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About FDIO

The Forum for Directors of Indigenous Organisations (FDIO) was established in 2012 in response to increased commercial engagement between many Indigenous organisations, large corporate entities and government. This increase in commercial engagement heightened the need for directors and officers of Indigenous companies to ensure that they implement best practice in governance and financial management.

FDIO fills a gap in this rapidly changing environment, providing a unique and independent forum for directors, executives and community leaders to share their expertise in building the capacity of their boards, business development and investment strategies; aligning these with cultural values and community priorities.

In line with leading practice, Indigenous organisations are increasingly engaging independent directors and professional service providers to strengthen their corporate governance, develop sound investment strategies and grow their business. FDIO also aims to increase the quality and value-for-money that these parties provide through peer-based quality assurance.

Our Goals

FDIO seeks to:

- Minimise the cost of recruiting and appointing directors and officers for Indigenous organisations;
- Assist directors and officers in the first few years of their appointments to enable them to better serve Indigenous organisations and enhance the quality of their contributions;
- Minimise the costs to Indigenous organisations and trusts by encouraging the sharing of information and documentation;
- Develop and promote innovative approaches to common issues experienced by Indigenous organisations;
- Assist in maintaining the motivation and enthusiasm of directors and officers to continue their commitment and attract others to Indigenous organisations; and
- Improve and enhance the quality of working relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people at a governance and executive officer level.

Membership

Membership is free and open to individuals and organisations that have an interest in good governance and the success of Indigenous organisations.

Our members include Indigenous and non-Indigenous directors, executives and officers, service providers, government officers and other stakeholders working with Indigenous organisations to drive their long-term success.

To join FDIO, visit our website FDIO.com.au for a membership form, or email us at info@FDIO.com.au.

What does FDIO offer?

Professional development and networking opportunities

FDIO convenes a series of regular professional development seminars and smaller roundtables. These events bring together directors and executives of Indigenous organisations with service providers, government representatives and other stakeholders to share case studies of what is working in terms of governance, business and economic development and community investment. Visit www.fdio.com.au or email us at info@fdio.com.au to receive regular event updates and booking information.

Free advertising of director and officer vacancies

FDIO offers a free service for Indigenous organisations and trusts, advertising vacancies for directors and officers of Indigenous organisations. We have advertised positions for organisations as diverse as local representative corporations, Aboriginal Medical Service providers, Aboriginal-owned publishers, trusts and Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs).

Information sharing

FDIO keeps members up to date on relevant policy developments, events and training via regular e-alerts and newsletters. Stay informed about relevant news and developments in the sector including success stories from Indigenous organisations and businesses, upcoming training and policy developments.

Governance support services

FDIO can work with your organisation to provide support and guidance for the development of corporate governance and executive capacity tools to assist directors engaging with Indigenous organisations. We can also assess potential candidates for eligibility to hold positions on your Board. Contact us to discuss your organisation's specific needs at info@fdio.com.au.

Governance

FDIO is a not-for-profit charitable trust, currently operating in Western Australia. Our Steering Committee and Executive Officer bring a depth of experience across multiple sectors and industries relevant to Indigenous organisations.

Steering Committee Members

Adam Levin, FDIO Chairperson; Partner, Jackson McDonald
Duncan Munro, Principal, Corporate Finance Division, RSM Bird Cameron
Andrew Coloretti, Managing Director, Giles Wade
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