

OCTOBER 2023

WOMEN IN SEAFOOD AUSTRALASIA



VOTING IS NOW OPEN FOR WISA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WISA Board of Director voting is now open for 2023. We encourage all financial members to cast their vote.

Director positions are open for Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

All financial members should have received a voting link via a third party company TrueVote.

You can view the biographies of the nominees in the notice of the 2023 Annual General Meeting which can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or have not received your TrueVote link, please contact Kirsten Abernethy WISA Executive Officer on eo@womeninseafood.org.au.

WISA MEMBER OPPORTUNITY : AICD GOVERNANCE FOUNDATIONS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT DIRECTORS COURSE

Join the WISA Board in this member only opportunity November 29-30 in Melbourne. If you are (or aspire to be) a director for an industry association or not-for profit board, this will give you the foundations you need. Participants will be provided with an understanding of board directors' fundamental compliance and performance-related roles and responsibilities, specifically in the areas of governance, risk, financial performance and strategy.

WISA are able to offer WISA members this 1.5 day program at the discounted rate of \$1300.

For the first five members to register, WISA will also provide accommodation. For more information and to register your interest, please contact Kirsten eo@womeninseafood.org.au. **Registration close TODAY Monday 2 October 2023.**

Is this course right for you?

Facilitated by leaders in the field, the Australian Institute for Company Directors, the course is designed for first time directors or aspiring directors considering taking a position on a not-for-profit board. Executives at not-for-profits will also gain a deeper understanding of the functions of their boards.

This program is suitable for:

- Executives accepting their first directorship
- Those who are considering accepting a directorship
- Executives who report directly to a board
- Directors who are seeking to transition into not-for-profit directorship
- Directors of not-for-profit companies and community organisations



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

WISA will be hosting a series of networking events and we want you to join us! There are many benefits of networking. WISA wants to provide a platform for our members to enable professional connections, career advice, learn about new ideas, and share valuable information. Networking also helps with personal and business growth, building relationships, and gaining a competitive edge in the industry.

FREMANTLE

Thursday 12 October
Time 10.30am – 12.30pm
WAFIC Headoffice
Level 1/56 Marine Terrace, Fremantle WA

[RSVP HERE](#)

MELBOURNE

Thursday 19 October
Time 10.30am – 12.30pm
Melbourne Seafood Centre
133 Kensington Rd, West Melbourne VIC 3003

[RSVP HERE](#)

Last month, WISA hosted the first of this series of networking events at the gorgeous Harbour View Hotel in Sydney. Knowledge was shared, connections were made, and outstanding local produce were showcased to industry. Thank you to our friends at [Stay Afloat Australia](#). A special thank you to WISA Member Salma Ebrahim and WISA Board Director Umar Nguyen for your hard work and to everyone who came along.

It is not too late to register to join us in Fremantle or Melbourne in October!



SANTA IS COMING.....

We invite all WISA members to NT Director Sam Nowland to celebrate you our valued members!

DARWIN

Friday 20 October
Time: 6pm
Crustaceans on the Wharf
45 Stokes Hill Wharf

[RSVP HERE](#)



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

We invite all WISA members to join the WISA Board & Source Certain for dinner to celebrate you our valued members!

MELBOURNE

Wednesday 29 November
Time: 6pm
Hardimans
521 Macaulay Rd, Kensington

[RSVP HERE](#)



CONGRATULATIONS TO WISA'S ROBERTA MARCOLI



WISA would like to send our heart-felt congratulations to Roberta Marcoli on her successful application for the EvokeAg Future Young Leaders Program in 2024.

The Future Young Leaders Program is designed to build the capacity of emerging leaders from across Australia and New Zealand while providing a platform to share their views, ideas, stories, and passion for agriculture, to deliver, develop, adopt and export agrifood innovation to the world

Roberta joined WISA this year as one of our magnificent Entrepreneur and Leadership program participants. As an organisation we pride ourselves on highlighting and providing opportunities to our members, and we are glad to say that this is one of those success stories. Roby was not aware of the Young Future Leaders program until joining WISA and is now on her way to cement her position as a future leader in the seafood industry, go Roby!

AGRIFUTURES OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant aims to provide Australian Women with learning and development opportunities, upskilling them so they can bring their idea, cause or vision to life.

The Grant is open to all women involved in rural and emerging industries, rural and regional businesses and rural and regional communities.

Applications close 25 October 2023.

[Click here](#) for more information.

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Award is Australia's leading award empowering and celebrating the inclusive and courageous leadership of women involved in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities, now and into the future.

2024 Applications are NOW OPEN and close on Wednesday, 25 October 2023.

NT Applications close on Friday, 26 January 2024.

For more information [click here](#)



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL, REGIONAL & REMOTE WOMEN

The Rural, Regional and Remote Womens Network invite you to the RRR Network's Annual Event "International Day of Rural, Regional and Remote Women".

When: Saturday, 21st October 2023 : 6pm to 10pm

Where: Rose & Crown - 105 Swan Street, Guildford WA 6055

Tickets: \$110 per person

Ticket sales close by 6th October and can be purchased [here](#)

SEAFOOD DIRECTIONS 2024 CHILDCARE POLL

WISA has been in discussion with Seafood Industry Australia that childcare should be considered at the Seafood Directions Conference in Hobart in 2024. WISA are doing a brief feasibility poll to determine if this is worth pursuing. Would your choice to attend the conference be impacted by whether childcare is available or not?

Please follow the link below to answer a one question poll.

[Click here](#)