



## WELCOME PACK

Welcome to the Women in Super community! With over 2,000 members across Australia, we believe in connecting, inspiring and supporting women in the superannuation and wider financial services sector to reach their potential, grow their career and achieve their aspirations.

### ABOUT

Women in Super (WIS) is a national advocacy and networking group for women employed in the superannuation and wider financial services industries. As a not-for-profit, WIS works on behalf of members and women generally with government, unions, employer organisations, regulators, and superannuation funds to improve women's retirement prospects and access to superannuation.

By providing networking events and professional development opportunities, WIS assists women to develop broader business, professional and personal networks, and aims to educate the greater community in order to improve their knowledge of superannuation. WIS strongly supports and encourages the appointment of women to superannuation fund boards, and works with other organisations and stakeholders to achieve this.

With the aim of improving women's access to superannuation, and to develop a robust superannuation system without gender bias, WIS aims to further our understanding of women and superannuation.

In 1998 we established the **Mother's Day Classic**, a national fun run and walk to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research and sees its organisation of the event, together with its work in promoting better retirement prospects for women, as an important investment in the future health of Australian women. To date, over \$33million has been raised to fund research projects through the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

### HISTORY

WIS was formerly established in 1994 to provide networking opportunities for women working in the all-profit-to-member superannuation and associated financial services sector. Since then it has developed into a national organisation with committees in every state and territory.

We started from humble beginnings in 1991, at the Conference of Major Superannuation Funds (CMSF). The emphasis of this new conference was on trustees of profit-to-member funds (industry funds, public sector funds and company funds). Although women did not make up the majority of attendees at the first CMSF, there were more women than usually attended superannuation conferences at that time. It was agreed that there would be a women's networking breakfast at future CMSF events.

Due to our founding history, our historic roots lie with the CMSF (now part of AIST), and over the past two decades our support, both financial and in-kind, has come from the profit-to-member industry super fund sector to help build our organisation.

## MISSION

A superannuation system without gender bias.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Provide opportunities for members to develop personal and professional networks
2. Foster access to professional development for members, including education and training
3. Promote equal participation of women at all levels within the superannuation industry
4. Improve retirement outcomes for women through awareness and advocating policy change
5. Strengthen the Women in Super network through leveraging the Mother's Day Classic.

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP

As a WIS member you will have the opportunity to network with and learn from other women in the industry, contribute to superannuation policy-making and industry initiatives to improve women's retirement outcomes as well as participate in volunteer groups.

To ensure you get the most out of your membership, here are a few suggestions about what to do next:

- Connect via social media on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our [LinkedIn](#) group
- Get engaged and involved with other members at our [events](#)
- Consider volunteering on a [WIS](#) or [MDC](#) subcommittee
- Find out more about how WIS operates by reading our [Constitution](#)
- Apply for one of our national or state [scholarships](#)
- Access our online [resources](#) to learn more about our policies, research and submissions.

## INITIATIVES

WIS builds on the collective strengths, talents, expertise and experiences of our staff and industry volunteers to deliver a range of initiatives to our members and the wider community. Examples of the diverse work we have undertaken can be found [here](#).

## ONLINE ACCOUNT

### NEW MEMBERS

You will receive an automated email with your login details shortly. This login will be required to purchase event tickets. You will also require it when renewing your membership.

### EXISTING MEMBERS

For renewing or returning members, your log-in details remain unchanged. If you have forgotten your password, simply click 'Reset my password' to receive a new password. If you experience any problems logging in please contact us.

## EMAILS

You will now start receiving emails from WIS directly. To ensure you receive these emails, add [wis@womeninsuper.com.au](mailto:wis@womeninsuper.com.au) to your safe senders list.

