



Advertisement – Chief Executive Officer & Executive Producer

Barking Gecko Theatre

For over 30 years, Barking Gecko Theatre (BGT) has been creating world-class theatre for children and their families. The company is recruiting a new Chief Executive Officer & Executive Producer (CEO/EP) to lead the Company's vision and mission into the future.

The Company is looking for a strong leader with a passion to produce children's theatre. This role will oversee the production of all theatrical and educational programming, the generation of revenue, the management of financial expenditure and all other duties required to ensure the success of BGT. The CEO/EP will play a key role in shaping the organisational culture and developing internal competencies. Essential to the role will be the focus on expanding and supporting relationships with key internal & external stakeholders.

About Barking Gecko Theatre

BGT is a locally cherished, nationally significant company that creates and tours world-class theatre for children and their families. Their award-winning history of innovation and excellence inspires audiences to imagine the world anew. Once productions premiere in Perth, they go on to tour regional WA, nationally and internationally, when possible.

In addition to theatre productions, BGT also delivers **Gecko Ensembles** – out of school drama classes for children aged 5-17. These classes support young people to explore their imaginations and tap into their creative potential. It is where self-expression leads to self-confidence. Gecko Ensembles operate in multiple locations across WA.

BGT's **Creative Learning programme** encompasses initiatives to increase children's access to professional productions through subsidy schemes and deepen their experience through resources and engagement programmes. Creative Learning also delivers the WA chapter of School Drama, a teacher professional learning programme that puts quality literature and drama strategies at the heart of primary school literacy programmes.

About the role:

This role will suit an exceptional leader, with extensive experience in the arts sector and a sincere passion for bringing arts & theatre to young people. BGT is considering candidates across Australia.

Reporting to the Board, the CEO/EP is responsible for the growth and sustainability of the organisation and will present the Company's vision for the children and families of Western Australia and Australia. This outstanding leader will continue to find ways and spaces for young people to find their voice and explore their creativity.

The CEO/EP in collaboration with the Artistic Director will oversee the production of all theatrical programming. They will also oversee the generation of revenue, the essential management of financial expenditure and investment, creative marketing to expand audience, brand and supporter base and all other duties required to ensure the continued success of the Company's mission.

To be successful in this role you will have:

- Experience in a leadership role within the arts sector and a passion for the arts and children's theatre
- Exceptional communication skills and experience working with internal and external stakeholders
- Ability to lead funding agreements and overall financial management and position of the organisation
- Commercial acumen to create and execute a vision
- Experience working with a board to create and lead a strategic vision
- Experience leading an organisation through change and embracing future opportunities
- Advocacy expertise for the Children's arts sector

Barking Gecko Theatre can offer you:

- The opportunity to impact the lives of children and families in WA and Australia
- An opportunity to lead one of Australia's awarded, innovative, creative, and cherished Children's Theatre Companies
- Work with exceptionally talented and passionate BGT team members and supporters
- Engage with leaders in the Creative Industry and with the company's important stakeholders
- The ability to salary package

Please provide your resume and cover letter, detailing your expertise to demonstrate your ability for this important arts leadership role that impacts the lives and imagination of young people.

For a confidential discussion, please contact Jemma Buckner on (08) 9282 5250 and quote Job No. 28911.