

Western Australia 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.

Alex Atkins FAICD

BEng (Mining) (UQ), BEng (Mineral Exploration & Mining Geology) 2AHon (WASM-Curtin Uni), MBA (Finance) (AIB).



An AICD Fellow, Alex joined the AICD in 2012 upon winning a scholarship for the Company Directors Course, which was followed by invited participation in the Director Pipeline Program and Chairman's Mentoring Program. Alex is a risk assurance leader with a career that spans more than three decades across mining operations, regulation, Big Four audit & assurance, consulting and governance in Australia and internationally. Alex has built a unique, multidisciplinary capability that spans operations to the Board. She is currently undertaking a PhD at WASM-Curtin University on risk governance whilst consulting as a corporate advisor to innovative SMEs and established ASX listed companies. Her Non-executive Director experience started in NFPs (International Women in Mining, Earth Science WA and Advocare) and professional associations (The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy), leading to 7.5 years experience on the Boards of ASX listed mining and mining services companies, from IPO's to ASX200. Alex served on the CSIRO Critical Minerals Stakeholder Advisory Group, is currently a member of the 30%+ Club SteerCo and Chairs the Curtin University Mining Engineering Industry Advisory Committee. She is also a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia, Engineers Australia and The AusIMM.

Nominators: Fiona Harris FAICD(Life) and David Flanagan FAICD

*** Kelly Hick FAICD**

HonDUniv ECowan, LLB, DipAppSc(Dist), Dip Local Govt



Kelly's extensive Board and Committee experience encompasses governance roles in mutuals, higher education, tourism, local and state government entities and the health sector.

With a consultancy specialising in governance training, strategy and facilitation, a career background of senior executive level roles in professional services and member-based organisations together with private and public sector legal experience, Kelly has welcomed the opportunity to bring her blend of experience and skill sets to the work of the WA Division Council and contribute to AICD's commitment to excellence in governance.

Based in Dunsborough, Kelly has been an active member of AICD's Regional Forum over a number of years and also participated as a Mentor in the AICD/Australian Network on Disability Directing Change Mentoring Program.

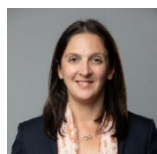
Kelly is currently a Director of RAC WA; Independent Director and Chair, Risk and Compliance Committee, LGISWA, Appointed Director MRBTA and ECU SW Campus Advisory Board Member.

Previous roles include Deputy Chancellor/Governing Council Member/Chair Legislative Committee, ECU; Independent Chair, Audit and Risk Committee, Burswood Park Board; Deputy Mayor/Council Member, City of Busselton; and Board Member, Lishman Health Research.

Nominators: Fiona Payne FAICD and Rod White GAICD

*** Kirsty Moore GAICD**

F CPA, FCA, BSc (Econ) (Hons)



Kirsty is a current elected WA Councillor of the AICD and an experienced professional company director with a board portfolio focussed on the public and for-purpose sectors. She is passionate about strengthening board capability, supporting emerging directors to commence their governance careers, and encouraging participation in the AICD's Company Directors Course.

As an AICD WA Councillor, Kirsty contributes to national governance initiatives through the Continuing Professional Development Committee and the Aspiring Director Program, while also supporting member engagement and professional development locally.

Kirsty is Chair of the Women's Legal Service WA and a WA Councillor of the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Her current non-executive appointments include Southern Cross Care WA, Gumala Investments and the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority. She also serves as an independent Audit and Risk Committee member for the Department of Treasury and Finance WA, Good Sammy Enterprises and the Australian Physiotherapy Association.

Until 2024, Kirsty was Chief Executive Officer of Indigenous Business Australia, where she led one of the Commonwealth Government's largest economic development agencies. Her executive career also includes senior finance and commercial leadership roles with the WA Government, National Australia Bank, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Specsavers Asia-Pacific.

Nominators: Maree Arnason FAICD and Gail McGowan PSM FAICD

*** Dr Bennie Ng GAICD**

MBBS (UWA), MBA (Curtin), FRACGP, FRACMA



Bennie is an experienced non-executive director and executive leader with over two decades' experience in governance, strategy and organisational transformation across government, member-based organisations, ASX-listed and private equity companies. His expertise spans complex, regulated sectors including health, aged care, financial and insurance services, industrial relations and vocational education.

He values strong governance and helping directors connect, share experiences and strengthen board practice.

Bennie has served on the boards of government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and cultural institutions. He is Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the national board of Musica Viva Australia and a director of the Raine Medical Research Foundation. He was an inaugural board director of the Australian Digital Health Agency, where he chaired the Clinical and Technical Advisory Committee overseeing Australia's digital health infrastructure transformation, and previously chaired the Council Governance Committee of the National Library of Australia.

He held executive roles including CEO of the Australian Medical Association (WA), Head of Social Policy at the Office of the Prime Minister, and Head of Strategy at Healthscope.

Bennie has been an AICD member for over 21 years, is a GAICD and has actively served on the WA Division Council and its Events Committee since 2025.

Nominators: David Lock FAICD and Andrew J Miller FAICD

Yaso Ponnuthurai GAICD

Bcom MBA



Yaso is an experienced non-executive director and executive leader with over 25 years of cross-sector governance experience across Western Australia's resources, healthcare, local government, and international trade sectors. She brings to the AICD Council strong expertise in strategic oversight, major project governance, risk management, and stakeholder engagement.

Currently, Yaso serves on the board of WA Health Support Services and as a committee member for Australia Sri Lanka Government Relations. Her board history includes serving as a City of Canning Councillor, Vice President of the Australia India Business Council, Independent Director for Indigenous corporations (including Whadjuk Noongar Corporation), and Director for the Multicultural Services Centre WA and Perth Festival Advisory Committee.

A dedicated champion for board diversity, Yaso passionately advocates for elevating Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) leaders—particularly women—and embedding inclusive governance practices across organizations. An internationally performing Indian classical musician, she combines creative leadership with strong government and diaspora networks to bridge corporate strategy with authentic community impact.

Yaso is committed to driving high-performing, diverse boardrooms that strengthen the AICD's value for WA Division Council members, while striving to embed sustainable outcomes across all her board positions.

Nominators: Dr Divya-Jyoti (Divya) Sharma GAICD and Mark Stickells AM GAICD