

Non-Executive Director (Audit Committee Chair)

The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) is the Australian grape and wine industry's own research organisation. It is a not-for-profit/for-purpose organisation that supports a sustainable and successful grape and wine industry through world-class research, practical solutions, and knowledge transfer.

The AWRI has strong links with the wine industry and research organisations globally, and operates a commercial arm, Affinity Labs, which delivers advanced analytical and consulting services to the food and beverage sector.

The Opportunity

The AWRI is seeking to appoint a Non-Executive Director to its skills-based Board, with the capability to serve as Chair of the Audit Committee. This is a remunerated position offering an opportunity to contribute to the governance and strategic direction of a national research organisation.

The Role

Board Directors work collaboratively with the Chair, fellow Directors and Executive Management to ensure strong governance, financial oversight and strategic direction for the organisation.

In addition to general Board responsibilities, the successful candidate will provide leadership of the Audit Committee and contribute to:

- Oversight of financial performance and reporting
- Audit, compliance and risk management frameworks
- Governance and internal control systems
- Engagement with management, auditors and key stakeholders
- Supporting strategic decision-making and organisational performance

What We're Looking For

The successful candidate will be a Chartered Accountant (CA) or Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) with significant experience in accounting and commercial finance, gained through executive, Board or public practice roles.

Applications from people with any of the following additional experience will be particularly welcome:

- A legal background
- Experience with enterprise IT systems and/or; cyber security
- Familiarity with AI and/or AgTech
- Knowledge of Government-funded research and development environments

The successful candidates will have:

- Strong governance and financial acumen
- Experience in contributing at Board or executive level
- The ability to influence, build consensus and provide wise counsel
- A collaborative, strategic mindset with sound judgement

Formal governance qualifications (e.g. AICD) or participation in agricultural or industry leadership programs will be viewed favourably, but are not essential.

Time Commitment

The AWRI Board meets four times per year, including:

- At least two meetings at the Waite Research Precinct in Adelaide
- At least one meeting held online
- Potentially one meeting held in a wine-growing region

The role requires additional time commitment for:

- Audit Committee meetings
- Engagement with executive management and stakeholders

Diversity and Inclusion

The AWRI is a signatory to the Diversity and Inclusion in Wine Charter and encourages applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds and from across Australia.

Further Information

A copy of the AWRI Board Charter is available via the AWRI website.

For a confidential discussion, please contact:

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How to Apply

Applications must be submitted via Seek.

Please include:

- A Cover Letter outlining how you meet the criteria specified in this advertisement and
- A current CV

Applications must be **no more than three pages**.

Applications close Friday, 10 July 2026.

Only applications submitted via Seek will be considered.