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2024 Queensland Gold Medal Award

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) is pleased to announce the 2024 Queensland Gold Medal has been awarded to Georgina Somerset AM FAICD.

The Gold Medal recognises excellence in governance, and the AICD is proud to continue to honour the high standards of governance and leadership that Ms Somerset has demonstrated throughout her directorial career.

Georgie is a highly respected leader across a range of not for profit, industry and government roles. She is an experienced director and consultant working in agribusiness, regional development and marketing.

Georgie has been a director with the Queensland section of the Royal Flying Doctors Service since 2016, and Chair since 2023. She has been with AgForce Queensland for more than a decade, serving as General President for the past six years. She's a director on the ABC Board, the National Farmers Federation and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, and Chair of Red Earth Community Foundation.

Queensland Division Council President Luckbir Singh congratulated Ms Somerset and said the award provided an opportunity to honour and celebrate a member who has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to excellence and leadership.

"Georgie has been an outstanding Queensland company director who has made a significant contribution to the community.

"As a Fellow of the AICD she has upheld good governance and high ethical standards in her personal, business and public life, contributing to strengthening society as a company director and citizen of Queensland."

In awarding the Gold Medal, the Council noted Ms Somerset's capability and professionalism, her strong regional connections and the active role she has played as a mentor and advocate for emerging leaders in agriculture.

The award will be presented by AICD Chair Naomi Edwards at the Queensland annual dinner in Brisbane on Thursday 21 November.

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