

2018 RTI Day Partner Booklet



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INFORMATION
Trust and Transparency DAY



Office of the Information Commissioner
Queensland

Right to Information Day 2018

Right to Information Day (sometimes called Right to Know Day) is held annually on 28 September across Australia and internationally. 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 Information 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 an 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 can be contacted on:

- (07) 3234 7373
- 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.

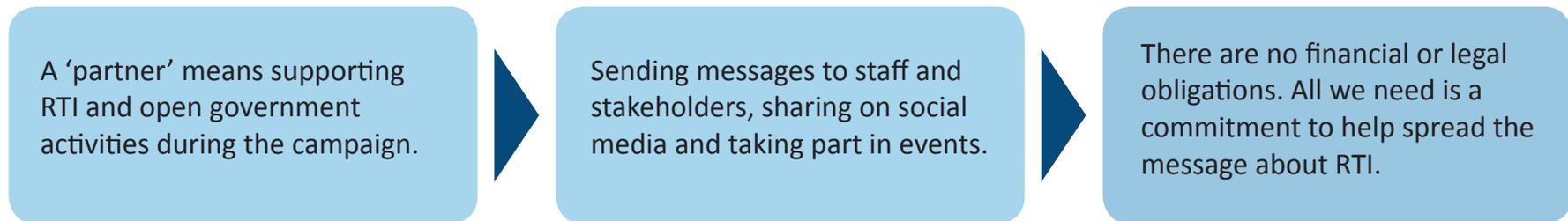
The theme this year is:

Right to Information: Trust and Transparency

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 2018 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 2018.

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:

- 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 Level 41, 1 William Street, Brisbane on 24 September 2018. If you would like more information or wish to attend visit <https://solomonlecture.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

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.



2018 Solomon Lecture

Professor Ken Smith, Chief Executive Officer and Dean of the Australia New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) will deliver the Solomon Lecture.

Lecture synopsis: Globally there is an unprecedented diminution of trust in our core democratic institutions.

Australia and Queensland are not immune. Liberal democracies are beset by, at best, growing illiberalism and at worst outright authoritarianism.

The lecture will explore how open, transparent government is threatened from a range of ideological extremes. Those who constantly question our liberal democracy and its values, including fundamental human rights and the rule of law, neither value good government nor vital elements of it, such as Right to Information legislation. Important reforms like this ensure public institutions are open, accountable and deliver institutional integrity, as well as uphold valid community expectations of the standards by which all public officers need to be judged.

Now, more than at other times over the last few decades, it is important to not only reflect upon but embolden important reforms championed by Dr Solomon AM in post-Fitzgerald Queensland. Dr Solomon's ongoing legacy will be the focus of the lecture with Professor Smith reminding us of the obligation to ensure public institutions are clear about the need, at all times, to serve the public interest, rather than narrower sectional interests. Professor Smith argues that it is only with this ongoing focus that we can expect that public trust in our democratic institutions will be restored.

Key messages

Create a culture of open and transparent communication: Release information to build community trust.

Build trust through transparency.

Empower citizens with timely, reliable and easily accessible information.

Transparency builds confidence and trust in government.

Principles to practice: release government-held information proactively or administratively, wherever possible.

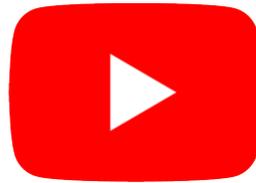
Principles to practice: formal access applications should be a last resort.

How we'll communicate

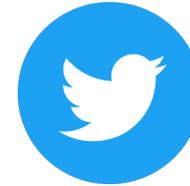


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Partner announcements



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, images, 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 #RTID2018 and #RTKD2018 (*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 requesting to join the 2018 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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