

## JOINING THE BOARD OF ILLAWARRA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (IPAC)

### **Background**

Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Ltd is a not-for-profit company which operates Wollongong's premier performing arts venue, IPAC, and the nearby Wollongong Town Hall. The company has a sole member, Wollongong City Council, who is also the owner of the IPAC and Town Hall buildings.

In addition to operating these venues, the company also commissions, produces, presents, and tours professional theatre under its Merrigong Theatre Company brand. Merrigong Theatre Company is a vibrant theatre company in its own right – producing, presenting and touring exciting contemporary theatre and supporting the development of a wide range of local independent theatre makers under its MerrigongX program.

The Company has a high level of earned revenue from its activities including venue hire, box office and producing, with Council being the major Government funding partner, along with State and Federal arts agencies.

### **Board Membership**

Under its constitution, the Company has a 9-member board, three of whom are appointed by Council at its discretion, and six who are appointed by Council on the board's recommendation from suitably qualified community / industry individuals. The board meets six times a year, as does its key committee, the Risk and Audit Committee.

As part of a process of planned board renewal the Company is now seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably skilled persons to serve on its board in an honorary capacity for a 3-year term from June 2024.

The Company places artists and community at the centre of everything we do and values the creativity and innovation that diversity brings to an organisation. The Company is therefore seeking applications from individuals who have sector experience, business knowledge and/or valuable lived experience including, but not limited to First Nations people, people of colour, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people living with disability and people from the LGBTIQ community.

Further information about IPAC and Merrigong Theatre Company can be found on our website: <https://merrigong.com.au/> and, if you wish to find out more about our Board you can call Simon Hinton, CEO/Artistic Director on (02) 4224 5901.

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