

Queensland 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.

*** Philip Beresford FAICD**

BCom, MBA, ANZIIF (Fellow), MACS (Senior)



Philip has worked in finance and investments for over 35 years. His career has spanned multiple global regions, with a strong focus on governance, risk and organisational leadership. He currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of ASR Underwriting Agencies, an insurance underwriting agency and Lloyd's of London cover holder. In this role, he oversees operational strategy, risk management and business performance.

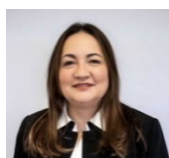
Philip's governance experience spans both commercial and not-for-profit sectors. He is Chair of YFS, a Logan-based community organisation serving thousands of people annually. He joined the board in 2021 and became Chair in 2023. He previously served as a Director of John Paul College until 2026, contributing to governance oversight in the education sector. Across these roles, Philip has been a member of various board sub-committees, including risk and audit, governance, and infrastructure.

Philip is a Councillor of the AICD Queensland Division Council and is seeking to continue this contribution. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from James Cook University and an MBA from the University of Queensland. His professional credentials include Fellowship of the AICD, Fellowship of ANZIIF and Senior membership of the Australian Computer Society.

Philip has been a member of the AICD since 2018.

Nominators: Ms Helen Weissenberger GAICD and Ms Sonia Cahill GAICD

Adrienne Ward MAICD



With more than 20 years' experience as a professional director, Adrienne is a passionate advocate for Regional Queensland and the businesses that drive its communities. She is committed to helping small and medium-sized enterprises thrive, believing that strong leadership, collaboration and shared knowledge create lasting economic and community growth.

Adrienne has built a reputation as a respected leader and trusted advisor, bringing people together to strengthen governance, foster innovation and create opportunities across Regional Queensland.

She currently serves as Chair of Gladstone Airport Corporation and Gladstone Area Water Board and is Chair of the AICD Central Queensland Regional Forum. Adrienne also contributes her expertise as an adjudicator for the Telstra Best of Business Awards and as an Ambassador for the Women in Business Awards of Australia.

In recognition of her contribution to business and commerce, Adrienne was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 by former Prime Minister John Howard AC OM for distinguished service and achievement.

Adrienne and her husband, Tony, have proudly called Gladstone home for more than 13 years. As owners of McDonald's family restaurants across the Gladstone region, they are deeply committed to supporting local people, organisations and initiatives that help Central Queensland prosper.

Nominators: Tina Zawila GAICD and Darren Barlow FAICD

*** Heather Watson FAICD**

LLB (QUT); Grad Cert Bus (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies) (QUT); Executive Certificate in Management and Leadership (MIT Sloan)



Heather has held non-executive director roles for more than 20 years and brings legal, risk and governance experience to her board roles.

Her industry sector experience includes health, aged care, transport, housing and community services – in regional and remote contexts, underpinned by strong network relationships across public, private and community sectors.

She demonstrates commitment to lifelong learning - contributing to the professional development of others within her chosen professional fields – initially as a lawyer and now as a professional company director.

In this context she offers her nomination for election for a 2nd term to the Queensland Division Council, having been a member of the AICD since 2006. During her 1st term, she has contributed to policy development, participated in two national delegations of AICD Directors and executive to Federal Parliament. She currently chairs the national AICD NFP Chairs Forum.

Her current directorships include:

Chair, Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service;

Chair, UnitingCare Australia

Chair, Uniting Church in Australia – Synod of NSW and ACT – Synod Board

Chair, Performance and Audit Committee, Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission

Member, Audit and Risk Committee - Transport for NSW

Nominators: Will Fellowes GAICD and Brian Wyborn MAICD

Tina Wyer GAICD



Tina is an experienced non-executive director and Chartered Accountant serving on boards since 2021, following a 25-year executive career in services across Australia, Asia and the United States. Her leadership roles at J.P. Morgan Chase included Firmwide Chief Data Officer, Asia Chief Technology Officer, and Australia and New Zealand Chief Financial Officer.

Tina brings expertise in governance, finance, audit, risk, technology, data and digital transformation. She is recognised for helping boards navigate complex environments by combining capability with insight and commercial judgement.

Her board portfolio spans banking, superannuation, health, technology and not-for-profit organisations. Tina is Deputy Chair of The Fred Hollows Foundation and serves on the boards of Australian Retirement Trust, Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, Hume Bank and .au Domain Administration. She also chairs several Audit and Finance Committees.

Beyond her board appointments, Tina serves on the AICD Sunshine Coast Regional Forum and the Chartered Accountants Queensland Regional Council. Through her AICD role, she contributes to webinars, events and member engagement initiatives, supports the Sunshine Coast community, and mentors aspiring directors to help build future board leaders.

Tina has been a Chartered Accountant since 2001 and is a Graduate of the AICD Company Directors Course and an AICD member since 2022.

Nominators: Bruce Cowley FAICD and Sandra McCullagh FAICD