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**AICD to Host Sunshine Coast Economic Update with Stephen Walters, Chief Economist, AICD**

On Tuesday 22 May 2018, the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) will offer its members and non-members an exclusive opportunity to attend an economic update breakfast with Stephen Walters, GAICD, Chief Economist, AICD.

The update will focus on the 2018-2019 Australian Government Budget and in addition, will provide insights into the current global and Australian economic outlook. During the event, Walters will also cover issues such as tariffs, currency movements and policy changes which may have an impact on local businesses.

Starting his career in the public sector as an economist with the Department of Treasury in Western Australia, Walters moved to the private sector and has held several prestigious roles with Access Economics, Norwich Union in the UK and more recently, as Chief Economist with JPMorgan prior to joining the AICD.

'I am looking forward to meeting the AICD's members in Sunshine Coast. I am always keen to hear from local directors in the communities I visit about what is most important to them, what policy and budget decisions affect them most,' said Walters.

'This event is part of a suite of events we offer in regional Queensland. The AICD, in collaboration with our Sunshine Coast committee, chaired by Yvette Adams MAICD, is very committed to offering relevant training and networking opportunities to directors and aspiring directors in the region,' said Melanie Mayne-Wilson, State Manager, QLD, AICD.

Well-known for its prestigious director training programs, the AICD offers a range of courses and events to enable sector-specific and organisation-specific issues to be covered in-depth. AICD is active in regional areas and its governance courses are ideal for companies and organisations of all sizes.

By extending the range of services offered to include exclusive networking events and other opportunities for members, the AICD is able to provide stronger support for regional businesses and their boards.

Rockhampton businesses wishing to enquire about the AICD governance programs or events can contact the QLD Membership Team, AICD on [QLDMembershipTeam@aicd.com.au](mailto:QLDMembershipTeam@aicd.com.au) or 1300 739 119.

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