

# 2017 RTI Day Partner Booklet



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**RIGHT** 28 September 2017  
**INFORMATION**  
*Open and accountable government* **DAY**



**Office of the Information Commissioner**  
Queensland

# Right to Information Day 2017

Right to Know Day is held annually on 28 September across Australia and throughout the world. The event commenced in 2002 when countries around the world created a network of Freedom of Information Advocates (FOIA Network) and agreed to collaborate in promoting individuals' right of access to information and open, transparent governance. The FOI Network proposed that 28 September be nominated as international "Right to Know Day" in order to symbolise the global movement for promoting the right to information.

Right to Know Day has become much bigger than a right of access. It is a day on which citizens, governments and organisations around the world promote open, accountable and transparent government. Queensland marks this occasion as **Right to Information Day**, in acknowledgment of the Right to Information Act 2009 (Qld) (RTI Act) and its contribution to facilitating greater and easier access to government-held information, including datasets. The right to information improves public administration and increases community participation in government.

## About us

The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) is Queensland's independent statutory body with statutory functions under the RTI Act and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) to promote access to government-held information, and to protect people's personal information held by the public sector.

OIC provides information, assistance and advice to support Queensland public sector agencies to comply with the law, reviews agency decisions regarding access and amendment applications, monitors and reports to the Queensland Parliament on agency performance and mediates privacy complaints.

Need assistance? The OIC Enquiry Service is can be contacted on:

- (07) 3234 7373 - 1800 OIC QLD (1800 642 753)
- [enquiries@oic.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@oic.qld.gov.au)

Extensive information resources are also available on our website.

# Become a Right to Information Day Partner

This year OIC is encouraging agencies and private sector organisations to become a Right to Information Day Partner and in the lead up to 28 September help promote information rights and responsibilities in Queensland.

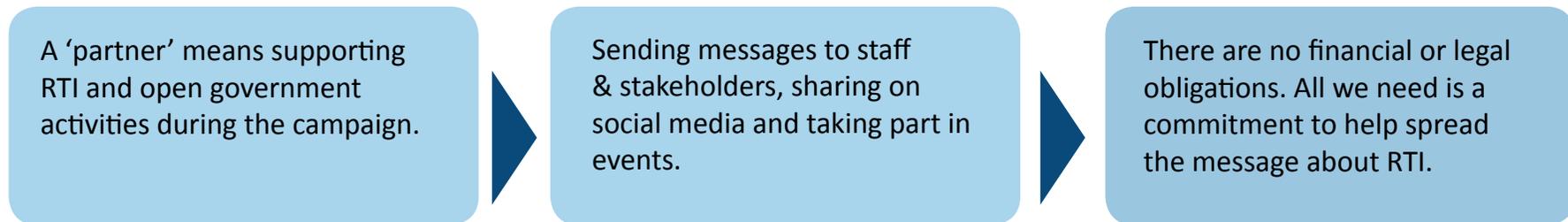
The theme this year is:

***Right to Information: Open and accountable government and the media's role.***

This is a great opportunity to show your organisation's commitment to right to information including greater openness, transparency and accountability in government.

Becoming a partner is easy **and it's free.**

## What does it involve



## Partners pledge to:

- Share RTI and open government messages with staff and stakeholders through their website, intranet and other channels during the RTI Day 2017 campaign
- Celebrate success stories and good initiatives that demonstrate open government in action and promote resources, information and services that support or facilitate the release of government-held information
- Promote your commitment to the principles of open government during the campaign
- Remind staff of their responsibilities and obligations under the RTI Act
- Inform OIC of the activities conducted for Right to Information Day 2017.

# Partner benefits



Right to Information Day partners will be acknowledged wherever possible, for example:

- partner logos will be displayed on OIC’s website and include a link back to the partner’s website
- partners can display an official Right to Information Day partner logo on their website or promotional material
- partners will be referred to collectively in media releases, editorial and at the Solomon Lecture
- partners will receive a letter of thanks from the Information Commissioner.

We will provide ‘Official Partner’ identifiers to partner agencies for use on their website and on any printed promotional material during their **Right to Information Day** activities.

Contacts in partner agencies will also receive direct communications about **Right to Information Day** through a partner email list.

# Partner resources

A range of Right to Information Day resources will be available, such as:

- RTI infographics
- YouTube videos
- Posters
- Brochures
- Case studies
- Web badges and banners
- Social media images
- Internal and external communication material.

## Sample of badges and logos:



# Right to Information Day events

## The Solomon Lecture

Right to Information Day includes the Solomon Lecture named in honour of Dr David Solomon AM, the Chair of the Independent FOI Review Panel appointed by the State Government to review Queensland's Freedom of Information laws in 2007–08. Dr Solomon delivered the inaugural lecture in 2009.

OIC will host the Solomon Lecture at The Edge, Southbank, on Thursday 28 September 2017, 8.30-10.30am. If you would like more information or wish to attend visit <https://2017solomonlecture.eventbrite.com.au>

The lecture will be livestreamed to ensure all Queenslanders have the opportunity to be involved.

Past Solomon Lectures can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/qldoic](http://www.youtube.com/qldoic)

## Host your own event

You may wish to organise your own event for Right to Information Day.

We have printable posters, brochures and other resources to support agencies' activities.

### 2017 Solomon Lecture



Mr Kerry O'Brien, one of Australia's most respected journalists, who will deliver the Solomon Lecture. 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of the Fitzgerald Inquiry. The subsequent report brought about a fundamental shift in Queensland's political landscape and governance, including freedom of information legislation.

Mr O'Brien's lecture will provide an opportunity to revisit some of the lessons learnt over the past three decades around open government, transparency and accountability, including the media's role in accessing government held information and informing the community about government decisions.

The event's Master of Ceremonies will be well known journalist and media personality, Ms Madonna King. Following the lecture Ms King will lead a panel discussion involving Mr Kerry O'Brien, Dr David Solomon AM, Professor Peter Coaldrake AO and Ms Alison Sandy.

## Key messages

Open government  
builds community  
trust.

Communities have  
the right to know.  
Governments have a  
responsibility to share.

Government  
transparency  
strengthens community  
participation and our  
democracy.

Community access  
to government-held  
information keeps  
us accountable and  
transparent.

RTI Day 2017:  
Celebrating 30 years  
of open government  
since the Fitzgerald  
Inquiry.

# How we'll communicate



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Partner announcements



Media releases



Established networks

# How you can get involved

## Spread the message

to staff and stakeholders – through website, intranet, email or other communication channels.

## Attend or host events

to mark **Right to Information Day** – either in person or online.

## Distribute material

such as posters, brochures, infographics, and information sheets.

## Join the discussion

on social media – by posting your own RTI and open government messages and using the official **Right to Information Day** hashtags #RTID2017 and #RTKD2017 (*some jurisdictions refer to it as Right to Know Day*).

# Become a partner or find out more

All you need to do to become a **Right to Information Day** partner is send an email to [events@oic.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@oic.qld.gov.au) requesting to join the 2017 RTI Day partner program. Include the contact details of an agency representative so we can communicate with you about RTI Day activities and send you exclusive RTI Day partner resources and information.

Also send us your agency's logo for display on our dedicated partner's webpage. Logos should be provided in colour jpeg format at 300 dpi (hi-res).

## Need more information?

Please contact:

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