ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR KNOWLEDGE?

THE ACS FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE

23-27 FEBRUARY 2015
KINGSCLIFF NSW
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

Being a CIO is an inspired career choice, but it’s not always an easy job. You need to be constantly on top of the latest developments changing how business is done, from mobile to the cloud. You face unique challenges that require high-level problem solving skills. And there’s the pressure of knowing your decisions can either unlock your organisation’s full power or debilitate it for years.

Sometimes it feels like you’re the only one facing these challenges. Particularly when there are so few quality development programs targeted at the CIO, which remains a small and exclusive field. In response, ACS has created the Future Leaders Institute, a four-day residential program that unites new and aspiring CIO’s from a diverse range of backgrounds.

You’ll satisfy your hunger for knowledge of the industry’s hottest emerging issues. You’ll gain access to top ICT leaders who have been there, done that and forged their own successful legacies. You’ll build networks with other like-minded CIO’s also using technology to help their organisations thrive. And you’ll develop the critical strategy and decision-making skills you need to succeed in your new C-Suite role.
Alan Patterson
CEO of ACS

Being a CIO is an inspired career choice. While the genesis of this may come from a love of technology itself, it requires the unique combination of entrepreneurial flair and business acumen in order to assess and realise the value that technology brings to an organisation and its customers.

In launching the ACS Future Leaders Institute our goal is to provide a first-class program, and an outstanding opportunity for the next generation of CIO’s and IT executives to think, dream and create a vision for themselves professionally, their organisations and most importantly their customers.

The Future Leaders Institute is driven by highly experienced industry leaders keen to share their insight and learning to help you reach and remain at the top of your game and solve your most pressing challenges.

Join us and network with new industry friends. We look forward to meeting you at Kingscliff in November 2014.
COURAGEOUS CIO's WANTED.

To prosper in the digital age, Australia needs courageous CIO’s who can make the right decisions faster and more often. So what does it take to be one?

Being a courageous CIO requires a unique combination of entrepreneurial flair and strong analytical skills. It means you’re able to recognise the competitive advantages that a particular technology brings to an organisation and its customers, and effectively drive change. And it means you have the confidence to face the challenges of disruptive technologies that arrive in ever-shorter cycles.

If that sounds like you, then you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. The ACS Future Leaders Institute is your chance to develop the leadership skills that help you realise your full potential as a CIO, with the ability to recognise and implement the next game-changing solution successfully and respond decisively to disruptive technology.
Keynote Speaker: 20/20 Insight

Stefan is a principal scientist at CSIRO based in Brisbane who spends his time thinking about how people make choices and plan for an uncertain future. He leads CSIRO Futures which is a team of researchers, analysts and consultants working on strategy and foresight projects to help government and industry organisations adapt to a rapidly changing world. Stefan has a doctorate in geography from the University of Queensland and postgraduate qualifications in economics from the University of New England. He is widely published in the international scientific research literature.

He is also an active communicator and his material on global megatrends features on TedX and he routinely delivers keynote talks at major events. He is currently writing a book titled ‘Moments of Freefall’ which examines how global trends signal critical moments of rapid social, economic and environmental change with profound impacts on how people live.
4 CRITICAL CHALLENGES.

HOW DO YOU MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION?
As a CIO, you need to make important decisions in a fast, consistent way, so you can win the race to innovate. But they need to be the right decisions: get it wrong, and the future of your organisation (not to mention your career) could be at stake.

HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR THE UNKNOWN?
You don’t know what problems will arise for your organisation in the future, or what the demands on its ICT team and systems will be. In the face of the great unknown – and the pressure to be successfully agile – you need to ensure your organisation and team are future ready.

HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY TRULY DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY?
A myriad of possible ICT solutions are constantly competing for your attention. Amid all the noise, you need strategies to assess and identify those technologies which will be truly disruptive, and what that means for your organisation.

HOW DO YOU WIN OVER THE SCEPTICS?
Many corporate boards don’t have a strong background in ICT. Yet you need to deliver the case for change and persuade non-experts of the benefits of a technical solution in a clear, compelling way.
As a new or aspiring CIO, you confront a sometimes bewildering array of challenges.

There are critical business decisions which require your immediate attention, as well as longer term issues that require your ongoing focus. Like working out how to integrate your global supply chain in order to maximise business efficiencies, or manage the growing number of ICT service providers in the age of SaaS, PaaS, IaaS and HaaS.

The Future Leaders Institute will equip you with the tools to confront all these challenges and much more.
The ACS Future Leaders Institute is an immersive four-day residential program designed to develop the leadership skills of new and aspiring CIO’s. It’s a diverse program of learning experiences facilitated by renowned industry and university experts from Australia and overseas.

The emphasis throughout is on sharing ideas and experiences in interactive, collaborative workshops and roundtables, where you’ll learn from others who have gone through similar experiences. You’ll join a select group of future leaders, all either CIO’s or on the path to becoming one. Get your registration in today – places are very limited.

Core topics for the program are: leading and managing change; situational leadership; effective teams; organisational decision-making; emotional intelligence; speaking with impact; career management; successful influencing; and case studies.

The Course was a powerful insight into the issues that a leader faces in progressing from the ranks of management to CIO. The coursework and interaction with other members was a good way of reinforcing the theory that was being presented during the day. I was especially enthused by Sir Ralph Norris’s presentation and his 10 key leadership points. I have recommended this to my executive as being a course for other staff to attend.

Andrew C, Director, Technical Services
Get inspired in paradise. The setting for the ACS Future Leaders Institute is the idyllic Peppers Salt Resort and Spa on Salt Beach, located within Salt Village at Kingscliff on the far north coast of NSW.

It offers spectacular ocean views, an unspoilt beachfront, lagoon-style swimming pool, tennis courts and a day spa.

Around you is the spectacular Tweed Valley, once the crater of an extinct volcano and now home to lush rainforest. It’s the ideal location to ignite your career as a CIO.
NEED TO KNOW.

The ACS Future Leaders Institute will be held from 23–27 February 2015 at Peppers Salt Resort and Spa on Salt Beach, Kingscliff, New South Wales. The program begins 12 noon on Monday 23 February and concludes 1.30pm on Friday 27 February. Your registration includes four nights’ accommodation, meals from Monday lunch through to Friday lunch and all Institute activities.

AM I ELIGIBLE?
To be eligible to attend you must be a new CIO, aspire to be a CIO, or aspire to be a Senior Executive IT.

HOW TO GET THERE
Peppers Salt Resort and Spa on Salt Beach is a 30 minute drive from Gold Coast Airport. Delegates should fly at their own expense to Gold Coast Airport, where ACS will arrange their transfer to the resort.

Return transfers are also included, allowing delegates to arrange return flights departing from the Gold Coast from 3.30pm on Friday 27 February.
Upon receipt of payment, ACS will email delegates an online application form.

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Payment Details
The program fee is $4,400 (GST inclusive) per delegate. A tax receipt will be forwarded upon receipt of payment.

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Terms and Conditions
- Full payment is required to confirm a delegate’s place in the program.
- ACS reserves the right to cancel the program should minimum registrations not be achieved.
- In the case of program cancellation a full refund will be made.
- If a delegate needs to cancel, you will need to let us know in WRITING. If written notice of cancellation is received within 14 days prior to the program, a full refund of the registration fee less an administrative charge of $200 will be made.
- No refund will be given to delegates who fail to attend.

- Substitution of delegates is acceptable at any time.
- Cancellations received less than 14 days prior to the program date are subject to a 50% cancellation fee. In special medical cases proving illness, this condition may be waived.

Privacy statement for Registration Form
The personal information collected in this document is used to process your registration for the Future Leaders Institute program. If you choose not to provide the personal information as requested, we may not be able to provide the service you require. The information you provide may be used to advise you of future ACS products and services. Please advise ACS if you do not wish to receive this information.
I found the Future Leaders Institute to be an inspiring week. Many of the sessions covered topics that most managers would be familiar with but the presenters were able to add the “what does it mean for me as a leader?” message that the theory doesn’t cover. I particularly enjoyed the “Communicating with Impact” session. I found the “Career Management” session to be confronting but thought provoking for me to consider what I want out of my career. The networking side of the Institute was extremely valuable with attendees from large and small government and commercial organisations – it was great to hear that many of my own challenges were shared.

Danielle B, General Manager Professional Services