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Women leaders enabling women leaders

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2018 CEW Scholars: Kirsty Liddicoat and Gillian Cagney head to INSEAD

Chief Executive Women (CEW) announce the winners of two scholarships to study leadership at one of Asia's most prestigious business schools – INSEAD, Singapore.

Kirsty Liddicoat, Manager Coal Production, BHP and Gillian Cagney, Projects and Engineering Manager for WorleyParsons at Viva Energy will attend INSEAD's Leading for Results program in November this year.

Announcing the winners, Colleen Harris, CEW Scholarships Committee Chair says: "CEW scholarships are aimed at improving the representation of women in senior leadership roles by supporting talented women to fast-track their careers.

"Kirsty and Gillian are already recognised as emerging leaders in their respective fields. The INSEAD program – designed to help experienced managers develop crucial skills for leading people in a global environment – will help them take their leadership skills to the next level."

The winners

Kirsty Liddicoat is Manager Coal Production at BHP's Mt Arthur Coal Mine. Her 14-year career in the mining industry has included mine and project management, mine planning, engineering, geoscience and exploration in coal, gold, iron ore, bauxite and copper-gold. In 2012 she received the Women in Leadership Australia Scholarship, designed to develop high potential female leaders, and in 2013 she was recognised in the inaugural 100 Global most Inspirational Women in Mining published by Women in Mining United Kingdom.

"In my career I have taken every opportunity to develop my leadership skills knowing the positive impact that this will have on my ability to lead teams into the future. I know this course will push me outside of my comfort zone, test my skills and resilience, and help me grow as both a leader and a person," says Kirsty.

Gillian Cagney is the Projects and Engineering manager for the WorleyParsons Alliance with Viva Energy at their Geelong Refinery. Gillian manages the contract and P&L for the engineering and project management services provided to Viva and is accountable for the operational and functional management of her team of over 40 people. Gillian has over 16 years' experience including portfolio and project management as well as business management across various resources sectors and has worked in Ireland, Canada, and Australia.

"As I move into more senior roles in the organisation, every day I see that my interactions with people have an instant impact. The leadership program at INSEAD will provide me with the skills to increase my ability to engage with people quickly, to think beyond my limits and create a compelling vision through which to lead," says Gillian.

The scholarships

The scholarships will enable Kirsty and Gillian to attend the Leading for Results program at INSEAD, Singapore in November this year.

Leading for Results is a unique development program that provides experienced managers with crucial skills for performance-oriented leadership. By improving their effectiveness in giving feedback, offering rewards and coaching, participants will learn how to create and sustain team momentum and manage periods of change, conflict or crisis. More importantly, they will learn how to create a culture of achievement that not only promotes long-term growth but also develops future generations of leaders.

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

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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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