



Position Title: Board Member – Nature Advisor

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 passionate, collaborative, and proactive person with strengths in biodiversity, conservation, or natural resource management.

The Nature Advisor will play a vital role in developing biodiversity-based policies and programs for BSG and ensuring alignment with other relevant local organisations.

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>	Nature Advisor
<i>Purpose</i>	<p>The purpose of this role is to provide biodiversity-focused support for BSG, including policy advice, strategic connections, and program guidance.</p> <p>The role will form part of the Board and will help set the strategic direction of BSG.</p>
<i>Key tasks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify and analyse opportunities for BSG and provide advice to the Board. ● Support the Board and Executive Officer to develop and implement biodiversity programs. ● Provide input into BSG's strategic direction, particularly in applying a biodiversity focus. ● 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.
<i>Skills, experience, and attributes</i>	<p>The Nature Advisor will have skills and experience in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conservation & Land Management or other relevant qualifications ● Developing and implementing strategy ● Event management ● A focus on community and collaboration ● A passion for building a sustainable future for our region ● Identifying or creating partnerships <p>While working knowledge of governance practices within 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>
<i>Supervision and support</i>	<p>This is an unsupervised role that requires the volunteer to be a self-starter. The Nature Advisor will work closely with the rest of the Board members and the Executive Officer. The role will be</p>

	supported by the President.
<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 Nature Advisor, 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>	This position is to begin in December 2023, for approximately twelve months until the next AGM.
<i>How to Apply</i>	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