

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Northern Territory directors win Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarship**

The Australian Institute of Company Directors is pleased to announce that five Territory directors and organisational leaders are recipients of the *2018 AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships program*.

Under the program, the scholarship winners will 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 Northern Territory/South Australia Manager Clinton Jury congratulated the winners and wished them well in their studies.

"Not-for-Profit organisations play a vital role in the lives of our communities," he said.

"Public trust is the NFP sector's most valuable asset – anything we can do as an organisation to support directors taking an active approach to address trust through active governance education a critical step in ensuring the sector's ongoing success."

Scholarship recipient Penny Hart, board secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (NT Branch), says the program will help her serve the community.

"I think that a sound knowledge of governance and finance is essential for me to provide value to my organisation and community," she said.

"As a board member for Royal Life Saving NT I want to contribute positively, so I saw the scholarship as a way to ensure that I would have the knowledge I need."

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."

This year's other Northern Territory scholarship winners are:

- Liza Houghton: Board Member, Variety
- Dean Milner: Director of Eye Care Services, Wurli Wurlinjang Aboriginal Health Service
- Danny Moore: Chair, RSPCA Darwin
- Cheryl Schmidt: Operations Manager, Foster and Kinship Carers NT

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