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Chief Executive Women announces 2020 scholarships winners: Sally Collins to head to INSEAD

19 August 2020: Chief Executive Women is pleased to announce **Sally Collins**, Chief Operating Officer of the Victorian Funds Management Corporation has been awarded a CEW Scholarship to attend the highly regarded *Advanced Management Program* at INSEAD, France.

The prestigious four-week executive leadership course helps C-Suite leaders build exceptional levels of strategic, high-performance, and self-aware leadership skills.

CEW Scholarships Committee Chair, **Colleen Harris**, says: “Now, more than ever, Australia needs more women in senior positions.”

“We know that diverse leadership delivers better decisions and more equitable outcomes for Australia. Recent research shows us that more women on Boards and in senior leadership positions drives better company performance, greater productivity and greater profitability.”

“The CEW Scholarships Program helps women accelerate their progression into senior leadership roles. This scholarship will help Sally take her executive leadership skills to the highest level,” says Colleen.

The Winner

Sally is COO of Victorian Funds Management Corporation (VFMC) who is the investment specialist for Victoria managing \$64 billion in assets for 31 Victorian public authorities and related organisations.

She leads teams that enable the day-to-day operations of VFMC including investment services, finance, technology, data/analytics and legal.

Sally has more than 20 years of experience in financial services. Before joining VFMC, she was General Manager Business Management/ COO for both MLC’s Wealth business and NAB’s Business Bank.

“My aim over the next five years is to optimise my current performance and prepare myself to lead and transform companies.

“This scholarship to INSEAD will help me build the skills and knowledge I’ll need to tackle the career challenges that are certain to lie ahead.

“I want to lead great people doing important and impactful work that improves our economic and social lives,” says Sally.

The Scholarship

The scholarship will enable Sally to attend the *Advanced Management Program* at INSEAD France, one of the world's leading business schools.

The *Advanced Management Program* helps 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 scholarship is part of the 2020 CEW Scholars Program, which provides talented Australian women with the opportunity to take their careers to the next level by supporting executive education at internationally acclaimed business schools.

Sally will be the 7th CEW Scholar to attend the *Advanced Management Program* at INSEAD following:

- 2019: **Karen Bozic**, craveable brands
- 2018: **Kate Munnings**, Virtus Health
- 2017: **Andrea Pidcock**, CSR
- 2016: **Zara Fisher**, Fortsecue Metals
- 2015: **Kate Farrar**, LGIAsuper
- 2014: **Sinead Kauffman**, Rio Tinto

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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

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