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2019 CEW Scholar: Becky Wood to study at Stanford

Chief Executive Women (CEW) announces the winner of the 2019 CEW Scholarship to study *Interpersonal Dynamics* at Stanford Graduate School of Business, California.

Becky Wood, Global Service Leader, Rail & Mass Transit, Aurecon will head to Stanford in July this year to complete the prestigious business school's most popular elective course.

Announcing the winner, CEW Scholarships Committee Chair, Colleen Harris, says: "CEW's scholarship program helps develop women leaders by supporting them at critical stages in their careers.

"The scholarship to Stanford is aimed at helping women who have just moved into powerful leadership positions unlock their true leadership potential.

"We are delighted to support talented women, such as Becky, to take her leadership skills to the next level," says Colleen.

The winner

Becky Wood was recently appointed Global Service Leader, Rail & Mass Transit, at global engineering and advisory company, Aurecon. She leads a global team of rail and mass transit specialists to deliver smart, efficient and future-proofed rail solutions across passenger and metro networks, light rail and freight and heavy haul rail.

Becky is a qualified chartered accountant with more than 10 years' private and public sector experience in commercial, project and program roles in infrastructure.

Prior to joining Aurecon, Becky was Executive Director, Fleet Program Delivery for Transport for New South Wales, with responsibility for their AUD6 billion program of new heavy rail rolling stock and ferry vessels. In 2018, Becky was named one of the top 50 public sector women in NSW.

"People are central to developing the infrastructure systems of the future, whether that's from the perspective of truly understanding future needs or ensuring we have engaged the breadth of expertise to design the safest, most accessible and sustainable systems possible. That's why the CEW scholarship comes at an ideal time for me in terms of ensuring I can draw the human elements into the system to make sense of it as a whole."

“As a leader in the infrastructure space I have the opportunity to have a positive impact on the future of the industry when I effectively ensure innovative ideas have influence. Attending the course will be a great way to strengthen my influencing skills to achieve that,” said Becky Wood.

The scholarship

The scholarship will enable Becky to attend *Interpersonal Dynamics* at Stanford Graduate School of Business, California, in July this year. The course is designed to help participants build more productive and functional relationships with others – a skill crucial to becoming a more effective leader in today’s complex, global, and highly interdependent organisations. Known to many as the ‘Touchy Feely’ class, *Interpersonal Dynamics* has been voted the most popular elective for 45 years running at Stanford.

The scholarship is part of the 2019 CEW Scholars program, which is providing 19 talented Australian women with the opportunity to take their careers to the next level by supporting executive education at internationally acclaimed business schools.

Becky will be the second CEW Scholar to attend the Interpersonal Dynamics Program at Stanford Graduate School of Business following:

- Suzy Nicoletti, Managing Director, Twitter Australia

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About Chief Executive Women (www.cew.org.au)

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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