

MEDIA RELEASE

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New AICD national board appointment

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ian Hamm MAICD as a director to the National board.

Mr Hamm has broad experience as a chair and director working across national and state government agencies, business, educational and sporting organisations, and the community and NFP sectors, particularly at executive and governance levels.

Ian chairs and is a member of a number of boards, including the Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation, First Nations Foundation, Yarra Valley Water and the Australian Red Cross.

Ian's appointment consolidates his long-standing association with the AICD, as a Victorian Divisional Councillor, member of the Not-For-Profit Chairs Forum, and a keynote speaker at many AICD events over recent years.

He has extensive experience working in leadership and strategy, overseeing major policy and strategic reforms for government and community organisations.

As a proud Yorta Yorta man from Shepparton in Victoria, he has been deeply involved in Indigenous affairs for many years, both in a personal and professional capacity, working within the corporate and government sectors to shift perceptions of Aboriginal Australians and to lift the economic participation of Aboriginal people.

"I believe there should be Aboriginal people at the highest places in the Australian economy, having Aboriginal people involved in the decision making of organisations, and I'm very pleased to be taking a seat at the AICD National board table.

"As a governance organisation committed to lifting the level of Aboriginal participation, I see this as an opportunity to achieve a greater understanding and appreciation of what Aboriginal people can contribute to Australia's social and economic landscape."

AICD chair John Atkin FAICD congratulated Mr Hamm and said his appointment would enrich the work of the Institute with his expertise, specialist skills and insights.

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"The AICD has long been an advocate for stronger board diversity. I am looking forward to the unique contribution Ian can make to the National board. I firmly believe the Institute and the board's decision making will benefit from his lived experience and considerable expertise."

Mr Atkin also paid tribute to Mr Kee Wong who is stepping down from the board after six and a half years.

"Kee has made a significant contribution to the AICD during his tenure most notably through the instrumental role he played in establishing our Technology Governance and Innovation Advisory Committee."

Ian Hamm Biography

A Yorta Yorta man, Ian has extensive government and community sector experience, particularly at executive and governance levels. Ian has overseen major policy and strategic reforms for government and community organisations. He works with people from a vast array of backgrounds, managing complex and sensitive relationships to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Ian was CEO of a major Aboriginal community organisation from January to August 2018.

Ian chairs and is a member of a number of boards, including the Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation, the Community Broadcast Foundation, Connecting Home, the Koorie Heritage Trust, Yarra Valley Water and the Australian Red Cross. He is also devoting himself to improving the representation of Aboriginal people on boards and other high level governance, through strategic action, advocacy and mentoring.

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