

NT Director Update



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The events of the Financial Services Royal Commission have left an indelible mark on Australia's governance landscape. Directors around the country are looking to ensure their organisations can withstand intense scrutiny of their activities and effectiveness of their oversight. There has never been a better time for pause and reflection about ethics, transparency and a board's social licence to operate given the dynamic context boards from all sectors currently operate within. The AICD has put together a number of resources including news articles and a free webinar package for members so that directors can study the Royal Commission's repercussions as they occur

which you can check out on companydirectors.com.au/rcwebinars. The APRA-CBA Report is another "required reading" for all directors.

At a more local level, I am pleased to let you know of some new initiatives and upcoming events within the NT.

The first was at the Inaugural NT Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum, the AICD were proud to announce one fully funded regional assistance scholarship for an Aboriginal Leader from Central Australia to attend the *Company Directors Course* in Alice Springs in October this year. I will announce the recipient in our next edition.

The next initiative is the Directors' Roundtable: CDU Discussion Group to assist members explore the latest director issues at our monthly discussion groups. Hosted by Charles Darwin University the Director Discussion Roundtable provides a practical and dynamic forum for members to explore current topics or events in the governance landscape.

In August, I am pleased to announce we have a unique opportunity to hear from one of the nation's most influential business figures, Carolyn Hewson AO FAICD. In an on the couch style discussion, we will explore the key challenges facing directors, sharing insights into her career and what the top priorities are for all boards now and in the future.

As part of NAIDOC week (8–15 July) and following this year's theme—**Because of her, we can!**—the AICD is pleased to present a collaboration with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

Strong female representation on the boards of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations is not new.

For as long as ORIC has tracked the gender split among directors through its annual 'top 500' report, women have outnumbered men.

We know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women perform active and significant roles in their local communities, in their home states and territories, and in the Australian nation. To honour these women—and to encourage the next generation—we interviewed some of the most impressive leaders, board members and business owners. The result is a powerful compilation of video profiles reflecting the significant influence of Aboriginal women on Australian business.

Please join us for a celebratory afternoon tea Wednesday July 11 from 3pm at the Northern Australia Development Office. You'll hear from some brilliant women, and—we hope—be inspired to take up a future role on a board or in business.

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Reporting to the Board

Tuesday 24 July 2018

Hilton, 32 Mitchell Street, Darwin

Member: \$504 Non-member: \$710

8.45am for 9.00am to 12.30pm

Cyber for Directors

Wednesday 1 August 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade, Darwin

Member: \$912 Non-member: \$1,282

8.45am for 9.00am to 4.30pm

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NT Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum

Congratulations to the NT Government - Office of Aboriginal Affairs for this new initiative held in Alice Springs Friday May 25. AICD welcomed the opportunity to be proud supporters of this inaugural forum.

As mentioned in the opening address by Ngaree Ah Kit MLA this forum more than ever, we are talking about working with two forms of governance, our own traditional governance systems and structures and that of non-Aboriginal Australia. This was an opportunity to bring together these discussions – as Aboriginal leaders, senior members of our communities, aspiring Aboriginal youth, and heads of corporate, government and community organisations.

It was such an inspiring day led by the quality of the program, the speakers and support from across the Territory with attendees coming from right across the Territory. All speakers shared their own experience and gave invaluable insights into leadership and governance successes and explored what the future may hold.

A highlight was the keynote speaker - Zibeon Fielding a 24-year-old man from Mimili Community and an Aboriginal Health Worker at 'Local' in the far north west region of South Australia on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankinjtjara (APY) Lands.

Zibeon has had an amazing few weeks; having recently completed the Boston Marathon and then just completed a 62km Ultra marathon from his home community of Mimili to neighboring Indulkana.

His ultimate goal was to raise \$50,000 for The Purple House – Western Desert Dialysis. The money will be used to help open the first remote dialysis unit on the APY Lands – Pukatja/Ernabella SA. A donation from another Aboriginal owned organization at the forum saw Zibeon's target of \$50,000 realised.

Partnering with the NT Government on this Leadership and Governance forum brings aspects of the AICD 2017-2019 Reconciliation Action Plan

to life. At the AICD we are proud of the relationships and partnerships we have built over the years with emerging and experienced Indigenous leaders. Our RAP is closely aligned to our organizational strategy and underpins our core values. It signals our commitment across three key areas of: relationships, respect and opportunities.

Over the next three years we commit to strengthening and increasing the number of meaningful, respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander directors, their organisations and their communities.

We commit to improving Indigenous peoples' access to quality governance education with the view to enabling them to direct and lead sustainable and successful organisations. We will also commit to continuing to advocate for and promote diversity and inclusion in Australia's boardrooms.


In line with the commitment to opportunities, at the Forum Terri-ann was proud to announce that the AICD is very proud to provide a Scholarship for an Aboriginal Leader from Central Australia to undertake our *Company Directors Course* when it is being held in Alice Springs in October this year. The course is fully funded through this scholarship.

Big thank you to Phil Butler the AICD NFP Sector Leader for facilitating Session 4: Governing Aboriginal Organisations – no one size fits all, juggling sustainability, innovation and purpose and to our panel members for such great insights. The panel included: Alastair King – CEO & Micky Wunungmurra Deputy Chair, Arnhem Land Aboriginal Progress Association (ALPA), Sarah Brown – CEO Purple House - Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation (WDNWP) and Wes Miller – Program Manager AGMP and Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT.

Looking forward to next year's forum already!

2018 DIARY DATES

 Courses  Events

Thursday 19 July 

Directors' Roundtable
CDU Discussion Group

CDU - Waterfront


12.30pm to 1.30pm

Tuesday 24 July 

Short Course
Reporting to the Board


Hilton Darwin

9.00am to 12.30pm

Tuesday 31 July 

Alumni Connect
CDU - Waterfront


5.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 1 August 

Short Course
Cyber for Directors

Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade


9.00am to 4.30pm

Thursday 16 August 

Directors' Roundtable
CDU Discussion Group

CDU - Waterfront

12.30pm to 1.30pm

Thursday 23 August 

Directors' Dinner

A Conversation with Carolyn Hewson AO FAICD

Venue TBC

6.00pm to 9.00pm



RECOMMENDED READING:

What does the Royal Commission tell us?

Read the APRA-CBA report. Visit companydirectors.com.au/boardroomreport

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