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## **AN EXCITING 10-YEAR VISION FOR THE ICONIC WEA**

One of South Australia's oldest and most iconic community organisations is calling for Board nominations as the 109-year-old educational institution brings to life its ambitious 10-year vision.

WEA CEO Lesley Venning said that the WEA, like many South Australian businesses, has been hit hard by the global pandemic but she is optimistic about its future.

“While our language and lifestyle courses remain incredibly popular, we are seeing a growing number of people interested in business skilling and workplace wellness. These are just two of the many opportunities we have identified to ensure WEA remains prosperous and sustainable for the next decade and beyond.”

Even during a global pandemic, WEA has continued to add unique and exciting courses to its offer, including a range of online courses which have been enthusiastically received. With hundreds of courses available for enrolment throughout the year, “what will you WEA next?” is a common catchcry amongst WEA's fiercely loyal student base.

This month the WEA is launching a series of Lunchtime Lectures, where participants can discuss local, national, and international history, politics, events, crimes, or finance presented by an expert in each field. These 1-hour lectures are held online between 12:15pm and 1:15pm and cost just \$25. Details can be found in the latest WEA course guide or on the WEA website at [www.wea-sa.com.au](http://www.wea-sa.com.au).

With the WEA also partnering with an increasing number of industry bodies, businesses, and other community organisations to provide bespoke training and personal enrichment programs, there is an opportunity for individuals with the skills, time, and energy to assist in developing this iconic community based, not-for-profit organisation to deliver wide ranging educational opportunities to the South Australian and broader community.

“Our current Board members support our vision through their diverse experience, skills and perspectives, and the vacancies offer an opportunity to complement the existing team with new energy and enthusiasm” Ms Venning said.

While passion to help is the main criteria, the WEA is particularly keen to hear from those with marketing, legal, education or financial experience. Previous Board and governance experience is also highly desirable.

Nominations for the Board close on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 5.00pm. To obtain a WEA Board Nomination Pack contact [enrolments@wea-sa.com.au](mailto:enrolments@wea-sa.com.au) or telephone 8223 1979. The WEA AGM will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 from 7:00pm in its Angas Street headquarters.

**About:**

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA) of South Australia was founded in 1913 and is Australia's largest non-government adult community education organisation, providing learning opportunities for all South

Australians aged 15 years or older. There are generally no pre-requisites for courses and no assessment or exams. Topics include languages, food and wine, computing, business, lifestyle, health and wellbeing, creative arts, photography and film, music and performing arts, practical art and craft, personal development, home and garden, nature, fitness, dancing and recreation, metaphysical matters, archaeology, history and culture, heritage walks and tours, armchair travel and more. WEA also operates WEA Travel, a registered travel agency offering escorted small group tours in regional South Australia and interstate, with overseas tours optimistically scheduled to return in late 2022.

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