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DSWA Board nominations are open

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possibilities



Dear DSWA community,

The success of our Board relies on variety of skills, personalities, backgrounds and ages. We have places to fill and I encourage anyone interested in helping our Association to thrive to consider nominating. WE NEED YOU!

Feel free to contact me (chair@downsyndromewa.org.au) for a chat.

Nia Parker
Board Chair
DSWA

Down Syndrome WA Board Notice 3 August 2026

2026-2028 Board Nominations (2 year terms)

The DSWA AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 October 2026, and the board is now calling for nominations to the Board.

The Down Syndrome WA Board of Directors invites nominations from members, their family or extended family and members of the WA community to fill upcoming vacancies on the DSWA Board. As there is opportunity for meetings to be held over Microsoft Teams, applications from members living regionally are highly encouraged.



This Board role is a rare opportunity to contribute strategically, at the highest levels, to meaningful outcomes for people living with Down Syndrome and their families in Western Australia.

In compliance with the DSWA Constitution the DSWA Board may consist of a Minimum of 5 and a Maximum of 9 Board members. There are currently 7 members on the DSWA board.

At the 2026 AGM 5 Board Members end their term. In compliance with the Constitution board members may renominate for Board positions. The three board members intend to renominate for the board.

Commitment

- Bi Monthly Board meetings – 2-3 hours duration. Meetings are generally held on the third Monday of the month at 6.00pm. Meetings are held in person or over Microsoft Teams.
- Bi Monthly Deep Dive discussion meetings – Held in person (or teams for regional members)
- Occasional workshops or other meetings
- Time to read and understand meeting agendas and accompanying Board papers and documentation prior to the meeting to enable meaningful contribution to the meetings
- Attendance at key DSWA events such as Gala Dinner, World Down Syndrome Day event, StepUP, Christmas party and other public facing activities.

Skills



In 2026-2027 the key skills the board is recruiting for are;

- Lived experience
- Strategy
- Capital Raising
- Fundraising
- Government relations and stakeholder engagement
- Corporate Compliance (ACNC/AICD qualifications highly regarded)

Other well-regarded skills are;

Advocacy, Education Sector, Marketing and Communications

Lived experience is key to the board composition, with 50% of board members requiring lived experience. Note: Five of the current eight board members have lived experience.

2026 Application Requirements

You will be required to provide with your application, resume and statement of interest (or video submission). You may be requested to attend an interview.

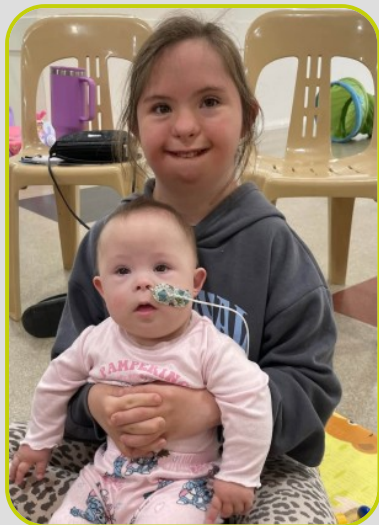
- Application must be made on the [attached nomination form](#). Forms must be signed by the nominator, seconder and the nominee.
- Statement of Interest – Maximum 250 words. This statement will be presented to the membership and should accurately reflect your skills and interest in being on the DSWA board. **May also be provided by Video.**
- Resume – a current resume reflecting your professional and board experience.

Application processing

1. Board members will review all nominations
2. Board members will score each application against an assessment matrix
3. The Board will interview preferred candidates based on the matrix
4. Board will present its recommendations for preferred candidates to the membership
5. Board will present **all** nominations to the membership at the 2026 AGM being held on Wednesday 21 October 2026

If there are more nominations than positions vacant the membership will vote on all nominations

Key Dates



- Nominations Open 1 August 2026
- Nominations Close 1 September 2026 at 4pm
- Nomination may be emailed to secretary@downsyndromewa.org.au
- Or mailed to Down Syndrome WA, PO Box 555 Cloverdale WA 6985

Confidential enquiries can be made to the Chair, Nia Parker on chair@downsyndromewa.org.au



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