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**New book published by the AICD explores importance of company secretaries to businesses**

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) has published 'The Role of the Company Secretary' by Jennifer Robertson FAICD, a book that explores what it takes to excel as a company secretary and how critical this role is to applying good governance principles in an organisation.

The book goes beyond the regulatory compliance aspects of the role and examines how company secretaries can directly impact and influence good decision making and, ultimately, good organisational culture.

'The role of the company secretary is often overlooked in its importance to organisational governance,' said Robertson. 'A good company secretary provides context for and informs all organisational decisions. They provide a vital check and balance for the board.'

In addition to covering how company secretaries across different industry sectors can influence decision making, the book also includes insights from practicing company secretaries, the challenges they have faced and how they overcame these challenges.

'I encourage those in this role or aspiring to be in this role to read and use this book as a key resource and apply what they learn to their businesses,' added Robertson.

Robertson has more than a decade of experience as a practicing company director, lawyer and governance expert. She is currently Chair of the Defence Reserves Support Council Queensland and Deputy Chair of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission.

'We are very pleased to be able to publish this book and be able to provide a practical resource that contributes to the professional development of company secretaries,' said Marcel Mol, General Manager, Education & International, AICD. 'The AICD is committed to providing unique and relevant resources that empower our members and non-members to push their existing skillset to the next level.'

For more information or to purchase 'The Role of the Company Secretary', visit: <http://www.companydirectors.com.au/director-resource-centre/publications/book-store/the-role-of-the-company-secretary>.

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