

Building Leadership Capability for the Sheep Industry

THE SHEEPMEAT INDUSTRY GOVERNANCE SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship for training in corporate governance through the Australian Institute of Company Directors



The Sheepmeat Council of Australia and Meat & Livestock Australia recently launched a joint initiative, 'Building Leadership Capability for the Sheep Industry'. The project's objective is to ensure that the Australian sheep industry attracts and retains people with leadership skills to contribute to the long-term viability of the industry by developing industry capability and capacity.

Part of this joint project is to develop sheep producers' capacity in the area of industry leadership and corporate governance. In 2017, the SCA and MLA are offering sheepmeat producers an opportunity to receive training in industry leadership and corporate governance as part of the Company Directors Course run by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The AICD Company Directors Course

The course is a five-day intensive program that covers board governance and directorship. It is a course for board directors, aspiring directors or executives and focuses on the roles, responsibilities and skills required by directors and boards.

It includes 10 modules of study which:

- Outlines the role of the board and the practice of directorship.
- Outlines directors' duties and responsibilities in sound governance and risk management.
- Identifies the board's contribution toward an organisation's performance and strategy development and execution.
- Develops financial literacy skills to assess the financial health of an organisation.
- Examines ways to evaluate and enhance board performance.

Following the course, producers are able to continue as a member or fellow of the AICD. For more information on the course, visit

www.companydirectors.com.au



The Sheepmeat Council of Australia wants to equip the next generation of sheep producers to take on leadership positions within our organisation. The AICD Company Directors Course teaches key skills that are important for board directors or executive management liaising with a board. Participants will learn the fundamentals of director's roles and responsibilities, risk, legalities, strategy, financial literacy and driving board effectiveness.

DR KAT GILES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHEEPMEAT COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

The Sheepmeat Industry Governance Scholarship

The SCA is offering five scholarships for sheep producers to complete the AICD Company Directors Course. Each scholarship is valued at up to \$10,000 and covers all course fees, including one year of AICD membership (paid direct to the AICD), travel to the course and accommodation and meals during the course.

Applicants must be:

- A sheep producer or person working in the sheepmeat industry.
- Able to demonstrate at least 10 years' experience in the sheep industry and ready to take the next step in terms of industry leadership and involvement.
- Able to commit to attend the full five days of the course.
- Able to commit to the pre and post-course requirements, including pre-course reading, online training and assessment, to maximise their learning.

The course is to be completed by the end of 2017 and the SCA will consult with the successful applicants to determine a suitable date and location.

How to apply

Interested sheep producers and sheepmeat industry personnel must complete the SCA application form. All information is available at www.sheepmeatcouncil.com.au/governance

Applications will be assessed by a panel including the SCA and independent representatives against a set of selection criteria. The criteria includes the applicant's capacity to demonstrate:

- An employment and education history in the industry.
- A record of industry and community involvement.
- An understanding of the challenges facing the industry and a clear vision for the industry's future.
- An understanding of the requirements of the AICD Company Directors Course and how the skills gained may be used in the future.
- A willingness and capacity to work with the SCA in the future on similar projects or industry issues.

Applications close at 5pm on Tuesday 1 August 2017 and must be sent to sca@sheepmeatcouncil.com.au

More Information

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Completing the AICD Company Directors Course was a really valuable experience for me personally, giving me great exposure to the principles that underpin good governance from grassroots organisations right through to whole-of-industry bodies. The training provided to me and the other participants will help ensure the sheep industry has a growing number of individuals that understand governance and are able to apply those skills within the boards and governing bodies they are part of now and for years to come.

TROY FISCHER, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SHEEP PRODUCER

