



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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Businesswoman Megan Corfield appointed Chair of Chief Executive Women in Queensland

Chief Executive Women (CEW) has announced Brisbane businesswoman Megan Corfield as Chair of the Queensland Chapter of the organisation, replacing Tonianne Dwyer who has completed her term.

Ms Corfield has 25 years of experience in executive and governance roles across utilities, sustainability, professional services, government and major events. She currently sits on the boards of Unitywater, Altogether Group, Infrasol and Brisbane Grammar School.

Ms Corfield said support and mentorship informed and accelerated her career and she is looking forward to returning the favour in her new role.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to help empower the extraordinary women we have here in Queensland. I see an opportunity for the Queensland Chapter to further leverage our position as leaders in business and the community to put the spotlight on the importance of economic empowerment of all women,” said Ms Corfield.

“Outside of the broad-ranging economic benefits, a critical piece of the puzzle is ensuring women can make their own decisions when it comes to their careers and participation in the economy. I’ll also be pushing for more Queenslanders to access CEW’s scholarship and leadership programs to become the next generation of exceptional talent. We’ve seen around 200 Queenslanders take part in these programs so far, including Kate Farrar who was a CEW scholarship winner in 2015 and is now CEO of the recently merged entity of Energy Super and LGIA Super. We want more of these success stories here in Queensland. It’s good for women, and great for the economy.”

“I am particularly eager to see greater representation from regional Queensland in our Leadership programs and ultimately our membership, and we are working with business, government and the community to see more women in leadership, and at key decision making tables to influence better economic outcomes for all women.”

While 54 per cent of Queensland Government board positions are occupied by women, just 16 per cent of women become CEOs or managing directors in Queensland – compared to 23 per cent nationally.

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Background - Chief Executive Women, www.cew.org.au

Chief Executive Women's (CEW) shared mission is 'women leaders enabling other women leaders'. CEW's 640 members hold leading roles in Australia's largest private and public organisations. They oversee more than 1.3 million employees and \$749 billion in revenue. Member's organisations have a combined market capitalisation greater than \$1.144 trillion and contribute in excess of \$249 billion to Australia's GDP.

Since 1985 CEW has influenced and engaged all levels of Australian business and government to achieve gender balance. Through advocacy, research, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW helps to remove the barriers to women's progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity. CEW's members work actively to realise our vision of a community where women and men have equal economic and social choices and responsibilities.

Background - Megan Corfield

Megan is a strategic thinker with strong commercial skills and over 12 years as a non-executive director on public and private company boards including chairing several board committees. Together with 24 years' experience in CEO and senior executive roles for listed companies, government, professional services and not for profit organisations. Megan's sector experiences range across energy and water, major events (Commonwealth Games), property and sustainability. As an accredited Executive Coach Megan also mentors and coaches many C-Suite operators with a particular passion for developing women leaders. Megan brings a truly commercial approach with a key strength in building new business value and has a comprehensive national network with leading corporations and governments. Megan is a recognised business leader as a member of Chief Executive Women, past Queensland Telstra Businesswoman, AFR 100 Women of Influence and selected for the USA Government Visiting Leaders program.