16th April 2015

**DIRECTOR VACANCY**

Do you have corporate fundraising experience? Would you like to contribute to the community? Do you have a passion for the environment?

Maroochy Waterwatch (soon to be known as ECOllaboration) has a volunteer board vacancy for someone with fundraising skills who would like to participate in board decision making to set strategic direction, ensure accountability, manage risk and exercise directors responsibility.

To be considered suitable, the person must meet the following selection criteria:

Essential:

* An understanding of, and adherence to, corporate governance codes
* Fundraising experience in the not-for-profit or for-profit sectors
* The ability to form a working relationship with the board members and the CEO
* Commitment and time to contribute to a dynamic team
* Be open minded, respectful and collegiate
* Other skills to contribute to the board including but not limited to:
	+ Corporate governance
	+ Environmental science and management
	+ Strategic planning
	+ Business development
	+ Community engagement and networking
	+ Financial and accounting
	+ Legal, compliance and risk management
	+ Public policy and planning
	+ Extension

Desirable

* An appreciation of environmental issues
* The ability to communicate and promote the company’s purpose and objects to the broader community

Full training in the association’s culture, policies and procedures will be available to the successful applicant.

If you are interested, please forward the addressed skill assessment below to:

Chief Executive Officer

Maroochy Waterwatch Inc

PO Box 311

Nambour Qld 4560

E-mail cerran@maroochycatchmentcentre.org.au

To discuss this position, please call Cerran Fawns on 07 54764777 / 0416031823

**Skill Assessment**

Maroochy Waterwatch has developed this template to gauge the possible skills a prospective board member possesses. Maroochy Waterwatch actively seeks members with particular skills to ensure diversity within the board.

Please check/tick your relevant experience in any of the skill areas.

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| **SKILL**  | **EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE** |
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| **Corporate governance** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | served on corporate, NfP or government boards for over 10 years |
| [ ]  | senior executive experience |
| [ ]  | qualifications such as MBA or other |
| [ ]  | membership of governance bodies eg AICD, AICPG |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | served on corporate, NfP or government boards for over 5 years |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Environmental science and management** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | senior role in the environmental sciences sector |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | employment in the environmental sciences sector |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Strategic planning** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | employment in a strategic planning role |
| [ ]  | implementing a strategic plan |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | involvement in a corporate, government or NfP strategic planning process |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Business development** | ***Strong experience or knowledge*** |
| [ ]  | Senior management in a public or NfP company or association with a significant turnover |
| [ ]  | Owned or managed a significant private enterprise with over 10 employees  |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | Owned or managed a private enterprise |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  |  |
| **Community engagement and networking** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | an active member of several local NfP associations |
| **[ ]**  | a personal network that could benefit Maroochy Waterwatch |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | a diverse personal network |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Financial and accounting** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | senior role in the financial services sector |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | employment in the financial services sector or business administration |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Legal, compliance and risk management** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | practicing or retired solicitor  |
| [ ]  | company secretary or directorship |
| [ ]  | senior employment in fields of compliance and risk management  |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| *[ ]*  | employment in the fields of compliance and risk management |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  |  |
| **Public policy and planning** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | a network of influential people who can be called upon for advise or advocacy eg politicians and senior executives |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | knowledge and/or involvement in policy planning |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Extension** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | senior role in the education, training, extension sector |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | employment in the education, training, extension sector |
| **[ ]**  | other |
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| **Fundraising** | ***Strong experience or knowledge:*** |
| [ ]  | employment or experience in running successful fundraising campaigns |
| **[ ]**  | other |
|  | ***Moderate experience or knowledge:*** |
| **[ ]**  | involvement in fundraising campaigns |
| [ ]  | other |

**ABOUT THE ORGANISATION**

Maroochy Waterwatch is a community based organisation on the Sunshine Coast engaged in the protection, enhancement and monitoring of natural assets. We have ethical, accountable and transparent decision-making, effective business management, strong financial management and a commitment to safe work practices. The workforce of employees and volunteers are highly skilled, engaged and valued.

A restructure in the coming months will create a company with a branch structure with ECOllaboration as the parent entity, Maroochy Waterwatch as a branch and with business units of Catchment Services, Eco Education Service and Coolum Community Native Nursery.

Our teams of volunteers work alongside scientists, land managers, environmental educators to deliver environmental programs including:

* ambient and event based water and air monitoring,
* flora and fauna surveys,
* litter management,
* aquatic and terrestrial weed biocontrols,
* school and community environmental education,
* curriculum resource development
* ECO Safaris
* Voluntourism adventures
* ecological restoration activities
* project management and
* volunteer management activities

Our people programs include:

* Traineeships and industry placement in conservation, horticulture and business administration
* University and TAFE internships
* Volunteering in environmental programs or business administration

Environmental group administration services include:

* Accounts, payroll and financial reporting
* Governance support
* Grant and tender writing
* Grant auspicing

Our commercial entities include:

* Catchment Services
* Eco Education Services
* ECOllaboration
* Coolum Community Native Nursery (in partnership with Coolum Coast Care)

**PURPOSE**

Our purpose is to be a leading contributor to the achievement of resilient landscapes by resilient communities.

**OBJECTIVES**

Our purpose is supported by objectives in:

* supporting knowledge and skills development, connection to place and social networks with reinforcing values and beliefs;
* promoting and establishing environmentally sound infrastructure from a diverse economic base;
* Undertake technical investigations in support of the objectives;
* providing leadership and skilled governance with a broad outlook;
* Maintaining a public fund called the ECOllaboration Public Fund compliant with 30-E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 for the specific purpose of supporting the objects of Maroochy Waterwatch.
* do such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects and Purpose.

**VALUES**

* Supporting coordinated community action
* Being cultural coherent
* Being financially positive
* Being environmentally progressive