



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CEW appoints Christine Christian President**

**Friday 8 March 2013, Sydney:** Chief Executive Women today announced Christine Christian would succeed Belinda Hutchison as president of the member based organisation effective 8 March 2013.

Outgoing president Belinda Hutchison AM said: “CEW began as a small group to support women leaders in their personal careers and organisations. We now provide scholarships, mentoring for our members and upcoming talented women; we undertake research and provide tools to help corporations unlock barriers for their staff.”

“How much we have achieved is testament to the calibre of our members of whom I am so proud. As we know, there is more work to do and I am delighted that Christine has accepted the role as president. Christine has had a distinguished business career and I know that she will provide strong leadership for CEW as we enter our next phase of advocacy and action for women in the workforce.”

Christine Christian is Melbourne based and has been an active member of CEW since 2008, most recently as vice president. Christine is a non-executive director of several international and Australian based companies. Her executive experience includes 14 years as CEO of Dun and Bradstreet in Australia and more than three decades in management of credit risk, financial services and publishing in Australia, India and the UK.

“I am delighted to become CEW president as we enter a new and important stage of influence and opportunity. The ASX guidelines, government policy and influence through individuals and many organisations means we have reached an inflection point in Australia,” said Ms Christian.

“We have the opportunity, the will and the skill through our very talented members to create a new paradigm in Australia that values and seeks out what women bring to the executive table, the boardroom and to leadership. I am looking forward to working with our Chief Executive Officer, Julie White and to meeting with our members to hear about how we take on these opportunities and become a voice for younger women in the early stages of their careers.”

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### **About Chief Executive Women**

Chief Executive Women (CEW) is one of Australia's leading organisations supporting female leadership in Australia. Its members include over 260 of Australia's women leaders. CEW's goal is to facilitate greater representation of women at senior levels of Australian business, government and the not-for-profit sectors. CEW provides scholarship, mentoring and networking to talented women to help them attain leadership roles in Australia and undertakes research and provides diagnostic tools to assist organisations improve the development and retention of women talent. For more information, visit [cew.org.au](http://cew.org.au)

**Christine Christian** is a non-executive director of Members Equity Bank, Private Media, Scottish Pacific Business Finance, Powerlinx Inc., UNICEF Australia, Policy and Economic Research Council, State Library of Victoria Foundation Council and Melbourne International Comedy Festival. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Strategic Management Society.

**Belinda Hutchison** is Chairman of QBE Insurance Group and is a non-executive director of AGL Energy Limited and St. Vincent's Health Australia. In February Belinda was appointed Chancellor of the University of Sydney. Belinda has been a CEW member since 2000, and has served as president for the past two years.