



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Play a part in the future of the Western Port Biosphere**

The Western Port Biosphere is seeking expressions of interest for up to five honorary positions on its Board. The terms of half the current Board members will expire in November 2015.

The Western Port Biosphere is seeking people who have experience in: environment or natural resources, strategic or business planning, tourism, communications, marketing, or financial management. The Board is also keen to hear from people with experience in not-for-profit administration and governance, community engagement, education and research, commercial law, arts and culture.

Designated in 2002 as a Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Program (MAB) the Western Port Biosphere Reserve is unique, encompassing five diverse local government areas and French Island. In 2014 the Western Port Biosphere Foundation passed its UNESCO ten-year review, a report to UNESCO on progress against the MAB goals.

The role of the Biosphere is to foster conservation and sustainable development by facilitating partnerships to create an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable future for Western Port. The Biosphere represents a partnership of municipalities, community and government organisations who share goals for the long-term health and well-being of the Western Port Biosphere Reserve.

The board is responsible for the operation of the Foundation, including oversight of the management of projects, policies and staff. Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

For more information go to: [www.biosphere.org.au](http://www.biosphere.org.au)

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