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Gold Coast local wins Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarship

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

Ms Kennedy is a director of the Queensland Justices Association, the peak body for Justices of the Peace in the state.

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.

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," 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 Kennedy said she was excited at the opportunity to develop her skills as a director.

"I am looking forward to gaining a greater understanding of the role of the NFP director and to hearing and learning from real life experiences in this arena."

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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