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**Blue Mountains Board Members to Benefit from AICD's Flagship  
Course**  
*AICD to Host Company Directors Course in Leura*

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> July 2018, the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) will hold its next Company Directors Course at the Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains in Leura, providing its members and non-members with the opportunity to learn the skills and frameworks which are essential for all company directors.

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.

"Members of the AICD in the Blue Mountains and surrounding areas are highly engaged. We are pleased to be able to offer members and non-members in the western suburbs the opportunity to undertake their Company Directors Course locally and improve their governance and directorship skills," said Duane Findley, State Manager of New South Wales, AICD.

To be held over five consecutive days, the course will prepare directors and aspiring directors for their board roles, covering issues such as compliance, fiduciary duties, issues in contemporary directorship, best practice in governance and risk management, organisational performance and strategy and board effectiveness.

The course comprises of intensive, interactive sessions which are run by expert facilitators who have extensive real-world director and leadership experience. The course also provides a unique learning environment with the opportunity for networking with like-minded individuals at different stages of their own board directorship journeys.

Local businessman and founder of the Vinnies CEO Winter Sleepout, Bernard Fehon OAM, completed his Company Directors Course in 2016 and found it extremely valuable in allowing him to gain a broader understanding of strategy, corporate governance and leadership.

Fehon is currently the CEO of the Blue Mountains Economic Enterprise (BMEE), which aims to attract investment to the Blue Mountains local government area and is involved in industry development to promote job growth and tourism. Fehon believes the course is critical for a Not-For-Profit (NFP) or community organisation as well as private sector companies as it provides people with valuable insights at a strategic top level.

'The Company Directors Course is invaluable. It teaches you a range of skills that any business owner, no matter the size or type, should have around strategic thinking,

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leadership and accountability. I found that the course helped me prepare for my role as CEO for BMEE and I am a better leader because of it,' said Fehon.

Fehon is also of the view that an investment in the course by organisations of all sizes is important as it can help bring to light issues that small businesses often overlook or don't know can be a problem.

For more information on the Leura Company Directors Course visit:  
<http://aicd.companydirectors.com.au/education/course-calendar/nsw/ev136479-company-directors-course>

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