



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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BlueScope's Elana Kells wins CEW Scholarship to AGSM

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced Bluescope's Elana Kells is the winner of a scholarship to participate in the AGSM Women in Leadership Program at the UNSW Business School.

Offered in partnership with the AGSM @ UNSW Business School, the scholarship is part of the CEW Scholars program, which helps talented Australian women take their careers to the next level.

Announcing the winner, Belinda Gibson, Chairman CEW Scholarships Committee said: "CEW has an extensive program of scholarships for future leaders. Our experience is that the leadership courses and study programs quickly provide CEW Scholars with greater capability, credibility and confidence".

"At AGSM we prepare leaders for the great unknown," said AGSM Director, Professor Julie Cugin. "A key aspect of that commitment is enabling women to access leadership development, so we are proud to partner with the CEW Scholarships initiative. The Women In Leadership Program empowers women returning to the workforce or preparing for their next challenge. With an emphasis on authentic style and adaptive thought leadership, it can revitalise and refocus career trajectories."

The winner

Elana Kells is Logistics Manager, Warehouse Operations at BlueScope's Port Kembla steelworks. She manages a team of 30 people across a high-volume warehousing network and has responsibility for strategic development, cost reduction, maintenance, quality, industrial relations and cultural change in a heavy industry environment.

Elana says the AGSM program's focus on developing strategic thinking capabilities will help her address the challenges she faces in her current role, which stem from the changing dynamics in the global steel industry.

“I feel the ability to talk to inspiring leaders from different fields will provide opportunities to learn and discuss ideas that may be complimentary to the steel industry in Australia, as well as help me develop my own ethical and authentic leadership style.”

The scholarship

The scholarship will enable Elana to participate in the AGSM Women in Leadership Program at the UNSW Business School.

The Women in Leadership Program attracts a dynamic group of business women from a variety of industries and sectors including private, not-for-profit and government. The four month transformational program focuses on growing leadership skills to help participants achieve positive outcomes for themselves and their organisation.

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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 100 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992.

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

Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 370 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.

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