

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **200 NFP Governance Scholarships awarded**

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) in partnership with the Australian Scholarships Foundation is pleased to announce the successful candidates for the 2023 Not-For-Profit Scholarship program.

The scholarships have been awarded to 200 recipients working in smaller not-for-profit organisations from across every Australian state and territory, including directors, executives and emerging directors.

The recipients will gain valuable skills to support their work in the NFP sector, undertaking the AICD Governance for Not-For-Profit Directors program, designed to build and enhance directors' understanding of compliance and performance related roles and responsibilities.

More than 1100 scholars have benefited from the AICD program since it began in 2017, providing NFP sector leaders with the opportunity to access foundational governance education, to build capacity and govern their organisations more effectively.

AICD Managing Director and CEO Mark Rigotti congratulated this year's 200 recipients and wished them well as they progressed through the educational program.

"We know it's a particularly challenging time for the not-for-profit sector with increasing demands on directors and executives and an increasingly complex operating environment.

"The AICD is proud to make this contribution to advancing the capabilities of these NFP leaders and their organisations."

This year's recipients come from across a broad range of fields including the arts, culture and recreation; education and research; employment, development and housing; health; social services; and the environment.

Nicole Chaplin says: *This scholarship will support my professional goals, building my skills and expertise for Nunga Mi:Minar, a First Nations specific Domestic and Family Violence Service, as well as increasing my capacity to contribute as Director for another SA not-for-profit (SACOSS), and my professional role as Chief Executive at St John's Youth Services.*

Joanna Kay leads Australia's peak industry body for Renewable Hydrogen: *In addition to strengthening my leadership and governance skills, this is a great opportunity to connect with a community of leaders who are changing and impacting lives across Australia. It is such a privilege to share this scholarship with so many talented leaders.*

*The Australian Institute of Company Directors is committed to strengthening society through world-class governance. We aim to be the independent and trusted voice of governance, building the capability of a community of leaders for the benefit of society. Our membership of 50,000 includes directors and senior leaders from business, government and the not-for-profit sectors.*

Australian Scholarships Foundation CEO Louisa Graham acknowledged the importance of scholarship programs for not-for-profit board members.

"The for-purpose sector is an important part of the economy, employing 11 per cent of the Australian workforce and contributing an estimated 4.8 per cent to the country's GDP.

"Most board members support their organisations voluntarily, and training to assist their invaluable roles is often something they fund personally. These governance scholarships directed to smaller not-for-profit organisations contribute significantly to better governance of these organisations supporting a better society."

There are 600-thousand NFP organisations operating across Australia.

A full list of scholarship recipients can be found [here](#).

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