

HOW TO ENHANCE GOVERNANCE + STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

INFORMATION FOR MENTORS >

Good Governance helps create stronger, more cohesive and more resilient communities by boosting good governance practices in community organisations.

The initiative matches trained volunteers skilled in governance with community organisations. These volunteers act as mentors over 12 months, working with the entire committee or board to empower the organisation to develop policies, processes and the culture that facilitate good governance. Through this direct partnership, mentors can support organisations with the individualised assistance they need to overcome their unique challenges and reach their specific goals.

Mentors may support organisations to develop good governance practices in areas such as:

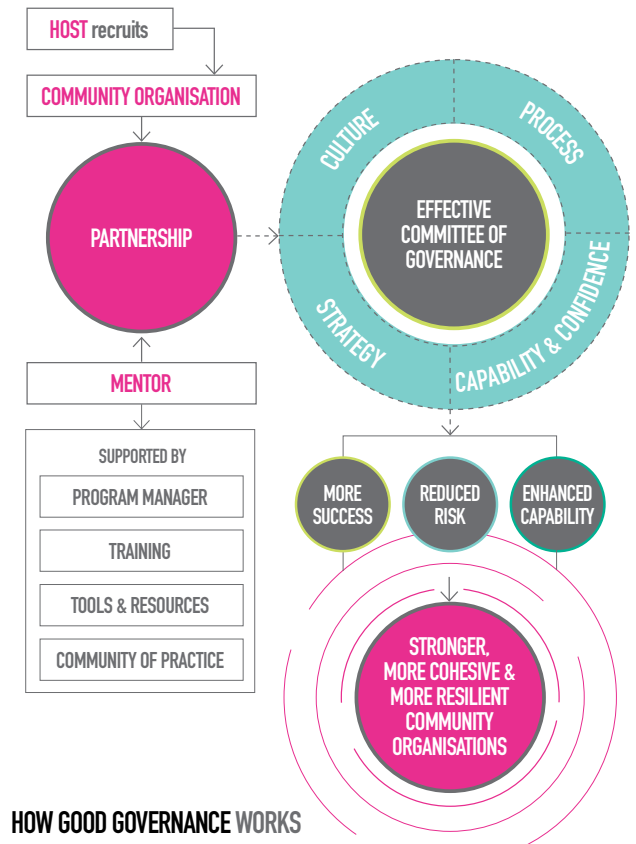
- > identifying and minimising risk
- > navigating complex reporting and compliance requirements
- > ensuring the efficient use of resources
- > evaluating whether or not the group is succeeding
- > reducing the social cost of unsustainable organisations
- > building organisational capacity
- > stronger, more cohesive and more resilient communities.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH GOOD GOVERNANCE

By sharing your expertise and becoming a mentor, you have an opportunity to help contribute to local organisations, shape your community, and enhance your own professional skills. Full training and support is provided for all mentors, and there is also a Community of Practice available for mentors to further develop their networks and professional learning.

‘The program delivered on two things I am passionate about: better-functioning community committees and groups, and mentoring to build skills across a group to maximise the impact for the long term.’

Sarah Franklyn
Mentor



HOW GOOD GOVERNANCE WORKS

1. Trained volunteer mentors skilled in governance are referred to hosts (local councils/peak bodies/community development organisations)
2. Community organisations attend an introductory workshop
3. Hosts match a mentor to a community organisation
4. Mentors work directly with community organisations over 12 months, through a systematic program supported by an evaluation framework
5. Mentors are connected with one another in a Community of Practice
6. Small and medium community organisations improve their governance practices
7. Program helps to create stronger, more cohesive and more resilient communities



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WHAT OTHER MENTORS SAY ABOUT THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAM >

‘Coming from a base where meetings were not functioning effectively to now; there is now a sense of achievement, and meetings are more professional and have a sense of direction.’

Jean Wise
Mentor for Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum

**Good
GOVERNANCE**

Helping community organisations be their best

SUPPORTING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- > Opportunity to give back to community and enhance professional skills
- > Learn from other mentors and engage with like-minded people through a Community of Practice
- > Commitment is only for 12 months – not a long-term obligation, and you do not join the organisation you mentor
- > Full training and support provided
- > Follow a systematic program that has been rigorously evaluated
- > Help shape your community and build capacity

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A GOOD GOVERNANCE MENTOR?

Good Governance is an initiative of the Centre for Participation. To find out more about how you can support community organisations to be their best, contact the **Centre for Participation** on **03 5382 5607** or email info@centreforparticipation.org.au

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