

ASSOCIATE COUNCILLOR- 1 Year Term

Become an observer on the Executive Council of the Seed and Grain New Zealand

Are you ready to take your governance learning to the next level?

Seed and Grain New Zealand (SGNZ) is committed to growing the exposure of the association and providing opportunities for diversity of thinking for the sector's leadership to ensure retention of industry talent and intellectual property for the benefit of the sector.

SGNZ is a national trade body operating as a central point for the NZ seed and grain industry. It works to improve the operating environment for members grain and seed trade domestically and in export markets. Members of the association range from global companies listed on the stock exchange to small privately owned companies both in New Zealand and Australia.

SGNZ has eight elected board members which includes four chairs of business groups.

SGNZ adds value to its members through:

- Focused advocacy in policy formation and regulatory processes to mitigate and remove barriers or limitations to domestic and international trade of grain and seed
- Helping to manage phytosanitary and biosecurity risks associated with seeds for sowing
- The voice of the NZ grain and seed trade
- Engagement with other industry entities and members
- Providing a high standard of services to members

The SGNZ Executive Council is looking to support those in the grain and seed industry develop governance and leadership skills and are looking for an Associate Councillor to join the Executive Council for a fixed term of one calendar year.

As an Associate Councillor you'll be invited to attend all Executive Council meetings and relevant business group meetings in person. You will receive access to all papers relating to those meetings and contribute to discussions. You will have the opportunity to attend the annual conference and other events hosted by the association. The position represents a development opportunity to an individual who wants to grow their knowledge and experience in the seed and grain industry. The Associate Councillor is not an elected position to the Executive Council, you will not have voting rights and will be unpaid. However, associated expenses such as travel and accommodation will be met.

Applicants must:

- Be a member of the SGNZ, or work for an organisation that is a member
- Be strongly committed to advancing the grain and seed sector
- Have a strong interest in governance and looking to progress their leadership career
- Be able to exhibit innovative and strategic thinking
- Be collaborative and a good communicator
- Have the highest levels of integrity and show sound judgement

The qualities we are looking for are:

- Passion and commitment to the seed and grain sector
- Values continuous improvement and responsiveness to the sector's challenges and opportunities
- Highest of ethical standards and behaviours
- Independence in thinking, be prepared to challenge and be challenged
- Effective, persuasive and respectful communicator

Term:

One calendar year. 1st January 2026 – 31st December 2026

How to apply:

Submit your CV and cover letter to sarah.clark@sgnz.co.nz

Applications close 5pm, Friday 24th October 2025