



Position Title: Board Member – Youth Officer

Organisation: Bendigo Sustainability Group

Position Type: Volunteer Board Position (2 to 6 hours per month)

Position Overview

This is a voluntary position, which sits on our Board. It would suit an enthusiastic and proactive person with strengths in engaging youth in sustainability actions. The Youth Officer will play a vital role in supporting BSG to engage a youth audience in sustainability and ensure that a youth perspective is applied to all BSG operations.

Bendigo Sustainability Group

Bendigo Sustainability Group (BSG) is independent and community-focused, and our goal is to create a supportive culture for understanding, inspiration, action and hope from which the wider Bendigo community can grow a sustainable future together. We have made significant contributions to the future sustainability of our region through our action groups and projects.

[Bendigo Sustainability Group 2022 – 2025 Strategy](#)

In moving beyond 2022, BSG will become a community leader in sustainability. Our strategic areas of focus are:

1. Empower people to act
2. Demonstrate sustainability in action
3. Partner to extend our impact
4. Develop our organisation

Prospective applicants are welcome to contact Mel Abel, Executive Officer of BSG on 0421 704 064 or melissaa@bsg.org.au

Duty Statement

<i>Position title</i>	Youth Officer Board Member
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>The purpose of this role is to investigate and recommend opportunities that will assist BSG to engage youth in sustainability actions.</p> <p>The role will provide recommendations to the Board, and support the Executive Board members and Executive Officer to plan and implement youth engagement opportunities.</p>
<i>Key tasks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support the Board and Executive Officer to apply a youth focus to BSG operations. ● Provide input into BSG's strategic direction, particularly in applying a youth lens to activities and communications. ● Identify and analyse opportunities for BSG and provide advice to the Board. ● Participate in monthly Board meetings and vote on organisational decisions (2 hours per month). ● Attend regular sub-committee meetings as agreed (1 to 4 hours per month). ● Attend ad-hoc training and networking events as agreed. <p>Training and support can be made available to the Youth Officer Board Member as needed.</p>
<i>Skills, experience, and attributes</i>	<p>The Youth Officer Board Member will have skills and experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representing and engaging youth audiences ● Digital media ● Event management ● Identifying or creating partnerships ● A focus on community and collaboration ● A passion for building a sustainable future for our region <p>While working knowledge of sustainability practices and environmental not-for-profits is favourable, this is not essential. If you think you meet some of these criteria, but not all, we still want to hear from you!</p>



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<i>Supervision and support</i>	<p>This is an unsupervised role that requires the volunteer to be a self-starter. The Youth Officer Board Member will work closely with the rest of the Board members and the Executive Officer. The role will be supported by the President.</p>
<i>Benefits for the volunteer</i>	<p>This role will provide the volunteer with a platform to significantly contribute to the sustainability of Bendigo and the broader Loddon Mallee region, as part of a highly respected organisation.</p> <p>It will provide a unique opportunity to help set the strategic direction of BSG, at a critical time for our climate and environment, and when sustainability is becoming an increasing priority for the community and corporate sectors.</p> <p>As the Youth Officer Board Member, you will play a vital role in building the capacity of BSG to continue delivering effective sustainability initiatives and engaging with a broader audience. This is an opportunity to join a strong and supportive Board of experienced members with varied sustainability backgrounds.</p> <p>BSG meetings are offered in a hybrid format to provide flexibility. There will also be opportunities to attend various trainings and networking events as a representative of BSG.</p> <p>Organisations are encouraged to consider this role on behalf of staff members, to work toward Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainability and Climate Change goals.</p>
<i>Date of position</i>	<p>This position is to begin in December 2023, for approximately twelve months until the next AGM.</p>
<i>How to Apply</i>	<p>Interested in the role? Please submit your CV and a brief cover letter outlining your relevant experience and motivation for applying to melissaa@bsg.org.au</p>