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Eastern Suburbs locals win Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarships

The Australian Institute of Company Directors is pleased to announce that Daniella Alhadeff from Bondi, Bonnie Parfitt from Potts Point and Hayley Warren from Surry Hills are all recipients of the *2018 AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships program*.

Ms. Alhadeff is a director of Mum for Mum NCJWA, a confidential, non-denominational home-visiting program where trained volunteers visit a mum in the last trimester of pregnancy and for the first year of their baby's life in order to provide emotional support; Ms. Warren is a director of the Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc; and Ms. Parfitt is making a transition to the not-for-profit sector from the public sector.

Under the program, there were 20 scholarships on offer for NSW directors to undertake one of the AICD's highly-regarded education programs, including *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 NSW State Manager Duane Findley congratulated the winners and wished them well in their studies.

"The AICD has a commitment to excellence in governance across Australia. Our commitment extends to providing educational and development opportunities through scholarships, to those who might not otherwise have been able to access them," he said.

"Our 43,000 members recognise that providing these scholarship opportunities helps to strengthen governance performance and transforms careers, companies, and communities."

Hayley Warren said the scholarship would help equip her to make a strong contribution to her organisation.

"I was recently appointed as a new board member for Down Syndrome NSW and want to maximise the impact that I can have in this role," she said.

"I am also hoping to meet some like-minded people who can hopefully share their experiences in the not-for-profit space."

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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