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Brisbane directors win Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarships

The Australian Institute of Company Directors is pleased to announce that 14 Brisbane directors and not-for-profit leaders are recipients of the *2018 AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships program*.

Through the program, scholarship winners 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 not-for-profit sector.

AICD Queensland State Manager Melanie Mayne-Wilson Leake congratulated the winners and wished them well in their 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 futureproof the governance knowledge of our not-for-profit leaders."

One of the recipients, Nicholas Johnson, who works as a non-executive director at Australian Refugee and Migrant Care Services Ltd, said he was excited to have won a not-for-profit scholarship, and looked forward to improving his skills as a director.

"The NFP governance course I am set to complete will greatly enhance the acumen I bring to the table as a board member of several non-profit organisations," he said.

Another recipient Marianna O'Gorman, Executive Director of the McKell Institute Queensland, said she applied for the scholarship to help her prepare for an upcoming merger.

"Our plan is to merge with an existing think tank in Brisbane," O'Gorman said. "I would like to be well-equipped to ensure that collaboration is a success."

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."

The other Brisbane recipients of the scholarship are:

- Kellie Baigent: General Manager, SeQual Assn Inc
- Rachel Burke: Non-Executive Director, Mummy's Wish
- Paul Catchlove: Corporate Advisory, GadensZoes Angels
- Naomi Kemp: Director, Safety Institute of Australia
- Megan Le Lievre: Non-Executive Director, Cabanda Care

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- Bree Oelling: Non-Executive Director, Mummy's Wish
- Rosslyn Monro: Sector Sustainability Coordinator, Community Legal Centres Queensland
- Sally-Ann Poulsen: Professor, Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery
- Lona Sarson: Vice President, CDH Australia
- Beth Toon: Management Committee Member, Youth Advocacy Centre
- Justin Woerner: Non-Executive director, Youth Enterprise Trust
- Linda Worrall: Chairperson, Australian Aphasia Association

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