSF) has a vision for farming in the Mallee to be sustainable, dynamic and profitable for farmers and their communities. Everything they do has the purpose of protecting and enhancing the natural environment through the encouragement of and research in sustainable farming practices.

MSF brings farmers and researchers together through events, digital engagement including podcasts and projects to build more efficient, profitable and sustainable farming businesses in the low-rainfall Mallee region across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. As MSF membership grows, more farmers are receiving new, updated and timely information on the latest scientific research and best land management practices to improve their farm business' efficiency, sustainability and profitability. MSF projects have not only increased farm profitability, they are also delivering environmental and social gains for rural communities across the four million hectares of Mallee covered by MSF.

As one of the foremost sustainable member-based farming organisations in the country, MSF has grown its knowledge and project management experience and has seen rapid growth in its funding over the last two years. With this has come the appointment of new staff and seen growth in the administration of project management. MSF is looking for some experienced directors to strengthen the governance to support this growth.

Mallee Sustainable Farming is an outstanding organisation that is at the forefront of delivering ground-breaking research to Mallee farmers in partnership with industry and others such as the CSIRO, Universities, the Grains Research & Development Corporation and respective state-wide NRM bodies. MSF's work is critical in ensuring their farmers can adapt to climate change and keep the farmers on the farm. It is a Registered Environmental Organisation with DGR Status. The team currently consists of five FTE employed directly as staff and/or contractors.

Role

We are seeking a forward-thinking and motivated individuals to join our board to complement the experience, skills and networks of existing board members. Mallee Sustainable Farming is looking for up to three directors with skill sets that align with those listed below:

1. Human resources
2. Critical thinking and decision-making
3. Strategic thinking
4. Finance
5. Contract governance
6. Change management

More generally, the successful applicants will have a combination of:

- strong governance skills,
- business/commercial acumen, understanding of contract risk and/or
- leadership and communication experience.

Application Details

As the Mallee community has been overstretched due to natural disasters and recovery efforts, we are happy for Directors to join the majority of meetings via an online platform if they are not based in the region. We have a range of positions available on the Board. There is no 'right' person for these roles. It could be a person who is starting out their Director career, a senior executive looking to share their skills with a smaller community organisation or someone who appreciates the sustainability work being undertaken or who understands rural communities. We have a 1, 2 and 3 year term available on the board.

Mallee Sustainable Farming is an equal opportunity Registered Environmental Organisation and promotes a culture that actively seeks to include, welcome and value the unique contributions of all people including young and mature age candidates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and applicants from culturally diverse backgrounds. With \$3.85M in annual revenue, this is a great opportunity to join an organisation with history that is embedded in supporting rural farmers across the Mallee while you grow or start your directorship portfolio. If you like a challenge, have passion for making a real difference in the area of sustainability and sustainable communities and want to be involved with a member-based organisation that makes a big impact, we'd love to hear from you.

Remuneration

Reimbursement of expenses and some supported Director education opportunities.

Organisation

Organisation Type: Not for Profit

Sector: Environment, agriculture, research

How to apply

If you meet these requirements and have a desire to foster the future goals of Mallee Sustainable Farming, please apply submitting your cover letter addressing the skills required section above and your CV to jenny@nonprofittraining.com.au before Thursday 2 February. Further information is available on application.

Short-listed applicants will be interviewed online between 6-11 February 2023.
Contact details of two referees will need to be provided at this time.