The Centre for Continuing Education –
information for prospective Board members

Our Vision:
Vibrant communities that value learning.

Our Core Purpose:
The Centre builds capacity and resilience in individuals and communities at a local level through participation, learning, connections and pathways.

Who we are
The Centre for Continuing Education has been an integral part of the Wangaratta community for almost 55 years. It was established in 1961 in the old High School building in Chisholm Street.

Since then, the organisation has grown and changed in response to community needs and expectations. We have developed and delivered a range of innovative programs and projects, supported and nurtured community groups, provided advice and input into community committees, panels, networks and boards. We now deliver programs across north east Victoria, as well as Wangaratta and Benalla.

We deliver community development programs and projects, as well as education and training. We are a Registered Training Organisation, a Regional Sports Assembly and a Volunteer Skillsbank. We’re an important member of the Wangaratta Community Ice Action Group.

We are a significant employer in Wangaratta and Benalla, employing up to 50 staff at any given time. We have strong networks and partnerships with many other organisations in the community, including the neighbourhood houses, health services, community and government organisations, and TAFE.
Where we’re at
The last three years have been difficult and stressful for our organisation. A number of key factors have influenced our situation. These include:

- Increased compliance pressures of the training environment
- Poor audit results leading to repayment of significant funds to the government
- Inadequate contract, risk and compliance management processes.

However, with a lot of hard work from the staff, Board and friends of The Centre, we have been able to achieve what many others in the community education sector have not – that is, to re-establish The Centre as a viable community organisation, to develop a strong plan for sustainability, and to do this with the support of our community.

We are incredibly proud of our organisation, the wonderful staff that work here, and what we continue to achieve. The Centre has reconnected with its values and our basic philosophy as a provider of quality accessible and relevant educational opportunities for everyone in the community, particularly those who face significant barriers to learning.

Who we’re looking for
The Centre is entering an exciting time of regeneration and renewal, creativity and energy. We invite you to be a part of this new stage of The Centre’s history, and help us to rebuild this important community asset.

We are looking for people who:

- Value learning
- Are keen to see our region and communities thrive
- Have an interest in strategic thinking
- Have good networks

The strength and skills of our current Board have been key elements in The Centre regaining its path to financial sustainability. We know that we have a lot to share, particularly for people who have considered a board position, but don’t feel they have the experience or skills to give it a try.

As an organisation deeply rooted in the value of learning, we offer a strong board mentoring program and professional development, including a contribution to complete the Australian Institute of Company Directors Company Directors Course.
For more information about The Centre’s Board of Governance, please email trishcurtis@bigpond.com or call 0488 572225.

If you would like us to send you an information pack, please complete the details below and mail to The Centre, Chisholm Street, Wangaratta 3677, or email to trishcurtis@bigpond.com

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