

# Music Australia Music Education Advisory Group - Charter



**Purpose:** This Advisory Group provides expert advice and contributes to Music Australia's work in Music Education. Its focus is mainly on school music education, advising on the [Music: Count Us In](#) program, and contributing to policy development, and advocacy.

**Membership:** This representative group comprises up to 8 recognised industry experts from around the country with a diversity of experience, approaches, and knowledge. Members provide credible and strategic advice, are committed to music education development, and work with Music Australia to advance our agenda. Membership is by invitation, with staff providing a longlist to the Board to shortlist and approve.

**Structure:** The Music Australia Board appoints members and a Chair for a two-year term, they are eligible for appointment for a further term. All will be financial Music Australia members and serve on a voluntary basis. The Music Australia Education Program Manager acts as convenor.

**Representation:** will be drawn from the following areas:

- Educational associations and networks, eg ASME, AMEB
- Early childhood, Primary & secondary (teacher / principal)
- Vocational education and training (VET), higher education sector
- Different pedagogies, methodologies, sub genres; priority areas such as pre-service education and early childhood education.
- A geographic and demographic balance will be sought.

**Principles:** The Advisory Group seeks to:

- be representative, inclusive and collaborative
- achieve consensus on agenda, procedures and effectiveness
- deliberate fairly, respectfully, responsively and decisively
- provide reciprocity and mutual benefits
- contribute effectively to achieving Music Australia's agenda
- maximise beneficial impacts to a broad constituency

**Tasks:** Meet face to face annually, attend Music: Count Us In event(s), hold quarterly teleconferences, attend ad hoc meetings where possible, provide email advice

**Role:**

- keep Music Australia abreast of news, issues, research and trends to inform priorities
- act as representatives for Music Australia activities and policies
- provide advice and input into programs, activities and policy submissions
- recommend alternate contacts through own networks for specialist advice as needed
- share information - brief and inform your own networks, seek input
- participate in advocacy meetings and delegations
- for the Music: Count Us In program and related activities:
  - advise on objectives, delivery, contribute to evaluation
  - advise on quality, balance, curriculum relevance, etc
  - contribute - as speakers, host, panellist, scribe, writing a blog, etc

**Music Australia will:** publish Advisory Group members and activities on website and other media, support Group members in their own professional fields through information and advocacy, and provide secretariat services to the Group.