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AIIA announces new 2021 Board of Directors

Australia's peak representative body and advocacy group for Australia's ICT industry, the Australian Information Industry Association ([AIIA](#)) today announced their 2021 Board of Directors composition, featuring diverse and influential executive leaders within the ICT industry.

The Board of Directors oversees all AIIA operations, develops the National Business Plan, and sets the strategic direction of the Association.

Senior Deloitte Partner **Robert Hillard** continues as AIIA Chairman. Mr. Hillard has served on the AIIA's board for two years following an earlier three-year term.

The AIIA Chairman Robert Hillard, said: "The AIIA's new Board of Directors bring to the table a truly impressive and diverse range of specialisations, skills, perspectives and a wealth of experiences. I'm proud to welcome the newest members to the AIIA board and thank the ongoing support of our continuing and outgoing board members. We have a range of highly experienced individuals joining the board who I'm sure will make a strong impact. Together, our aim is to stimulate and grow the digital ecosystem in Australia."

Senior executive company leaders within the technology industry, Dell's **Angela Fox** and Information Professionals' **Mark Nicholls** were successful in the national election and are reappointed as Deputy Chairs. ICT industry specialist and CEO **Stuart Althaus** of SME Gateway now joins the AIIA board as Treasurer. Existing board member **Matt Codrington**, Managing Director at Lenovo has also been re-appointed to the board.

Additionally, the AIIA board proudly reflects the association's commitment to improving gender diversity in the tech industry with a third of the seats now held by leading women in the industry. **Katrina Troughton**, IBM's first female Managing Director joins the board alongside **Elizabeth Whitelock**, CEO of Human Centered AI company, Houston We Have. Bringing her deep technology, business and operational expertise **Lynette Clunies-Ross**, CEO at SAS joins the board as well.

"As we look to re-shape our economy post COVID-19, Australia's tech industry is in a great position to play a leading role. The AIIA will continue to champion our members' needs and support innovative technology to lead Australia's economic growth," Mr. Hillard said.

The AIIA's full board of directors for 2021 are:

(List board)

- Stuart Althaus (Chief Executive Officer, SME Gateway)
- Craig Baty (Principal, Data Driven)
- Ken Boal (Vice President, Cisco)
- Lynette Clunies-Ross (Region Vice President & Managing Director, SAS Australia & New Zealand)

- Matt Codrington (Managing Director, Lenovo Australia & NZ)
- Angela Fox (Managing Director, Dell Australia & NZ)
- Rob Hillard (Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Deloitte)
- John Ieraci (Chief Customer Officer, Telstra Enterprise)
- Megan James (Director, Public Sector (ANZ) at Dataminr)
- Sharryn Napier (Vice President & Regional Director Australia & NZ, Qlik)
- Mark Nicholls (Managing Director, Information Professionals Pty Ltd)
- John Paitaridis (Chief Executive Officer CyberCX & CEO Technology Portfolio, BGH Capital)
- Vito Rinaldi (Managing Director, Blue Crystal Solutions)
- Karl Sice (Business Leader ANZ, Alcatel-Lucent Enterprise)
- Rupert Taylor-Price (Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Vault Cloud)
- Katrina Troughton (Managing Director of IBM Australia and New Zealand)
- Elizabeth Whitelock (CEO & Managing Director at Houston We Have)

In addition, the AIIA is also pleased to announce the State Council Chairs for 2021. They are:

[NSW Council](#) - Bridget Tracy, IBM Australia Ltd

[Victorian Council](#) - Warren Hill, Data#3 Ltd

[Queensland Council](#) - Mark Nicholls, Information Professionals Pty Ltd.

[ACT Council](#) - Greg Boorer, CDC Data Centres Pty Ltd

[Western Australia Council](#) - Sharon Brown, Sharon Brown & Associates

[South Australian/Northern Territory Council](#) - Tim Chopping, SRA Information Technology Pty Ltd.

“The AIIA has had an incredible year of growth in 2020 with significant spikes in member numbers, superb entries for our annual iAwards and leading discussions on Australia’s ICT industry needs with all levels of government. The AIIA looks forward to building on these strong foundations and continuing to extend our strong relationships with industry and government,” continued AIIA Chairman Robert Hillard.

The AIIA is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at fuelling Australia’s future social and economic prosperity through technology innovation.

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About AIIA



The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) is Australia's peak representative body and advocacy group for those in the digital ecosystem. Since 1978 AIIA has pursued activities to stimulate and grow the digital ecosystem, to create a favourable business environment for members and to contribute to Australia's economic prosperity. We do this by delivering outstanding member value by providing a strong voice of influence; building a sense of community through events and education; enabling a network for collaboration and inspiration; and developing compelling content and relevant and interesting information.