

New South Wales Division Council Election 2026

CANDIDATES

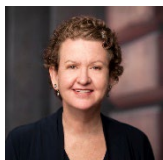
Please note:

- 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.

*** Sandra Gamble FAICD**



With a background in engineering, regulation and government, Sandra has worked across the public, private and for-purpose sectors as board member, senior executive and consultant. She has a strong interest in how governance contributes to the success of major projects.

Sandra is the Chair of Marinus Link, which is building a new transmission and telecommunications line between Tasmania and Victoria. She is a Board Member of EnergyCo, which is building out the renewable energy zones in New South Wales.

Sandra has been an elected NSW Divisional Councillor for the AICD since 2023.

Previously, Sandra was a Tribunal Member with the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, and the Chair of its Electricity Networks Regulation Committee and its Energy Savings Scheme Committee. At the Electricity Authority, New Zealand's electricity market regulator, Sandra was a Board Member and Chair of its System Operations Committee. Prior, she held senior executive roles with Jemena Limited and Sydney Water.

Sandra has sat on advisory boards for the Advisory Board Centre, the Institute for Science on Global Policy, and Sprint Venture Capital.

Sandra holds a Master of Business Administration (Technology Management) and a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering with Honours and is a Fellow of the AICD.

Nominators: Thao Oakey GAICD and Jennifer Cook GAICD

Julie Garland McLellan FAICD

BSc (hons) Civil Engineering, MBA, FAICD



Julie is a passionate advocate for good board governance. She has wide experience including construction, energy, and resources as well as service sectors.

Julie is actively involved in the AICD and frequently attends courses and events, including have attended over twenty AICD Conferences or AGS Summits. She is known to many members as a contributor to the Company Director course and Journal, and for her free director newsletter The Director's Dilemma.

Julie's current board portfolio provides up to date insights into start-ups, government and utility boards, social justice, and regional issues. Her experience includes chairing ASX listed companies, consulting, and mentoring. She has written six books on governance (two published by AICD) and combines practical experience with technical rigour. Julie would add value to the AICD's NSW Division Council by contributing insights from her wide network and experience and supporting events and courses to enhance members' experiences.

Julie is a Fellow of the AICD and a graduate of the Company Directors Course and The Mastery in the Boardroom courses. She has been a member of the AICD since 1996.

Nominators: Christine Hawkins FAICD and Brett Clarke

Ajoy Ghosh GAICD



Ajoy has been a company director for over 15 years and a member of the AICD since 2011. He has served the businesses, communities, and households of NSW for over 30 years, as a sworn police officer, public servant, and senior executive. He currently serves on the NSW Government's AI Review Committee, providing counsel on the responsible adoption and use of artificial intelligence across NSW.

As founder of The Cyber Alchemist, Ajoy is considered one of Australia's leading cyber and digital forensic experts, advising industry and government on technology governance, risk management, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. He has worked within government, large and small enterprises and not-for profit across a broad range of sectors, including defence, technology, transport, health, finance, and critical infrastructure.

Ajoy is socially conscious, and since 2020 has served as a Non-Executive Director of Amnesty International Australia, re-elected by members for a third term, and previously served two terms on the board of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), both in a volunteer capacity and also serving on their Audit and Risk Committees. He is a Graduate of the AICD and holds an Australian Government security clearance.

Nominators: Christine Hawkins FAICD and Brett Clarke GAICD

Kate Harper GAICD

BA/LLB (USYD), LLM (Cantab),



Kate brings legal qualifications and experience across global financial services, governance, human resources and Australia's start-up innovation sector.

After legal studies at Cambridge, Kate worked in London with Hambros and Westpac, advising international companies on capital raising in global markets. She then spent 20 years in search and recruitment across London and Sydney, most recently as Board Practice Partner, Johnson. She also ran her own advisory business, guiding boards on governance and CEO/director succession.

For the past decade, Kate has served on, and reported to, Not-for-Profit boards in Australia. She is a Councillor for St Andrew's College within the University of Sydney, where she chaired the Education Committee, and served as an external committee member on the Nominations and Assessment Committee of Amnesty International Australia.

Most recently, Kate spent four years as CEO of Apropela, a NFP supporting female entrepreneurs with strategies to grow their businesses and has since moved onto its board to focus on strategy and governance. She enjoys mentoring and coaching start-ups and engaging with innovation, particularly in AI and cybersecurity.

Kate holds an LLM from the University of Cambridge, a BA/LLB from the University of Sydney, and is a graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course.

Nominators: Alex Birrell MAICD and Louise McElvogue, FAICD

*** Jeyan Jeevaratnam MAICD**

B Eng (Hons 1), MBA, M Eng Sc,



Jeyan Jeevaratnam is an experienced Non-Executive Director and senior executive with more than 15 years of board experience across the technology and not-for-profit sectors. He is committed to supporting organisations that create meaningful impact and contributing to Australia's business and director community.

Jeyan has served as a director of technology companies including Avanade Australia (JV Microsoft & Accenture) and AT&T Australia, and as a director of the Australian Information Industry Association (AiiA), helping shape Australia's digital industry agenda. He has also supported not-for-profit organisations including Northcott Disability and Excelsia University College.

He is currently Managing Director at Avanade, responsible for the APAC Mid-Market business. Previous leadership roles include GM of Asia Enterprise Business for Microsoft, COO of Avanade North America, Managing Director of Avanade Australia, Managing Director of AT&T Australia, and senior executive positions at IBM.

Jeyan holds a first-class honours degree in Engineering, a Master of Engineering Science from the University of NSW, and an MBA. He is a member of YPO, has attended Harvard Business School's YPO Program, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors since 2006.

Through his governance, technology and leadership experience, he seeks to contribute to the AICD NSW Division Council.

Nominators: Christopher Janssen FAICD and Amedea Patrick Imbardelli FAICD

Damian Mitsch FAICD

MBA, GDip ASM, CAE



Damian was at the table when Australia designed the way it regulates its health professionals. As the Australian Physiotherapy Association's representative on the COAG Professions Working Group from 2006, he helped build the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, the framework Ahpra and the National Boards still run today.

That grounding in governance design has run through a two-decade board career: paid Non-Executive Director of Austin Health (2012-2015), a \$750 million tertiary hospital network with 8,800 staff; Commonwealth-appointed member of ASIC's Insolvency Practitioner Registration and Disciplinary Panel (2021-2024). As CEO of the Australian Dental Association, Damian commissioned an independent governance review that cut the Board from 18 directors to 7 and won 89% member approval, saving the organisation \$230,000 a year in costs.

Damian is currently a Councillor of both Standards Australia and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Executive Director of Accord Australasia. He is deepening his expertise in financial analysis and director duties, and is ready to bring two decades of governance experience to the NSW Division Council.

Nominators: Mr John Winter GAICD and Mr Nick Pilavidis GAICD

Janette O'Neill GAICD

B.Ec (1st Class Honours)



Janette has 30 years' experience in strategy, organisational transformation, people & culture and sustainability across professional services, financial services and energy. She is passionate about strengthening governance practice as Australian business navigates regulatory and sustainability-related change including AI governance. She was most recently a Partner and Chief Sustainability Officer with PwC Australia.

Janette has served as a director of a range of not-for-profits since 2011, including Chair of the PwC Foundation Trust and elected board member of the UN Principles for Sustainable Insurance, representing the Australia & Asia regions. She has also sat on advisory panels and steering committees including the AICD Reporting Committee and the Accounting for Sustainability Expert Panel and regularly supports the director community through training and presentations on sustainability and disclosures.

Janette holds a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from Monash University and has completed a range of leadership programs. She has been an AICD member since 2011, completing the Company Directors Course in 2012 and the NZ Institute of Directors Mentoring for Diversity Program in 2015. She wishes to bring her experience in strategy, risk, governance, stakeholder engagement, sustainability and social impact to the AICD's NSW Division Council.

Nominators: Jann Skinner FAICD and Kerryn Coker GAICD

Anneliese Reinhold GAICD

LLB (Melb), BCom (Melb)



Regional NSW-based Anneliese is a professional director with governance experience across international membership organisations, AI/technology, professional services and innovation-driven sectors. Her executive/non-executive career spans Australia, UK/EU, the Middle East and USA.

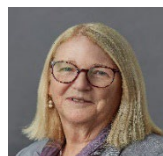
The first Australian elected as Chair of the Global Board of ACC (Association of Corporate Counsel), a 45,000-member, 90-country US non-profit, she also chaired its Finance & Audit, Nomination, Compensation and Services Committees. She was the first Australian elected to the Council of the Institute of Directors (UK), serving on its Nomination Committee, and an inaugural member of AICD's Middle East Advisory Committee.

Anneliese is the former Non-Executive Chair of a listed European AI/Machine Learning group subsidiary, current Chair of the Corporates Board of UK law firm Browne Jacobson, and serves on several tech sector advisory boards. She has lead digital transformation projects, been part of two telco start-up launch teams and was a Dubai Angel Investors founding investor and investment committee member. Anneliese brings experience in governance across large volunteer-based membership organisations, AI/digital oversight, stakeholder engagement, and strengthening member-driven services and education programming in underserved regions, with a strong commitment to regional representation and member connectivity. She is part of the AICD Chairs Mentoring Program (2026 cohort).

Nominators: Gerard Hutchinson FAICD and Helen Fowler GAICD

Donna-Maree (Donna) Vinci DSG GAICD

DSG, FGIA, GCB.D, CDC



Donna-Maree Vinci is a Non-Executive Director of Western Sydney Airport Limited, Newcastle Greater Mutual Group, Hunter Water Corporation, Capricorn Society Limited and Hunter Medical Research Institute, across banking, aviation, utilities, automotive and medical research. She chairs seven board committees: audit and risk at two organisations, technology, people and performance, and investment and pricing at a diocesan development fund. She serves on risk, digital transformation, strategy and sustainability committees.

Her executive career spans CxO roles at Citigroup, Westpac, IAG and BOQ, where she led global risk and compliance across 100 countries and, as CIO, large-scale transformations. She has worked at the other end of the scale: as COO of an AI scale-up entering New Zealand and Canada, and a start-up director.

She brings sound judgement and a commitment to lifting governance practice and board literacy to the areas boards find hardest: sustainability, psychosocial risk, digital, data, AI and cyber governance.

She is a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia, with credentials from the AICD (GAICD-2011), Competent Boards (GCB.D), Harvard Business School (CDC), Cambridge CISL and MIT Sloan. She was Cisco's Women CIO of the Year (2019) and, in 2026, a Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great (DSG).

Nominators: Elizabeth Crouch AM FAICD and Samantha Martin-Williams FAICD FGIA FCILT

Dr Rosy Walia GAICD

PhD, MSc



Dr Rosy Walia is an experienced CEO, non-executive director and governance professional with more than two decades of leadership experience across the aged care, disability, health and community sectors. Since 2007, she has served as Chief Executive Officer of Multicultural Care, leading significant organisational growth, strategic transformation and governance reform.

Rosy has held a range of board and committee leadership roles, including Director of Sydney Health Community Network (CESPHN), Chair and Director of Community Options Australia, and Vice Chair and Chair of the Finance and Administration

Committee at Northside Community Forum. She currently serves on the ACNC Advisory Board, the Ageing Australia NSW State Council and the National Disability Services NSW State Committee and is Company Secretary of Multicultural Care, supporting governance and compliance oversight.

A graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course and participant in the AICD Board Mastery pilot program, Rosy is passionate about strengthening governance capability and supporting organisations to navigate increasing complexity, technological change and evolving community expectations.

Rosy seeks to contribute her experience in governance, strategy, stakeholder

engagement, organisational transformation and leadership across diverse communities to support the AICD's mission of strengthening society through world-class governance.

Nominators: Matthew Irvine FAICD and Diana Chang MAICD

Brendyn Williams MAICD



Brendyn is an enthusiastic and passionate leader, a multi-disciplinary professional with a strong conviction for probity, professional practice and organisational sustainability – assisting organisations from purpose-to-performance. Brendyn enjoys critical thinking and ideation, particularly when applied to problem solving, designing systems to enhance the user experience, developing people, achieving objectives and enabling assurance.

Brendyn is the Principal Consultant and Managing Director of Pentagon Management Pty Ltd, a firm he founded in 2001. He is an experienced leader and manager within the private, government and not-for-profit sectors, specialising in community infrastructure assurance.

Brendyn has served on numerous boards and committees throughout his career, including with Private Companies, Companies Limited by Guarantee and Incorporated Associations. He has fulfilled roles within the 'governing body' and within executive leadership, including as Company Director, Board Chair, Deputy Chair, Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary, Public Officer, Audit and Risk Committee Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Lead and ICT Lead.

Brendyn is a Chartered Professional Engineer, certified Engineering Executive, Certified Management Consultant and Certified Risk Manager, with over 30 years industry experience – including with state government, local government, construction contractors, private consulting firms, small business, professional associations and education providers.

Nominators: Matthew Irvine FAICD and Diana Chang MAICD