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2018 CEW Scholar: Chris Went is going to MIT Sloan

Chief Executive Women (CEW) announces the winner of the 2018 CEW Scholarship to attend *Leading Change in Complex Organisations* at MIT Sloan in Cambridge, Massachusetts in May this year.

Chris Went, Chief Executive Officer, Greenslopes Private Hospital is the first Queensland based winner of a CEW Scholarship to attend the prestigious program at MIT Sloan and the sixth CEW Scholar to attend the course in the past three years.

Announcing the winner, Gail McGowan, Director General Western Australian Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, and CEW member said, "CEW scholarships provide talented women with the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills, enrich their experiences and advance their careers."

"In today's dynamic economy, effective leadership and implementation of organisational change is vital and increasingly complex."

"CEW is delighted to provide accomplished women with executive development in this crucial area," said Gail McGowan.

The winner

Chris Went – Chief Executive Officer, Greenslopes Private Hospital, Ramsay Health Care

Chris Went was appointed in 2017 as CEO of Greenslopes Private Hospital, one of Australia's largest private teaching hospitals. She leads the executive team managing the 650 bed hospital employing more than 2000 staff. For the previous seven years she was CEO of St Andrew's Ipswich Private Hospital.

Chris has represented the private sector on the Queensland Clinical Senate, was a member of the Department of Health Patient Safety Board and has represented the Australian Private Hospitals Association on the Queensland Clinical Education and Training Council. Chris is a member of the Board of Ipswich Grammar School and the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation.

"Health care is always complex and particularly so with the multiple reviews at State and Federal Government levels. Patient-centred care is our main focus and successfully implementing change in a large private hospital through this uncertainty is crucial," said Chris Went, CEO Greenslopes Private Hospital.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to broaden my perspective of change management principles and hone my leadership skills together with international peers across industry sectors."

The scholarship

The scholarship will enable Chris Went to study *Leading Change in Complex Organisations* at MIT Sloan in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2018. The course is designed to help senior executives harness the leadership skills, political resources, and cultural understandings needed to guide successful organisational change.

The scholarship is part of the 2018 CEW Scholars program, which is providing 18 talented Australian women the opportunity to take their careers to the next level by supporting executive education at internationally acclaimed business schools.

Chris Went will be following five CEW Scholars to MIT Sloan *Leading Change in Complex Organisations*: Professor Julie Bernhardt, Head of the Stroke Division, Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health; Deanna Lomas, Chief Supply Chain Officer Super Retail; Kristie Keast, GM People Bluescope Australia; Jodie Haydon, General Manager Human Resources Viva Energy; and Leanne McDonald Group Manager Organisational Capability, Allianz Australia.

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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 150 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 500 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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