

# Victoria Division Council Election 2025

## CANDIDATES

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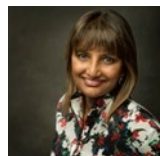
- Candidates are presented in alphabetical order.
- Biographies are supplied by the candidates.
- Where a \* appears at the start of a candidate's name, this means that the Council supports the re-election of this candidate.

The Council does not conduct an assessment process for new candidates seeking election to the Council or re-standing Councillors. However, where the Council considers a current Councillor to have made a valuable contribution to the Council or the AICD during their term, the Council has the discretion to indicate to members that it supports the re-election of that Councillor.

Where a Council supports the re-election of a current Councillor it does not constitute an assessment against other candidates. Members should consider the skills, experience and potential contribution of all candidates when casting their vote.

**Dr Angeline Achariya GAICD**

BSc (Hons) PhD (University of Melbourne) Graduate AICD FTSE FAIFST



Angeline has been a professional director for nine years including advisory board and committee roles and is passionate about creating governance frameworks that bridge emerging innovation challenges with traditional fiduciary responsibilities. Angeline serves as Board Member on Industry Innovation and Science Australia with fiduciary oversight of multi-billion-dollar innovation investments, Wine Australia, Australia's Economic Accelerator, and Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology.

Angeline's focus encompasses innovation governance at national scale, bridging government policy with commercial reality through operational experience commercialising 1200+ innovations across Asia-Pacific and US markets.

Angeline is Chair of G100 Mission Million Asia Pacific with audit and risk committee experience. Her board expertise encompasses strategic foresight, enterprise risk management frameworks, and stakeholder governance delivering sustainable value.

Angeline holds a PhD in Food Systems & Technology and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Angeline has strong experience in innovation risk governance and wishes to volunteer her skills in governance oversight to the AICD Victorian Division Council.

Angeline is a Graduate of the AICD and has been a member since 2015.

**Nominators:** Steven Chaur GAICD and Kimon Taliadoros GAICD

**Dr Leigh Farrell FAICD**



Leigh Farrell is an experienced non-executive director with over 30 years of leadership across the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medtech, and health security sectors. He currently serves on the board of ASX20-listed Pro Medicus Ltd, where he contributes to the Risk & Audit and People & Culture Committees, and is also a director of Ena Respiratory Pty Ltd and Axelia Oncology Ltd. He is Managing Director of AdNED Pty Ltd, a governance and commercialisation advisory firm.

Leigh has held senior executive roles globally, including as SVP Asia Pacific for Certara and COO/Chairman of d3 Medicine, LLC. His governance experience spans listed companies, VC-backed biotechs, public-private partnerships, and national advisory bodies. He has played a key role in strategy development, crisis response, and risk governance across both corporate and government settings.

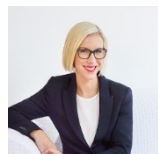
He is a Fellow of the AICD and has completed specialist courses in crisis management, cyber risk, and climate governance. Committed to mentoring future leaders and fostering inclusive governance cultures, Leigh brings deep strategic insight, cross-sector collaboration skills, and a strong commitment to evidence-based decision making.

He seeks to contribute to the Victorian Division Council by drawing on his governance and strategy experience to support AICD's strategic direction and engagement with members.

**Nominators:** Alice Williams FAICD and Peter Kempen AM FAICD

**\*Dr Samantha Smith FAICD**

BBus, MA, DBA, QPCGP



A Victorian Division Council Member since 2019, Samantha is a Fellow of the AICD, a Chartered Governance Professional, and a graduate of the Company Directors Course. She currently serves on the AICD's Membership Reimagined Division Council Working Group, contributing to initiatives that strengthen the member offer and experience.

Samantha is a Non-Executive Director of the Transport Accident Commission, where she chairs the People, Culture and Remuneration Committee and is a member of the Risk Committee.

She also chairs Swinburne University's Master of Marketing Course Advisory Committee and has previously served as a Non-Executive Director of WorkSafe Victoria, North Projects, and the Australian Communities Foundation.

As the founder of Pinnacle Collective, a strategy, governance and communications agency, she advises clients across government, private and community sectors – from listed international companies to leading community organisations. She is also a longtime judge for the Telstra Best of Business Awards, recognising outstanding small and medium-sized businesses shaping Australia.

Samantha is passionate about governance education and creating opportunities for aspiring and emerging directors.

**Nominators:** Kathleen Bailey-Lord FAICD and Sonia Petering FAICD