



Marrickville Community Fund - Subfund of the Sydney Community Foundation

Advisory Committee member nomination form

The Marrickville Community Fund is a newly created subfund of the Sydney Community Foundation (SCF), a permanently endowed philanthropic foundation which was created in 2004 for the community of Sydney. The Marrickville Community Fund has been established to raise and distribute funds specifically within the Marrickville Local Government Area.

The Sydney Community Foundation is an independent public structure comprising a collection of endowed funds established by individuals, families, companies, government agencies, local councils and other charitable trusts – a community of donors – to make a lasting difference to the life of the people in their community. The Foundation acts as trustee for such donations, consisting of a Board of Directors made up of community leaders representing a cross section of society. Funds donated are pooled and carefully invested under the supervision of this Board. The income generated each year from this permanent and growing investment is distributed as grants to not for profit organisations delivering services within the Sydney community. By providing leadership on issues of broad community concern and developing a body of local knowledge, the SCF helps donors fulfil their charitable goals both during and after their life time.

A local Advisory Committee for the Marrickville Community Fund subfund of the SCF is vital for connecting members of the local community with the subfund. This group of citizens will play a key role in **raising the profile of the subfund** and **fundraising to build the endowment**. It will also advise the SCF Board on the priorities for distribution of grant monies.

Marrickville Council's role has been to initiate the development of this fund, and it will provide research and other support to the Marrickville Community Fund Advisory Committee over time. However, the fund is completely independent of Council, and not aligned with any political party.

The Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Board of Directors of the Sydney Community Foundation regarding the Marrickville Community Fund. The board of the SCF is the governing body of the Foundation and as such has responsibility for investing and managing endowment funds and grantmaking. This structure and the making of grants in particular is constrained by tax considerations, in order for donations to be received and made in a tax effective manner.

Nominations are now being sought for members of an Advisory Committee for this subfund. Up to eight positions are available. Nominations from both residents and non-resident workers are welcomed.

In order to be successful in achieving its aims, the advisory committee needs to include members with expertise in the following areas:

- Fundraising
- Marketing
- Event management
- Community development
- Project management
- Project assessment and evaluation

Contacts with local business and professional services providers (accountants, solicitors) will be helpful.

The committee will be derived from the community that it serves. Ideally, it will be diverse and reflect the demographics of the local community. It will contain a mix of perspectives.

Categories for achieving diversity may include

- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Disability
- Resources (money to give/access to money/access to other resources/availability for and willingness for active participation)
- Community connections

Above all, members of the Advisory Committee should be proud of the Marrickville community, understanding of the value in creating a perpetually endowed fund and willing to work with others to encourage and engage local individuals, businesses, indeed, anyone with a connection to the Marrickville area, to give.

If you would like to nominate for membership of this Advisory Committee, please complete this form which must be endorsed by another member of the community. Completed forms can be emailed to the Sydney Community Foundation at enquiries@sydneycommunityfoundation.org.au.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please call Belinda Morrissey, Executive Officer of the SCF, on 9251 1228, during business hours.

If you do not have access to email, a hard copy of your application may be mailed to the following address:

Executive Officer
Sydney Community Foundation
PO Box R454
Royal Exchange NSW 1225

Your expression of interest should run to no more than two pages. Short answers to the questions below are fine. The Foundation will contact you if more information is required.

The EOI form must be completed in full to be considered.

Name:

Address:

Mailing address if different from above:

Day time phone number:

Email address:

I am (tick the box that best describes your status)

- A resident of Marrickville Local Government Area
- A non-resident worker in Marrickville Local Government Area
- Both resident and working in Marrickville Local Government Area

What is your interest in the Marrickville Community Fund subfund of the SCF?

What particular area(s) of expertise could you bring to this advisory committee?

I can commit to this advisory committee for (tick the most suitable box)

- One year
- Two years
- Three years

(Note: While there can be flexibility of terms, the standard term is for two years, with the option for re-appointment).

Signature of nominee:

Date:

Endorsement of nomination

I recommend (name of applicant)

be considered to serve on the Marrickville Community Fund Advisory Committee of the Sydney Community Foundation because

Name:

Signature:

Date:

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