

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Sunshine Coast local wins Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarship**

The Australian Institute of Company Directors is pleased to announce that Jan Simpson from Kureelpa is one of the recipients of the *2018 AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships program*.

Under the program, there were 20 scholarships on offer for Queensland directors to undertake one of the AICD's highly-regarded education programs, including the *NFP Foundations of Directorship*.

The *AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships program* forms part of the AICD's strong commitment to the NFP sector. Two-thirds of the AICD's 43,000-strong membership play some role in the NFP sector.

Ms Simpson works as Chair of Church of Christ Nambour Solutions.

AICD Queensland State Manager Melanie Mayne-Wilson congratulated Simpson and wished her well in her studies.

"The not-for-profit sector is a significant part of the Queensland economy, particularly in regional Queensland," she said.

"The AICD recognises that the demands on not-for-profit leaders are complex and increasing, and it is therefore proud to support scholarships in this sector in order to enhance and future proof the governance knowledge of our not-for-profit leaders".

Ms Simpson said she was excited to have won a not-for-profit scholarship as it would help her become a strong leader for her organisation.

"I am keen to learn as much as possible about leading a governance team to support our small organisation. The opportunity this scholarship brings is quite special," she said.

AICD Managing Director & CEO Angus Armour said that NFPs were an essential part of Australia's social fabric.

"NFPs face a number of challenges, especially as many operate with tight budgets and in an increasingly complex and constantly evolving operating environment. Having the governance expertise to steer them to success cannot be taken for granted."

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