



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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Boost for Women Leaders in Not-For-Profit Sector as International Women's Day Kicks Off

8 March 2021: Chief Executive Women (CEW) announced today the launch of a new scholarship opportunity for Australian women leaders to attend the prominent CEW Leaders Program.

CEW's Scholarship Program is expanding in 2021 to support applicants from more diverse sectors and the new Schmidmaier Mayne Scholarship is designed for women leaders in the not-for-profit sector. It will be open to mid to senior level managers who have held their current senior managerial roles for at least five years.

The new scholarship has been established in recognition of the commitment and contributions of Dagmar Schmidmaier AM and Lynette Mayne AM, Directors of the CEW Leaders Program inspiring hundreds of women to develop their leadership capacity.

Dagmar Schmidmaier AM said CEW scholarships help advance gender diversity in senior leadership roles across Australia and support the 2021 IWD theme of 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world'.

"This new scholarship will help move the dial on diversity in the workplace in Australia with greater opportunities for women to fulfil their leadership potential," Ms Schmidmaier said.

Lynette Mayne AM said the CEW Scholarship Program supports women leaders at critical junctures in their careers and enables them to take on even more senior executive leadership roles.

"This is a great addition to the CEW Scholarship program for women leaders which, since 1992, has awarded scholarships to more than 200 women to attend business schools in Australia and internationally," Ms Mayne said.

Applications for Schmidmaier Mayne Scholarship are open to candidates nationally with four scholarships to be awarded - Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, and Brisbane. Each scholarship is worth more than \$7000 and allows not-for-profit women leaders to benefit from and share their experience with women in the program from commercial, military, academic, sport, and social sector backgrounds. The successful candidates will also become members of the CEW alumni community, CEW Connect and have access to exclusive events with CEW members as well as joining a supportive network of successful women leaders. Applications close on 19 April 2021. For further information visit www.ceb.org.au/scholarships

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2021 Scholarship award partners

ANZ, Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation and Southern Cross University.

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 640 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. CEW offers innovative and substantive programs aimed at enabling women's participation and future leadership. These include the CEW Scholarship Program, CEW Leaders Program, and CEW Connect and the Leadership Shadow. CEW's programs are informed by research, led by CEW members, and generously supported by CEW partners.