



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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Chief Executive Women announces winner – 2020 CEW & Vincent Fairfax Fellowship

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced **Belinda Duarte** as the winner of a scholarship to undertake the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship at Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership.

The scholarship, which was launched last year, is offered to senior women executives of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage in a partnership with Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership.

Announcing the winner, CEW Scholarships Committee Acting Chair, **Deidre Willmott**, says “CEW is delighted to partner again with Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership in support of senior Indigenous women at critical stages in their careers.

“More diversity through women’s voices at senior leadership levels will deliver better decisions and more equitable and sustainable outcomes for all Australians.”

“CEW’s Scholarships Program provides opportunities to talented women to fast-track their careers and to improve the representation of women in senior leadership roles in Australia”, says Deidre.

Vanessa Pigrum, CEO, Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership, says: “We are pleased to continue deepening our partnership with Chief Executive Women. Cranlana Centre has a long-standing commitment to strengthening and learning from Indigenous leaders, and we welcome Belinda to the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship.

This scholarship provides another way to increase the range of diverse voices in the leadership conversation. Belinda's experience will enrich the discussions of the next cohort, and upon completion she will join an impressive group of Indigenous Fellows bringing a strong ethical focus and moral courage to their work.”

The Winner

Belinda Duarte is a proud woman of Wotjobaluk, Dja Dja Wurrung, Polish and Celtic heritage who was born and raised in Ballarat, Victoria. She is the CEO of Culture is Life, an organisation that promotes Aboriginal-led solutions which deepen connection to Culture for Aboriginal young people to prevent suicide and advocates to reframe Australia’s relationship with its First Peoples.

Belinda holds a range of positions, including Director of Western Bulldogs, MCG trustee, Co-Chair Atlantic Fellowship for Social Equity and board member of the AnnaMilla Foundation.

Belinda is inspired by her culture, collective leadership and transforming systems that create meaningful social impact. She says the scholarship will help her address challenges that she faces daily. "Shifting people's mindsets, in our communities and beyond, is one of my biggest challenges. The Fellowship will provide the framework and opportunity to become more selective and focused in creating sustainable change for our people", says Belinda.

The Fellowship

The Fellowship is part of the CEW Scholarships 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.

The Vincent Fairfax Fellowship™ is offered by Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership for a small yet richly diverse cohort of senior executives to engage openly and in confidence about their organisation's ethical challenges. It helps participants to define, understand and address their ethical challenges to help them make decisions with confidence and clarity.

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About Chief Executive Women

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. www.cew.org.au

About CEW Scholarships

The CEW Scholarships 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. www.cew.org.au/scholarships

About Award Partner Cranlana Centre For Ethical Leadership

Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership works with executives from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors in order to develop the ethical scaffolding within which they operate and use their existing leadership skills more wisely, for the good of their businesses and society more broadly. Using our distinct model of shared intellectual enquiry and drawing from the wisdom of two millennia of philosophical thought, our expert moderators help participants connect theory to their everyday reality and discover their capacity as an ethical leader. www.cranlana.org.au

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