



## Call for Nominations for Director positions on the First Nations Media Australia Board

**Nominations are invited from First Nations Media Australia Ordinary Members in the nomination of eligible persons for the filling of two positions on the First Nations Media Australia Board.**

**Nominations are to be received by close of business Thursday 8 April, 2021.**

### **1. Number of Director vacancies to be filled at the May 2021 AGM, which is a postponed AGM for the 2020 year.**

There are up to 5 vacancies to be filled at the postponed 2020 AGM (May 2021).

The First Nations Media Australia Constitution specifies the number of Directors to be between 5 to 9 (Clause 6.1.2). For further information download the First Nations Media Australia Constitution from <https://firstnationsmedia.org.au/sites/default/files/files/IRCA-Constitution-Consolidated-Rule-Book-2018-06-15.pdf>

### **2. Eligibility for standing for a director position**

Eligibility for nominations to a Director position is set out under Clause 6.2 of the First Nations Media Australia Constitution. The criteria are:

- A person nominated for the position of Director is to be **at least 18 years old**.
- Must be an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person**.
- Must **not** an employee of First Nations Media Australia.
- Must be an **Ordinary Member Representative or an Associate Member** as under Clause 3.1.2.1 of the First Nations Media Australia Constitution.
- Is to have the **skills and aptitude required to fulfill the position of Director** as may be set out in a policy approved at an AGM.
- Is to have **demonstrated a sound understanding of the Corporation and its activities** and a commitment to the Objects of this Constitution *and* is to **have been an Ordinary Member Representative or Associate Member as under Clause 3.1.2.1 of the First Nations Media Australia Constitution for a cumulative period of at least one year** prior to their nomination as a Director.

- For an Ordinary Member Representative or an Associate Member as under Clause 3.1.2.1 nominated within the twelve-month period following the transition date (September 2016), **an Ordinary or Associate Member of the Corporation for a cumulative period of at least one year including periods before and after the transition date.**

### **3. Current Board of Directors**

Directors elected at the May 2021 AGM will take their place on the Board along with current members of the Board of Directors. Current Directors are:

- Nelson Conboy (Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council)
- Tanya Orman (NITV)

The position of current Directors, Jen Enosa, Vince Coulthard, John ‘Tadam’ Lockyer and Naomi Moran are up for re-election. Dot West is stepping down following a maximum four-year term.

As the Board may have between 5 and 9 Directors, a further two positions may be appointed at the postponed 2020 AGM.

### **4. Who can nominate**

Ordinary Members, as listed on the First Nations Media Australia website at <https://firstnationsmedia.org.au/about/membership/member-list>, are eligible to nominate their own Ordinary Representative and/or an Associate Member to fill the Director positions.

The nominations need to be seconded by another Ordinary Member Representative. Please check the First Nations Media Australia membership list as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for seconding of nominations.

### **5. Nomination and seconding forms**

Nomination and seconding forms are provided with this Call for Nominations.

### **6. Director diversity, skills and experience**

Nominations are open to all Ordinary Members to nominate according to their interests and needs. Nominations are especially sought from:

- Regional and urban Ordinary Members
- Young persons (either Ordinary Member Representatives or Associate Members)
- Differently abled persons (either Ordinary Member Representatives or Associate Members)
- Persons with broadcasting and content production and sharing experience (either Ordinary Member Representatives or Associate Members)
- Persons with digital inclusion experience (either Ordinary Member Representatives or Associate Members)
- Persons with technical skills and experience (either Ordinary Member Representatives or Associate Members)

## 7. Next steps

- **Understand the Director role:** Nominees should read through Clause 6 of the First Nations Media Australia Constitution to ensure they understand the arrangements, roles and responsibilities for Directors.
- **Be aware of First Nations Media Australia Board of Director policies:** Contact Jennifer Nixon on 08 8952 6465 or [jenni@firstnationsmedia.org.au](mailto:jenni@firstnationsmedia.org.au) for more information.
- **Nominate and get a seconder:** Ordinary Members need to nominate and arrange seconding of a nominee, and lodge nomination and seconding form to First Nations Media Australia **by COB Thursday 8 April 2021.**
  - Nominations to be sent to:  
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E [jenni@firstnationsmedia.org.au](mailto:jenni@firstnationsmedia.org.au)  
P 08 8952 6465  
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## 8. Announcement of Director nominations received

Ordinary and Associate members will be informed of the nominees by 15 April 2021 at the latest.

## 9. Voting for Director positions

Ordinary Member Representatives are eligible to vote. It is intended to use secure electronic voting to enable all Ordinary Members to participate in voting regardless of their attendance at the AGM. First Nations Media Australia will contact Ordinary Members separately regarding the voting arrangements.

## 10. Further information

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