

Councillor Conference & Training Attendance Form



Councillors must complete this form prior to attending any conferences if no Council resolution is required for the event

What is the event?
Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), Company Directors' Course (CDC) with Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)
When is the event?
1 st September – 29 th December 2022
What is the cost to the organisation for your attendance at the event?
The cost to the organization is \$4,571 (+GST). The total course value is \$6,999 (+GST). RCV will provide each participant a contribution of \$2,428(+GST). towards this course, representing a 35% discount.
Are you receiving any complimentary items (for example tickets to the event)?
I was successful in obtaining a place with the RCV sponsored program, which provides me with a \$2,428(+GST) discount to the overall cost of \$6,999 (+GST).
Is accommodation and travel required? If yes, please provide details as to how many nights and the mode of travel (eg plane, train, private car, Council vehicle).
The course is provided online so no travel or accommodation is required to complete the course
What is the community benefit gained from you attending this event?
Since starting as a councillor I have heard many times the benefit that doing the Company Director's Course (CDC) will bring to my role on council. The CDC Online is designed to ensure that participants not only understand their roles and responsibilities, but also improve their contributions to board (council) performance. Updated bi-annually, the course provides current and relevant information and case references. It is known to be informative, thought-provoking, and practical. The RCV supported course means that I will be learning with a cohort of fellow local government people, from councillors from across rural Victoria to staff from these rural shires. Whilst the course is designed for companies, the learnings are transferable to the council environment and are directly relevant to the role of the council, our requirements to understand and deliver good governance, long term strategic planning and ensure the future viability of the council organisation.

The opportunity to take a place with a 35% contribution from Rural Councils Victoria is an opportunity I did not want to miss as this cost saving of \$2,428(+GST) is significant. I also note that the investment being made by RCV reflects the sector acknowledging the benefit this course will have to councillors and staff in local government. All up there are over 50 participants in either the full Company Directors Course, or the shorter Foundations of Directorship Course being supported by Rural Councils Victoria to undertake this study.

Key Learning Outcomes as provided by the AICD are:

- Outline the duties and practices of directorship and the boards functions and responsibilities
- Analyse the responsibilities and functions of directors and officers considering the key questions directors should ask about their legal environment and its impact on board decision-making
- Examine the board's roles in developing a culture that is appropriate for the risk appetite/ tolerance of the organisation and the board's role in developing and executing strategy
- Develop financial literacy and examine the board's role in driving organisational performance
- Examine effective decision-making, board dynamics, the impact of individual and collective performance and how a constructive board culture can create value for an organization

I am looking forward to sharing the skills and learning gained from this renowned course with my fellow councillors to ensure we are an effective, professional and strategically focused council who are able to meet our requirements as prescribed under the Local Government Act 2020.

I am confident that completing this course will enable me to execute my role as councillor for Strathbogie Shire Council to the best of my abilities.