

# APHIDS

## **Join APHIDS as a Board Member:**

After celebrating our 30th birthday in 2024 APHIDS, a dynamic and innovative arts organisation, is preparing for the challenging decades ahead. With the confirmed support of 4 years of funding from Creative Australia, and currently led by two of Australia's most respected experimental artists Mish Grigor and Lara Thoms, we are looking for up to three dedicated individuals to join our voluntary group of Board of Directors. We are committed to pushing boundaries in the arts and are seeking board members who can ensure our relevance, viability and impact will continue to develop.

## About APHIDS:

APHIDS is proudly artist-led — placing artist's practice at the centre of all that we do. As one of Naarm/Melbourne's longest standing experimental art organisations, APHIDS makes work that is socially engaged, outspoken, and political. Spanning theatrical, gallery-based and public art contexts, our projects are inspired by urgent issues and a passionate belief in the social impacts of art. APHIDS is a Not For Profit incorporated association.

## **The skills and expertise we are keen to bring to the Aphids Board include one or more of the following areas:**

- **Art and culture (ideally as a practising artist)**
- **Fundraising and stakeholder engagement,**
- **Social Impact, inclusion and equity policy,**
- **Governance,**
- **Environmental and climate justice,**
- **Communications and Marketing.**

**Aphids encourages and will prioritise First Nations applicants.**

## **Role: Board Member**

As a board member, you will:

- Collaborate with fellow board members to develop the vision and strategy to ensure the continued success and growth of APHIDS.
- Engage with our vibrant community to build relationships
- Advocate on APHIDS' behalf within your own networks
- Provide advice from within your area of expertise
- Support a culture of exemplary governance

The Board of Directors (currently six members) meets at least six times annually. The Board consists of sub-committees in the areas of Finance & Risk and Fundraising and Philanthropy.

APHIDS is committed to building an inclusive workplace that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skill sets. We encourage applicants from minoritised backgrounds to apply or contact us for further discussion about these positions.

**Ideal Candidates will have:**

- Passion for the arts and a commitment to supporting innovative artistic endeavours.
- Strong network and relationship-building skills.
- Ability to think strategically and contribute to the organisation's long-term vision.
- Specialist skills, experience, and/or networks that they are willing to leverage to benefit the company.

**Why Join APHIDS?**

- Be part of a forward-thinking arts organisation that values creativity and experimentation.
- Be part of our mission: to create dynamic and unexpected art across accessible and high profile platforms.
- Make a meaningful impact on the arts community.
- Collaborate with a diverse group of artists, creatives, and professionals.
- Gain valuable experience and contribute to the strategic direction of APHIDS.

**How to Apply:** Interested in joining us? Submit your one page Expression of Interest by October 17th outlining your experience and your passion for the arts.

Send your EOI to Angharad Wynne-Jones, Chair of APHIDS at [angharad@aphids.net](mailto:angharad@aphids.net) with the subject line "Board Membership Application".

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