

# Media Release

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## **SUPPORTING MORE WOMEN ON BOARDS**

The Andrews Labor Government is getting more women into leadership and helping them gain positions on community and government boards.

Minister for Women Natalie Hutchins today encouraged women to apply for the 2023 round of scholarships under the Women's Board Leadership Program.

The program gives women tailored governance training and mentoring for roles on community and government boards, with a focus on Aboriginal and culturally diverse women.

It's also designed to help more women improve their governance skills and gain extra experience to make an impact on community and government boards in Victoria.

The program – which is delivered by the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) – will receive \$200,000 this year to sponsor 50 Victorian women to undertake governance training.

Through the scholarships, women will have up to 12 months to complete ICDA's Diploma of Governance online.

The program forms part of the Labor Government's promise to have an equal representation of women on government boards. Women now make up more than 50 per cent of seats on government boards.

Applications for the scholarships are now open until March 15.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Women Natalie Hutchins**

*"We're supporting more women into leadership and helping them gain positions on community and government boards - and I encourage all women from across the state to apply for this round of scholarships under the Women's Board Leadership Program."*

*"Women not only have the capacity, drive and potential for roles on community and government boards – but also bring experiences, expertise, and unique personalities to the organisations and corporations they work in."*