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2022 Regional PwC Director Award for Excellence

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) has announced Kelly Howlett GAICD as this year's winner of the PwC Director Award for Excellence in the Not-for-Profit Sector for Regional WA.

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of a regional director for their leadership on director issues and their promotion of excellence in governance to achieve a positive impact for society.

Ms Howlett is an experienced director who, during two terms as Mayor of the Town of Port Hedland, chaired and facilitated a number of boards and committees. Since leaving local government Ms Howlett has continued her board involvement with the Western Australian Country Health Service and WA Waste Authority. For the past six years she has also chaired the Port Hedland Alcohol and Other Drug Management Plan Working Group.

After serving six years in the role, Ms Howlett has recently finished up as Chief Executive Officer of the Bloodwood Tree Association, a wholly Aboriginal controlled organisation providing social and support services throughout the Hedland and wider Pilbara regions. Under her leadership Bloodwood Tree was awarded the Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce Best Aboriginal Business for three years running.

WA State Manager Carl Cockerham GAICD said Ms Howlett was a deserving recipient of the Regional Excellence Award who had brought a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm to her board and organisational roles.

"Kelly's work as an environmental scientist has seen her serve nineteen consecutive years as chairperson of the local Care for Hedland Environmental Association and she is a champion of Hedland's Tidy Town efforts."

In 2018 Ms Howlett was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of her significant contribution to the Hedland environment and community.

Ms Howlett said she was very proud to receive the Regional Director Award for Excellence and hoped it would also bring greater awareness to the important work of Bloodwood Tree and other community and environmental organisations in the Pilbara.

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