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BHP Billiton's Jacqui McGill wins CEW Scholarship to Wharton

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced BHP Billiton's Jacqui McGill is the winner of a scholarship to participate in the Executive Development Program at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia this September.

Announcing the winner, President of CEW, Dianne Smith-Gander, said: "Achieving 50/50 representation in senior roles requires system change. Women need to have equal opportunity to attend career-transforming courses.

"Until equality of opportunity is a reality, CEW will continue to provide scholarships enabling more women to join the C-suite," said Diane Smith-Gander, President of Chief Executive Women."

The winner

Jacqui McGill runs BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine at Roxby Downs in South Australia. She leads a team of 3,000 people to safely produce over 200,000 tonnes of copper and over 2,000 kg of uranium annually. Olympic Dam is the fifth-largest copper deposit, the third-largest gold deposit and the largest uranium deposit in the world.

Jacqui is also an active mentor for women in the resources industry. Under her leadership, Olympic Dam has the first ever gender balanced Asset Leadership team in BHP Billiton.

"I encourage regular conversations between senior leaders on the role of diversity in delivering high performance. Not only do these discussions often have an a profound impact on people's views, they also give permission to bring the issue into the lunch rooms in a way that makes it safe to engage constructively."

The scholarship

The scholarship will enable Jacqui to participate in the Executive Development Program at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Wharton is recognised globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education.

The Executive Development Program at Wharton is designed to increase the business skills and leadership capabilities of managers who lead key parts of the business and form the pool of future top leadership of the organisation. It uses a multidimensional approach of lectures, small/large group discussion, case study, role-playing, campus networking opportunities, and a strategy simulation to provide new insights and give participants the opportunities to apply them.

Jacqui expects the course will provide exposure to a diverse range of business leaders from different sectors, which will help her lead the business through a time of transition in the industry.

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About CEW Scholars (www.cew.org.au/scholarships)

The CEW Scholars program enables women leaders by supporting them at critical junctures in their careers, from their first management roles to top executive positions. More than 100 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992.

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 370 of Australia's most senior women from the corporate, public, academic and not-for-profit sectors. Its mission is "women leaders enabling women leaders". Through advocacy, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW works to remove the barriers to women's progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity. CEW offers innovative and substantive programs aimed at enabling women's participation and future leadership.

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