

Call for Steering Committee members May 2024 to May 2027

Water sensitive urban design provides innovative and creative ways to better manage water and improve liveability in new and existing urban areas.

Water Sensitive SA is a capacity building program that provides stakeholders across all disciplines within the development and urban water management industries, with the support they need to achieve the best water sensitive urban design outcomes.

As the hub for WSUD activity and learning in South Australia, Water Sensitive SA provides:

- WSUD policy development and implementation pathways
- networking opportunities and peer-to-peer learning on strategic, policy and technical matters
- specialist training to address key knowledge and skills gaps
- more accessible WSUD research for practitioners
- resource development, including guidelines and tools
- information sharing through our website, e-newsletter, blog articles and forums.

Water Sensitive SA is guided by a high-level Steering Committee, which reaches the end of its three-year tenure in May 2024. The call for Steering Committee members for the next three years is now open. This is your opportunity to influence the strategic directions of Water Sensitive SA and oversee delivery of the program.

Water Sensitive SA is funded by a consortium of [Program Partners](#) from state and local government, research institutions and industry.

The Steering Committee works with the program manager to:

- ensure that engagement with partners and other stakeholders is effective
- provide high quality guidelines and training that meet practitioner needs
- ensure that Water Sensitive SA is managed efficiently
- meet financial and non-financial targets
- develop a business plan covering Water Sensitive SA's mission statement, engagement strategy, activity schedule, evaluation framework and budget.

Steering Committee members are informed and enthusiastic supporters of the role of water sensitive urban design as part of a broader sustainability agenda. They understand the importance of supporting WSUD stakeholders through Water Sensitive SA. Steering Committee members will:

- understand the objectives and outcomes of Water Sensitive SA
- understand and represent the interests of WSUD stakeholders
- be genuinely interested in the overall success of Water Sensitive SA
- act on opportunities to communicate positively about WSUD and Water Sensitive SA
- check that Water Sensitive SA is making sensible financial decisions, including in procurement and responding to issues, risks and proposed scope changes
- check that Water Sensitive SA is aligned with the broader WSUD policy environment in South Australia
- actively participate in meetings through attendance, discussion, and active review of minutes, papers and other Steering Committee documents
- support open discussion and debate, and encourage fellow Steering Committee members to voice their insights.

Applications from individuals with experience in **urban water management, urban greening, statutory or policy planning, climate change adaptation, land development, and urban/landscape design of residential and commercial developments** will be highly regarded.

The Steering Committee meets quarterly and is supported by the Water Sensitive SA Program Manager. Please be advised that the first meeting of the new committee will be 2-5pm, Monday 29 May 2024.

Email your application to the Water Sensitive SA Program Manager, belinda@watersensitivesa.com, by **5:00pm Monday 11 March 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact Belinda Dohring on 0402 837 936.



Water Sensitive SA background

The program has made a significant contribution to the urban water management industry through the delivery of our seminar series, training program, research translation and demonstration of best practice WSUD by practitioners in SA, interstate and internationally through our e-newsletter and website.

Water Sensitive SA delivers support to WSUD stakeholders with the goals that:

- WSUD is integral in asset renewal, capital works projects, urban development, and retrofit of existing homes and gardens.
- all relevant government and industry sectors, and the community, have the knowledge, commitment and skills to deliver cooler, greener, wilder water sensitive communities.

The [Water Sensitive SA Business Plan](#) sets out a suite of priority projects that are essential to the widespread uptake of WSUD principles in new developments and infrastructure projects.

Incoming Steering Committee members are required to participate in the **Business Planning Workshop on Thursday 11 April 2024** as a prelude to commencing their term in May.

Our Partners, key stakeholders and incoming Steering Committee members will help shape the 2024-2027 Water Sensitive SA Business Plan to deliver on our long term strategic objectives.

During the nine years of the program, the following priority projects have been funded and delivered in conjunction with our partners:

Completed

- Benefit/cost assessment framework and tool for WSUD assets
- Deemed-to-satisfy guideline for small-scale development
- On-line assessment tool for stormwater management
- Model for urban stormwater improvement conceptualisation (MUSIC) guideline for SA
- Green infrastructure & WSUD performance-based planning policy.

In progress:

- WSUD Standard drawings – status: Commenced
- Guidelines for the inspection and maintenance of WSUD Assets – status: Draft prepared.

Other priorities identified in the current business plan include:

- Development of an urban green cover tool
- Pilot stormwater contribution in-lieu scheme (offsets).

Our achievements (November 2014 to February 2024)





Application requirements

Please provide the following details in your application:

- your name and contact details
- a discussion of your interest in WSUD, and the reason for wishing to join the Water Sensitive SA Steering Committee
- a description of your relevant networks and how you would leverage these in furthering Water Sensitive SA
- an outline of your particular skills and experience relevant to WSUD, capacity building, program management, strategic management, and other areas relevant to Steering Committee membership
- a statement about any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that would be relevant to your Steering Committee membership
- a brief curriculum vitae.

Application process

Applications will be considered by the Water Sensitive SA program manager and Green Adelaide representative, and guidance may be sought from the current funding partners. Consideration will be given to the Steering Committee composition to ensure a balanced mix of skills, knowledge and personal attributes.

The following personal attributes will be considered:

- continuing high levels of performance in industry field
- capacity to think and act strategically
- integrity and high standing in the community
- clarity of understanding of the objectives and obligations of Steering Committee membership
- availability and a good working knowledge and understanding of accountability relationships
- experience in a relevant specialist field such as:
 - design or development of urban residential or commercial land / streetscapes (greenfield or infill)
 - construction of urban developments or public realm areas incorporating WSUD features
 - management and maintenance of WSUD assets
 - assessment of development applications (planning / engineering / water management)
 - statutory planning or policy
 - strategic planning, policies or projects for climate change adaptation, integrated water management, green infrastructure or urban liveability.
 - research in the field of WSUD
 - management and finance/accounting
 - governance and/or incorporation of not-for-profit organisations
- ability to represent the views of stakeholders through his or her field of expertise
- established networks within the relevant sector(s)
- demonstrated commitment to furthering the integration of WSUD into development.

In addition, in considering candidates for the Chair of the Steering Committee, emphasis is placed on a person who:

- exhibits clear leadership talents
- works effectively with stakeholders.

Discussions may be held with short listed applicants.

Applications will only be made available to the program manager and the Green Adelaide Board representative and will remain confidential.

Successful applicants will be contacted directly by the Program Manager. The name, photograph and brief biography of each [Steering Committee](#) member will be placed on the Water Sensitive SA website.

Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted directly by the Program Manager. An unsuccessful applicant may choose to leave his or her application on file with Water Sensitive SA.



Steering Committee guidelines

The Steering Committee comprises up to eight members, appointed for up to three years, who adhere to the governance framework outlined in the Terms of Reference.

Sitting fees cannot currently be made available to Steering Committee members due to budget limitations. Applications should be made with the understanding that the candidate is willing and able to offer his or her time as an in-kind contribution to Water Sensitive SA.

The expectation is that each Steering Committee member will attend a minimum of 75% of meetings (both in person and online) and will make a significant contribution to the Steering Committee.

Steering Committee members will be provided with a package of agenda, minutes, reports and decision items a minimum of three working days before each meeting.

Proxies will be allowed provided that they are well informed and similarly committed to the Steering Committee.

Sub-committees may be established for specific purposes, such as to provide technical oversight of technical training materials.

Application lodgement

Please address application to:

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