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## **ACT Directors win Not-for-Profit Leader Scholarships**

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) is pleased to announce that 20 ACT and surrounding area directors are recipients of the *2018 AICD Not-for-Profit Scholarships Program*.

As part of the program, the scholarship winners will undertake one of 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 ACT Manager Suzanne Schultz congratulated the winners and wished them well in their studies.

"The Not-for-Profit sector in ACT is lively and engaged in meaningful work that impacts us all," she said.

"Our commitment through the scholarship program is to support the skills, knowledge and confidence in good governance to enable local board and committee members to build on their success."

AICD's Managing Director and CEO, Angus Armour, said NFPs are 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," he said.

Scholarship winner Michelle McCormack, Executive Officer, Ronald McDonald House Canberra and South East NSW, said that she was excited at the opportunity and looking forward to learning more about being an NFP director.

"I have been looking for ways to enhance my skills and open up opportunities," Ms. McCormack said.

"I'm looking forward to learning about what is required from a director in the NFP sector, having worked in the commercial and corporate sectors most of my life."

ACT NFP Scholarship winners include:

- Andrew Barley: Honorary Youth Advisor and Board Member, Australia21
- Lauren Bradley: Vice President of Hepatitis ACT and Director, Hepatitis Australia
- Alexandra Durrant: Director, AIDS Action Council ACT
- Michelle McCormack: Executive Officer, Ronald McDonald House Canberra and South East NSW
- Isabel Mudford: Management Committee Member, A Gender Agenda
- Kelli Sadler: Chair, Heart Support Australia
- Sandra Roodt: Director, Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control, ACT

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- Emily Belton: Sanctuary Ecologist and Deputy CEO, Woodlands and Wetlands Trust
- Sandra Cuthbert: Non-Executive Director, Canberra Repertory Society
- Nicholas Hetherington: Board Member, Canberra Writers Festival
- Alan Tse: Secretary of the Executive Board, Pedal Power
- Christina Delay: Founder, Altina Drinks
- Fiona Foley: Vice President, Rotaract Club of Yass
- Patricia Maxwell: Area representative for the Southern Highlands Region, NSW SES Volunteer Association
- Dianne Glen: Human Resource Manager, Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service
- Deborah Lewis: Primary Learning Enrichment Coordinator, Pambula Mary MacKillop Foundation
- Rebecca Milliken: Non-Executive Director, Active Farmers.
- Heather Abulafia: Community Medics Australia Limited
- Wayne Herbert: Board Member, AIDS Action Council ACT
- Selina Hardwicke: Co-founder, Cyclabilities Incorporated

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