



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Expressions of Interest

Museums Victoria is calling for nominations to join the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC), a subcommittee of the Museums Board of Victoria. Since 1985, ACHAC has provided advice to Museums Victoria, and advocated for the protection and continuation of cultural heritage material and knowledge of South Eastern Australia – initially as an advisory group to the Indigenous Collections and later as a subcommittee of the Board.

Over the decades, more than 300 members of ACHAC have brought their knowledge and expertise of Aboriginal cultural heritage from South Eastern Australia or their specific cultural group, to Museums Victoria. The Committee and its members continue to play a vital and leading role in the direction of Museums Victoria's policies and procedures regarding the First Peoples Collections. In addition, they provide ongoing advice to the Board on governance, compliance and cultural guidance on matters relevant to First Peoples cultural heritage.

As an organisation, Museums Victoria is committed to placing First Peoples' living cultures, histories and knowledge at the core of its practice. We are moving to deeply transform our operations to not only include First Peoples staff, stories and experiences throughout our Museums, but also to embed the values of First Peoples communities into the fabric of our organisation. It is an ambitious approach, but we are committed to innovation and developing new ways of working together.

ACHAC consists of a maximum of nine members, comprising two members of the Board (one of whom assumes the Committee Chair position) and seven members of the Victorian First Peoples Community. This EOI is calling for nominations to fill the Victorian First Peoples Community positions. Subject to the requirements below, we encourage a wide diversity of applications, including age, gender and experience.

ACHAC is supported by the First Peoples department of Museums Victoria.

Terms of Committee Membership

- Members will be expected to commence in March-April 2021 (date TBC)
- Members will be appointed for a term of three years
- ACHAC will meet a maximum of four times annually
- Meetings take place at Melbourne Museum, but may occasionally be held at other Museums Victoria sites or virtually by Zoom/Teams
- Members are required to attend a minimum of three meetings per year, either in person or virtually
- Members will receive a sitting fee for their time, as well as travel expenses if travelling from outside of metropolitan Melbourne to attend meetings in person
- Members are appointed as Museums Victoria Honorary Associates, providing access to all Museums Victoria sites during opening hours

Required Skills and Experience

- Previous committee experience, at an organisational level, with a focus on:
 - Governance
 - Legislative Requirements
 - Collections Advice
- Knowledge of First Peoples' living cultures, histories and knowledge
- Member of the Victorian First Peoples Community, living in Victoria

Application Process

- To apply, please submit your CV along with a Cover Letter detailing your relevant skills and experience, as they pertain to the above, to fpadvisory@museum.vic.gov.au
- Applications close at **5:00pm on Friday 4 December 2020**
- For more information, and for a copy of the current Committee Terms of Reference, please contact fpadvisory@museum.vic.gov.au
- Shortlisted applicants will be notified