

Volunteering at Engineers Australia

Volunteers are at the heart of Engineers Australia as the peak body and voice of the profession. Without their skills, passion, personal qualities and gracious professionalism, we couldn't deliver the range of projects and activities that we do.

Why volunteer?

Australia is facing an engineering skills shortage and the involvement of our volunteers in promoting the profession to young people and the wider community fulfills an important part of our STEM strategy.

As engineers, we understand the transformative impact that engineering has on society and in our communities. As a volunteer you have the opportunity to convey the importance of great engineering and create a real impact on others.

Helping others by volunteering is also a great way to develop your own skills, knowledge and experience. When you volunteer with Engineers Australia, you'll experience our vibrant and diverse volunteer community and work with Engineers Australia's employees on our common goal to amplify engineering.

Office bearer and volunteer hub

The Office Bearer and Volunteer Hub is a dynamic site with updates, information and resources added on an ongoing basis. If you are currently involved with Engineers Australia or looking to get involved, we encourage you to **join** the community and keep visiting to see what's new.

Explore and review key documents and videos located in [the hub](#).

Get involved!

There are many ways to get involved and volunteer with Engineers Australia from short-term task-based teams to fulfilling a two-year or more term on one of our College Boards or Committees.

You could get involved by:

- Being a member of a:
 - College Board or College Branch
 - National Committee or National Committee Branch
 - Special Interest Group, Centre or Centre Branch
 - Technical Society or Technical Society Chapter
 - Overseas Chapter Committee
 - Division Committee

- Contributing to Australian Standards as an Engineers Australia nominee
- Contributing to the development of our position statements and public policies
- Providing your expertise to develop conferences or continuing professional development
- Becoming an editor of one of our seven technical journals, a published author by writing a paper for one of the journals, or a reviewer for papers submitted to them
- Contributing your expertise in the development of the body of engineering knowledge
- Being an ambassador for Engineers Australia and engineering by:
 - Telling your friends and neighbours about your job and why you love it
 - Telling your colleagues and networks about the benefits of being an Engineers Australia member
 - Supporting Engineers Australia and our strategic direction
 - Becoming a Student Ambassador.

You can find out more about getting involved in our [Office Bearer Handbook](#).

Engineers Australia election process

Run annually, the Engineers Australia election process is a call for nominations for vacant positions on Division Committees and College Boards. College Boards may also elect to participate in the expression of interest (EOI) process.

The process opens in July and the nomination period is two weeks. All eligible members are notified via email when nominations open. Where applicable, positions will proceed to voting of eligible membership.

The election process is completed by late-August each year.

Engineers Australia expression of interest process

Run annually the EOI process is an opportunity to explore what vacant positions are available across:

- College Boards and their branches
- College National Committees and their branches
- National Committees and their branches
- Special Interest Groups and their branches
- Centres and their branches
- Division Sub-Committees including Regional Groups.

Refer to the [eligibility guidelines](#) for more information.

The EOI process opens in July and is open for nine weeks. All eligible members are notified via email when nominations open. The process is completed by late-November each year.

Technical societies

Technical Society National Committees and Branch Committees are not currently included in the EOI process.

Societies will issue either a call for nominations or EOI to their membership when vacancies arise. This will be sent to all eligible members from the society's email address, a member of the Engineers Australia team or a member of the current committee such as the Chair or Secretary.

Some societies still conduct general meetings in which nominations are called for and members elected to the committees. Notification of these meetings are issued via email.

Ad hoc and ongoing volunteer opportunities

There are a number of ways you can volunteer for or get involved with Engineers Australia. These include:

- **Standards Australia**: Engineers Australia encourages our members to participate in the work of Standards Australia's standards development committees by volunteering as a nominee.
- **Professional development**: Collaborate and contribute to Engineers Australia's comprehensive program of CPD offerings providing relevant, responsive, quality-assured content offerings to support members with their career development.
- **Excellence awards program**: Our members are encouraged to support our Awards program and nominate yourself, someone you know or a project that contributes to Engineer Australia's mission to advance society through great engineering.
- **Policy and advocacy**: Contributions from our members help shape our work and strengthen the profession's reputation for impact in public policy.
- **Technical journals**: Become an editor, a published author or a reviewer of papers submitted to one of our seven technical journals.
- **Communities of Practice**: Contributing your expertise in the development of the body of engineering knowledge.
- **Task Based Teams**: Multi-disciplinary short term self-managing teams that work together to deliver a specific outcome. Opportunities to join a Task Based Team will be posted in *Engineering News* and on the [office bearer and volunteer hub](#).

If you would like to volunteer in any other capacity, have any feedback on volunteering at Engineers Australia or questions on how to get involved, we invite you to [contact us](#).