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**From the footy field to the boardroom: In conversation with
Johnathan Thurston at the AICD's End of Year Dinner in Townsville**

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) will host the Townsville End of Year Dinner, on Wednesday 21 November 2018 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Ville Resort Casino, Sir Leslie Thies Drive.

The dinner will look back at 2018 and reflect on a year of success in the local business community in Townsville as well as looking ahead at what's to come in 2019.

Special guest, Johnathan Thurston will offer valuable insights into his own career journey in 2018, focusing on his move from the football field to the boardroom.

Thurston is currently the Managing Director, JT Academy and more recently, board director of Tourism and Events Queensland. His goal is to continue his work in the football community helping retired players transition into the workforce after they finish up on the field.

Thurston believes it's important for him to continue his work in the community and help promote regional Queensland through this latest appointment.

"It's an honour to have this position on the board and be able to work in Queensland with the organisation which is responsible for promoting this amazing state," Thurston said. "I am looking forward to showing others who have had careers like mine, that there are opportunities regardless of your background and that you can move into positions that make a difference in communities."

Thurston will talk through some of the biggest changes and challenges he has faced in his transition to a board position as well offering advice and tips for company directors new to their own roles.

Melanie Mayne-Wilson, State Manager, AICD State Manager QLD, said: "We are very pleased to be able to host this event with Johnathan in Townsville. It's an opportunity to network, meet like-minded people, reflect and celebrate achievements made in 2018."

The AICD provides professional development and networking opportunities for senior executives and directors, supporting them in confronting the challenges they face as business leaders and board members. As well as delivering meaningful programs to the director community across business, government and the not-for-profit sector, the AICD aims to positively impact society and the economy through governance education and advocacy.

This year, the End of Year Dinner is supporting the 2018 Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Mission Australia. Attendees are encouraged

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to bring an un-wrapped Christmas gift to donate to underprivileged children this festive season.

To attend the event or obtain information about the AICD QLD, please contact qldevents@aicd.com.au or visit: <https://aicd.companydirectors.com.au/events/events-calendar/qld/ev142447-dinners>

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