

About this Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy has been published to provide a clear and concise outline of how and when personal information and other data is collected, disclosed, used, stored and otherwise handled by Pen and Pixel Pty Ltd (Company). The Policy relates to personal information and other data collected by any means and by any technology and assumes that you are an Australian resident.

By using the Company’s websites, products or services, you consent to the Company using your personal information and other data as set out in this Privacy Policy. If you are under the age of 15, please provide this Privacy Policy to your parent or guardian before providing us with your personal information.

The Company treats the handling of your personal information very seriously. To that end, the Company has systems and procedures in place to protect your privacy in relation to the handling of your personal information.

The Company abides by the Australian Privacy Principles (“APPs”), which provide a scheme in relation to the collection, disclosure, use and storage of personal information. The Company’s objective is to handle information responsibly and provide you with some control over the way information about you is handled.

The Privacy Act provides for exemptions:

in relation to employee records (being records relating to a current or former employment relationship between the Company and the individual); and from coverage in relation to the journalism activities of the Company (as explained further at section 3). Where these exemptions apply, they will take precedence over this Policy.

1. Collection of Personal Information and other data

Personal information is information or opinion about an individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable (whether the information or opinion is true or not, and whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form). The nature of personal information collected by the Company comprises information such as an individual’s name, address, phone number, fax, e-mail address, birth date and gender, as well as interests and information about your viewing of our programs and services, your transactions with us and with some of our business partners.
The purposes for collecting such information include to arrange, conduct and promote the Company’s media activities (including but not limited to production, broadcasting and publishing), understand our audiences and provide you with requested products and services.

When you are using a service we provide to you over the internet (for example a website), we may use technology (including third party technology such as Google Analytics) to collect information as to your activities on such services associated with the Company including your IP Address and/or the type of operating system you use and/or the domain name of your Internet Service Provider, software and hardware attributes and the web-page you request.

In addition, the Company may set and access cookies and other similar technologies (collectively “Cookies”) on your computer or other internet-enabled device and may let other companies (such as third party tracking service providers, third party advertisers and ad network companies such as Google, Lotame and Rubicon) set and access their Cookies on your device (subject to their own privacy policies). Cookies are used to improve and personalise your experience of particular products and services, measure your use of those products and services and show you relevant advertising. If you do not wish for data to be collected through the use of Cookies, see here.

The Company also uses third party proprietary measurement software (such as OzTAM, Nielsen and Google Analytics) on our websites and apps which enables us to collect audience ratings information and anonymous viewing data which assists us to understand how visitors engage with our websites and apps. To learn more and for information on how to opt out of such activities see here.

The Company or its agents will generally collect personal information from you directly. For example, the Company may collect personal information when you subscribe to one of the Company’s publications, log on to a website or service by providing us with your email address and password, complete a survey, become a member, attend a function or event, enter a competition, make a purchase, provide a resume or enter an agreement. There may be other occasions when the Company sources personal information from third parties, such as from Facebook or Google when you log on to a website or service using your Facebook ID or Google ID, or from recruitment agencies when you apply for a position with us via a recruitment agency.

You may choose to deal with the Company anonymously or under a pseudonym where lawful and practicable (i.e. provided we are still able to provide the relevant service or do business with you without that information). For example, it might not be practical to deal with you
anonymously if we need to process a payment, delivery goods or services or send personalised communications to you.

2. Use & Disclosure of Personal Information and other data

Personal information and other data collected by the Company may be shared with related companies within the Company.

The Company may use and disclose your personal information and other data for the purpose for which it was initially collected, namely to arrange, conduct and promote the Company’s media activities (including but not limited to production, broadcasting and publishing), establish and administer your access to our websites and services, provide you with requested products and services (and renewals thereof), as well as all purposes necessary and incidental to the provision of goods or services by the Company or by anyone on behalf of the Company.

In addition, the Company may use and disclose your personal information and other data for purposes related to the initial purpose of collection if that other purpose would be within your reasonable expectations. Related purposes include analysing your personal information for the purpose of identifying and displaying content which may be of interest to you, referring you to products and services and/or production and broadcast activities and/or media activities that may be of benefit or interest to you, displaying targeted advertising based on those interests, improving our services, conducting research, contacting you, internal auditing and administration, adding your name to a guest list or invitation list, or assisting the Company to carry out auditing, administration, or product enhancement.

Without limiting the foregoing, this may involve matching data with third party data held by our business partners using the safe haven environment of a data service provider), or using data to create an anonymous link to third party data held by our business partners and ad network companies and placing that link in Cookies for the purpose of the Company and its business partners and ad network companies tailoring information you may be more interested in and sending you targeted advertising when you use websites or other services over the internet, including those supplied to you by the Company as well as by third parties unaffiliated with the Company. This is known as online behavioural advertising or interest-based advertising and information on how to opt out of such activities can be found here.

The Company may disclose your personal information without your consent if the disclosure is:

a. required or authorised by law;
b. required in order to investigate an unlawful activity;

c. required by an enforcement body for investigative activities; or

d. necessary to prevent a serious and imminent threat to a person's life, health or safety, or to public health or safety.

On some occasions your personal information and other data may be transferred to or processed by service providers in overseas countries including but not limited to the US, or even in 'the cloud' (which may involve processing in more than one country) in order for such service providers to perform services on our behalf. The most current list of those countries can be found here.

Like most business organisations, the Company performs some of its functions under licence and also contracts out some functions and relies on third party suppliers to conduct specialised activities such as website management, share registry services, mail out services, call centre services, data analysis and processing services, insurance broking, vehicle and petrol supply, supply of equipment, engineering services, security services, financial services, credit reporting services and travel and hospitality services. Personal information may be provided to these licensors (where contractually required) and to theses suppliers in order to enable them to perform the agreed tasks.

Some companies that the Company is affiliated with have their own privacy policies and where they collect personal information from you for their own business, your personal information will be handled in accordance with their Privacy Policy.

3. Direct marketing

From time to time the Company may use your personal information and other data to identify programs, products and services that may be of interest to you. The Company may use your personal information to send you information regarding the Company's programs, products and services, and those available through the Company's business partners.

From time to time, the Company may also provide your personal information to carefully selected third parties for the purpose of them providing you with information regarding products and services specific to your needs, and to help the Company conduct product enhancement activities.
If you do not wish to receive direct marketing information from members of the Company or third parties (as applicable) as outlined in this section, please let us know by using the unsubscribe function in the communication you receive, or alternatively by contacting hello@penandpixel.org. We will take prompt steps to ensure that you do not receive any such direct marketing information in future.

4. Personal Information Security

The Company is committed to keeping your personal information secure, and we will take reasonable precautions to protect your personal information from unauthorised access, loss, release, misuse or alteration.

Your personal information and other data may be stored in hard copy documents, but is generally stored electronically on the Company’s software or systems or on those of our third party service providers.

The Company maintains physical security over its paper and electronic data stores, such as locks and security systems. The Company also uses computer and network security technologies such as firewalls, intrusion prevention software, antivirus software, external email filtering and passwords to control and restrict access to authorised staff for approved purposes and to secure personal information from unauthorised access, modification, disclosure, misuse and loss.

Whilst the Company takes all reasonable steps to secure your personal information from loss, misuse and unauthorised access, you acknowledge that all activities in which you intentionally or unintentionally supply information to the Company carries an inherent risk of loss of, misuse of, or unauthorised access to such information. The Company cannot be held responsible for such actions where the security of the personal information is not within the control of the Company, or where the Company cannot reasonably prevent such incident.

Additionally, you acknowledge that the collection and use of your personal information by third parties may be subject to separate privacy policies and/or the laws of other jurisdictions.

7. Access To Personal Information

You may request access to the personal information the Company holds about you.

The procedure for gaining access is as follows:
a. All requests for access to your personal information should be made in writing and addressed to hello@penandpixel.org.

b. You should provide as much detail as possible regarding the business entity, department or person to whom you believe your personal information has been provided, and when, as well as detail regarding the type of information to which you are seeking access. This will allow the Company to process your request faster.

c. The Company will acknowledge your request within 14 days, and access will usually be granted within 14 days, or if it is more complicated, 30 days. The Company will inform you if this timeframe is not achievable.

d. You will be asked to verify your identity.

e. A fee may apply to such access in the event that a request for access is onerous or time consuming. Such a fee will cover staff costs involved in locating and collating information, and reproduction costs.

f. Depending on the circumstances, you may be forwarded the information by mail or email, or you may be required to personally inspect your records at the appropriate place.

g. You will be given the opportunity to correct any personal information that is no longer accurate.

In some circumstances, the Company may not be in a position to provide access. Such circumstances include the following:

a. access would create a serious threat to safety;

b. providing access will have an unreasonable impact upon the privacy of other individuals;

c. denying access is required or authorised by law;

d. the request is frivolous or vexatious;

e. legal proceedings are underway or anticipated, and the information would not be accessible through the process of discovery in the proceedings;

f. negotiations may be prejudiced by such access;
g. providing access is likely to prejudice law enforcement;

h. providing access is likely to prejudice action being taken or to be taken with respect to suspected unlawful activity or serious misconduct relating to the Company’s functions or activities; or

i. access would reveal a commercially sensitive decision making process.

If the Company denies access to your personal information, it will provide you with reasons in writing.

8. Changes To This Policy

The Company may, without notice, change this Policy from time to time for any reason and will update the Policy accordingly. We ask that you visit our website periodically in order to remain up to date with such changes.

9. Complaints

If you believe that your privacy has been infringed or a breach of the APPs has occurred, you are entitled to complain. All complaints should initially be in writing and directed to hello@penandpixel.org. The Company will respond to your complaint as soon as possible, within 14 working days, to let you know who is responsible for managing your query. The Company will try to resolve the complaint within 30 working days. When this is not possible the Company will contact you to provide an estimate of how long it will take to handle the complaint.

If you believe the Company has not adequately dealt with your complaint, you may complain to the Privacy Commissioner whose contact details are as follows:

Officer of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC)
Phone: 1300 363 992
Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au
GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001