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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN (RMIT STUDENT) SYN BOARD VACANCY:

SYN is seeking expressions of interest from RMIT students interested in filling a vacancy on the Board. The SYN constitution stipulates a requirement of at least one RMIT enrolled student to sit on the SYN Board. This is a voluntary position.

SYN and RMIT are close partners. We have worked with RMIT for 15 years to promote young voices in the media. In late 2018 SYN will relocate to a new home on the RMIT campus and our bond with RMIT has never been more important. As a board member you will be an essential part of planning SYN's future and fostering our long-term relationship with RMIT.

This role requires a considerable time commitment, including attendance at meetings (Board members are asked to make every effort to attend all meetings), preparation time and correspondence with the Board via email.

This would be for a term ending at the SYN Annual General Meeting in October 2018, at which time the appointed Board member will be eligible to stand for election.

This is an excellent opportunity for a young person to learn about how SYN and how other organisations make decisions and set their future. SYN Board members get the benefit of an enormous amount of professional development which is useful in all aspects of your career.

Any related experience or knowledge in any of the following areas is desirable, but not necessary: finance, law, fundraising, community media, human resources and not-for-profit Boards/committees.

About the role of an ordinary Board Member

We are seeking a SYN Member/RMIT student to join the Board of SYN to:

- Attend Board Meetings and actively participate in discussion and decisions;
- Join at least one subcommittee of the Board (Finance, Risk and Compliance, Performance and Remuneration, Nominations or Fundraising)
- Assist with the formulation of SYN's long term strategy

This role is **not** about making short-term, day-to-day decisions:

- E.g. programming schedules, staffing or content

Board members must think about and act on questions such as:

- Who pays for stuff at SYN?
- What will SYN be like in 30 years?
- What happens if someone breaks the law 'on-air'?
- What is SYN's relationship with the government?

Commitment

This is a role that requires a **high level of commitment**.

The person filling this role will be required to attend

- Meetings of the SYN Board: The SYN Board meets monthly on the final Wednesday of each month for approximately 1-2 hours. An additional 1-2 hours of preparation will be required to adequately and actively participate in meetings; and
- Two half-day planning and review days through the year.
- Participate on Board Subcommittees (0-2 hours per month)

Key Dates

- **Induction.** To introduce you to SYN, the SYN Board operations and expectations and the General Manager
- **Board Meetings** are held on the final Wednesday of the Month at the 'House of SYN'. Meetings begin promptly at 6:15PM.
- **Strategic Planning Review.** In June 2018 SYN released its strategic plan for 2018-2020. This is reviewed at the Plan's midway point which will be held in June 2019.

How to Apply

Please submit a PDF (2 Pages Maximum) to board@syn.org.au in the following format:

Name:

Age:

SYN Member Number:

Why I joined SYN:

Why I am interested in joining the Board:

Outside of SYN I do:

What skills can you bring to the Board:

What do you understand about the relationship between RMIT and SYN:

Please submit your application to board@syn.org.au by **5PM August 18th**

Yours sincerely,

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