

Expression of Interest – Community Member, Youth Parole Board of Victoria

The Department of Justice and Community Safety is inviting expressions of interest from the Aboriginal community for the community member role on the Youth Parole Board of Victoria.

The new member will seek to ensure that young Aboriginal people in custody have their developmental and cultural needs met and the board continues to grow in its understanding of Aboriginal culture, history and strengths.

Youth Parole Board

The Youth Parole Board of Victoria plays a pivotal role for young Aboriginal people in custody in ensuring that their transition is well supported and supervised and they have their cultural needs met. Established under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005, the board exercises jurisdiction over young people sentenced to a period of detention in a youth justice centre. The board grants, varies and cancels parole and transfers between youth and adult jurisdictions.

The Board consists of a Chairperson who is a judge of the County Court, departmental representatives and two community representatives. Each Board member has an alternate member who may sit in their absence.

Appointments to the Board can be made for a maximum of three years and members may be appointed for a further term.

The Board meets once a fortnight, but also meets on an ad hoc basis as required. In carrying out its functions it:

- interviews young people in detention and may issue warnings to young people;
- requests, receives and considers case histories, progress on young people who are detained, and parole plans and parole progress reports; and
- requests and considers special reports and court documents, court transcripts, psychiatric and psychological reports.

New community member

While no formal qualifications are required, an interest in issues concerning young offenders and at risk youth would be desirable.

This member would:

- be required to have the time and commitment to dedicate to this role (approximately two days per fortnight);
- act with impartiality and adhere to the operational framework of the Board; and
- maintain confidentiality (ensuring all deliberations of the Board are kept in confidence).

In reference to the time commitment required for this role, board members are required to dedicate:

- a day to reading all the required Board material in advance of a Board meeting;
- a day to attend Board meetings (currently the Board meets once a fortnight); and
- time to attend ad hoc meetings as they arise.

Members are remunerated for their time in line with the government remuneration guidelines, including for travel and accommodation expenses for members located in regional Victoria.

Applications for the role

Members of the Aboriginal community interested in applying for this position on the Youth Parole Board are respectfully asked to:

- briefly outline their experience and interest in the role;
- include a personal resume;
- provide the contact details of two referees; and
- send their expression of interest to murray.robinson@justice.vic.gov.au

Expressions of interest are required by **15 February 2019**, close of business.

For any further information on this role, please contact Murray Robinson on 0403 121 105.