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Chief Executive Women (CEW) Announces 2020 CEW Scholar: Lisa Vilé wins Leadership in Nursing Scholarship

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced Lisa Vilé, a Senior Nursing Officer with the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office at the Western Australia Department of Health, is the winner of the 2020 *Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship*.

The scholarship, which was launched last year in response to the nursing crisis in Australia, will allow Lisa to undertake the Master of Healthcare Leadership at Southern Cross University.

Announcing the winner, CEW Scholarships Committee Acting Chair, Deidre Willmott, said: "CEW founding member, Bonnie Boezeman AO, created the scholarship last year in response to the nursing crisis in Australia. This year, more than ever, the COVID-19 pandemic is showing us how vital the services are that nurses provide in our health system and community".

"This scholarship has represented a passion of mine over many years to offer higher education opportunities to Australian female nurses. In five years, there will be a shortfall of 85,000 nurses in Australia. This CEW Scholarship aims to help female nurses develop the leadership skills to advance their own careers and to grow the nursing sector as a whole," says Bonnie Boezeman AO.

"The CEW Scholarships Program provides executive and leadership development opportunities for women leaders across many sectors. We are delighted that talented nurses from around Australia, like Lisa, have the opportunity to realise their leadership potential," says Deidre.

The Winner

Lisa Vilé is a Senior Nursing Officer with the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office at the Western Australia Department of Health. In her current role Lisa is involved in leading, planning and executing key strategies and policies for the nursing and midwifery workforce in Western Australia. She has over 20 years of nursing experience, having held senior nursing positions across clinical, education and corporate roles in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Lisa said: "I am passionate about leading meaningful change, enabling the growth and recognition of the nursing and midwifery professions, and the delivery of high-quality and sustainable models of care".

"The course will provide me with the skills to provide improved strategic nursing workforce planning and policy development. It will also enable me to be a more effective leader in an increasingly complex environment".

The Scholarship

The *Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship* is made possible by the generous support of CEW founding member, Bonnie Boezeman AO, and Southern Cross University. It enables an Australia-registered woman nurse to undertake the Master of Healthcare Leadership at Southern Cross University.

“I extend my sincere congratulations to Lisa Vilé whose demonstrated leadership capability within WA Health will be further enhanced by undertaking our Master of Healthcare Leadership,” said Professor Adam Shoemaker, Vice Chancellor of Southern Cross University. “Lisa is extremely well-deserving of this scholarship opportunity. We wish her all the best with her studies at Southern Cross and the opportunities that will undoubtedly follow.”

“Our fully online Master of Healthcare Leadership interconnects clinical management, leadership and research skills to enable professionals to link the theories learned in the virtual classroom to real world issues, their workplace and their own leadership experiences. We are excited to be partnering with Bonnie Boezeman AO and Chief Executive Women for the second year running, towards improving the career paths of emerging Australian nursing leaders.”

The Master of Healthcare Leadership course equips participants with the skills to help multidisciplinary healthcare teams excel under strategic and thoughtful leadership. The engaging, flexible and interactive online course is ideally suited to professionals working in a health science discipline, like nursing, allied health or mental health. For more information about the course, visit [Southern Cross University](https://www.southerncross.edu.au/healthcare-leadership).

The scholarship is part of the CEW Scholars program, which in 2019 provided 20 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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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 650 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 200 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, 20 scholarships were offered for talented women to attend leadership courses at international business schools.

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