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2019 CEW Scholar: Karen Bozic heads to INSEAD France

Chief Executive Women (CEW) announces the winner of the 2019 CEW Scholarship to attend the *Advanced Management Program* at INSEAD Fontainebleau, France.

Karen Bozic will attend the prestigious four-week course at INSEAD, one of the world's leading and largest international business schools, in July 2019.

Announcing the winner, CEW Scholarships Committee Chair, Colleen Harris, says: "CEW's scholarship program provides professional development for women leaders at critical stages in their careers.

"This scholarship will help Karen take her executive leadership skills to a whole new level.

"We are delighted to support talented women, such as Karen, in their progression to top leadership positions in Australian corporations," says Colleen.

The winner

Karen Bozic was most recently the General Manager of Retail Operations, Caltex Australia, where Karen was responsible for the operation of Caltex's 800 sites and a driving force in Caltex's transformation to become a convenience retailer.

Karen is an experienced retail executive, with a background in finance, strategy, operations and leading organisations through complex and transformational change. She has also been a key advocate for diversity and inclusion at both Woolworths and Caltex, connecting men and women across these organisations and mentoring and sponsoring key talent.

"I know I am happiest at work when I am learning, when I am stretched and challenged, and when I have the opportunity to work with great people. The *Advanced Management Program* is an extension of this and is a chance to connect and learn with a diverse group of executives from around the world.

"The opportunity to attend INSEAD comes at a great time in my career. I want to learn and develop as much as I can to ensure I am 'match fit' for my next big challenge and able to be the leader I want to be," says Karen.

The scholarship

The CEW scholarship will enable Karen to attend the *Advanced Management Program* at INSEAD, France in July this year. The *Advanced Management Program* is designed to help C-Suite leaders build exceptional levels of strategic, high-performance and self-aware leadership skills. It focuses on both organisational and personal impact as a leader. The program is designed to be a transformative experience within a life-long learning journey.

The scholarships are part of the 2019 CEW Scholars program, which is providing 17 talented Australian women with the opportunity to take their careers to the next level by supporting executive education at internationally acclaimed business schools.

Karen will be the sixth CEW Scholar to attend the Advanced Management Program at INSEAD Fontainebleau following:

2018: Kate Munnings – Ramsay Healthcare

2017: Andrea Pidcock – CSR
2016: Zara Fisher – Rio Tinto

• 2015: Kate Farrar - LGIA Super

2014: Sinead Kauffman – Rio Tinto

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 550 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.

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 170 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992. In 2019, 18 scholarships will be offered for talented women to attend leadership courses at international business schools.

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