



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
VICTORIA

Guidelines for Patronage Organisations of Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC

As part of a program of community engagement, Governors of Victoria give patronage to organisations and associations representing the interests of communities across Victoria.

Vice-Regal patronage is a way of demonstrating support for the significant contributions that these organisations make to the lives of Victorians.

These guidelines are intended to assist both the Office of the Governor, and patronage organisations during the Governor's term.

Once your Vice-Regal Patronage application has been accepted, your organisation's name will be included in a list of patronage organisations on the Governor's website.

Correspondence

Correspondence to the Governor should be from either the Chairperson or President.

Invitations to the Governor

The Governor welcomes invitations from patronage organisations to attend or host special events or activities associated with the work of the organisation.

Invitations should be emailed to requests@govhouse.vic.gov.au

Please be advised, when considering invitations to the Governor, that:

- as a general rule the Governor does not attend annual general meetings
- the Governor cannot be linked with particular fundraising or political activities
- due to the number of invitations received, not all invitations or requests can be accepted

When preparing an invitation to the Governor, please ensure the invitation:

- is in writing and signed by the most senior member of the organisation (Chair or President)
- is addressed to Jonathan Burke, Official Secretary to the Governor
- includes thorough details relating to the event - purpose, background, expectations, proposed date/s and time etc

Ongoing information required

For the duration of the patronage, all organisations are required to provide the following updates, as they occur, via email to info@govhouse.vic.gov.au :

- Changes in Principal Office Bearers
- Changes to contact information (mailing address, phone and appropriate email addresses)
- Copies of each year's Annual Report and Financial Statement
- Material changes to the organisation's circumstances that may impact the Vice-Regal Patronage
- Changes to the name of the organisation



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Protocols

The patronage of the Governor may be indicated on official documents such as letterhead and be approved by the Office of the Governor.

The patronage should be indicated as follows:

For the Governor's Patronage, where the Governor is the only patron of the organisation, patronage is noted as:

Patron: Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC

For the Governor's Patronage, where there are other patrons of the organisation, patronage is noted as:

Patron-in-Chief: Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC

Terms of Patronage

Vice-Regal Patronage is accepted for that Governor's term in office only and will conclude at the end of the Governor's tenure. Patronage will not transfer to the next Governor in office.

Vice-Regal patronage does not indicate endorsement of specific initiatives undertaken by an organisation and does not influence an organisation's application for Victorian Government funding. Although patronage is granted for the Governor's tenure, it can be withdrawn by the Office of the Governor at any time.

Office of the Governor will advise all current patronage organisations when the Governor's term in office is nearing its conclusion, with advice regarding the opportunity to apply for patronage with the new Governor, should they choose to apply.

Official Biography and Portrait

Attached as an appendix to this document is the official biography and portrait of the Governor. Patronage organisations are able to publish these on their website indicating that they have received Vice-Regal Patronage. Any other use of the official biography and portrait requires approval from the Office of the Governor.



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Appendix A – Official Biography and Portrait



Professor Margaret Gardner was the 9th and first woman President and Vice-Chancellor of Monash University from 1 September 2014 until 4 August 2023.

Prior to joining Monash, Professor Gardner was Vice-Chancellor and President of RMIT from April 2005 until August 2014. She has extensive academic experience, having held various leadership positions in Australian universities throughout her career, including at the University of Queensland and Griffith University.

She attained a first-class honours degree in Economics and a PhD from the University of Sydney. In 1988, she was a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow, spending time at MIT, Cornell and Berkley. In 2018, she was elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Professor Gardner was Chair of the Group of Eight Universities in Australia from 2020 to 2023. She was also a Director of Infrastructure Victoria from 2015 to 2023, the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) from 2015 to 2023 and Chair of CASE Asia-Pacific Regional Council from 2019 to 2023.

Professor Gardner was Chair of Universities Australia from 2017 to 2019 and Museum Victoria from 2008 to 2016 and chaired the Strategic Advisory Committee and the Expert Panel of the Office of Learning and Teaching (Federal Government Department of Education and Training). She has also been a member of various other boards and committees, including the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, the ANZAC Centenary Advisory Board and the International Education Advisory Committee, which led to the Chaney Report.

In 2007, Professor Gardner was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in recognition of service to tertiary education, particularly in the areas of university governance and gender equity, and to industrial relations in Queensland. Subsequently in January 2020, Professor Gardner was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for her eminent service to tertiary education through leadership and innovation in teaching and learning, research and financial sustainability.

Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC was inaugurated as the 30th Governor of Victoria on 9 August 2023.