

MEDIA RELEASE

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North Shore locals win Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarships

The Australian Institute of Company Directors is pleased to announce that Greg Simmons of Roseville and David Rowlinson of St Ives are recipients of the *2018 AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships program*.

Simmons is Vice President of Down Syndrome NSW and Rowlinson is a director of Living Future Institute of Australia,

Under the program, there were 20 scholarships on offer for NSW 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 not-for-profit sector.

AICD NSW State Manager Duane Findley congratulated Simmons and Rowlinson 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. Our 43,000 members recognise that providing these scholarship opportunities helps to strengthen governance performance and transforms careers, companies, and communities."

Rowlinson said that after more than thirty years in the commercial sector, the scholarship would help him adapt to working in the not-for-profit sector.

"It will provide me with an invaluable understanding of the fundamental roles and responsibilities of not-for-profit directors."

Simmons said that he is excited to meet fellow NFP leaders through the program.

"I'm looking forward to engaging with my peers and the sharing of experiences, observations and learnings of other NFP leaders."

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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