

## Media Release

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### **Super women honour Mavis Robertson legacy with inaugural scholarship program**

Victorian branch of advocacy group Women in Super have a history of supporting females working in the superannuation industry to reach their full career potential with professional development scholarships, but this year things will be different.

The inspirational legacy of superannuation pioneer Mavis Robertson will now live on in a formal scholarship program designed to celebrate and support the career aspirations of females working in the superannuation industry. The quality of scholarship applications received were a strong indicator of the high calibre of women working in various professional arenas right across the superannuation industry, and all with a undeniable desire to maximise opportunities for advancement.

The inaugural recipients of Women in Super's Victorian Mavis Robertson Scholarship Program are announced to coincide with International Women's Day on Sunday 8 March, and again puts the spotlight on the implications of inadequate workforce participation and remuneration levels on the super pay gap in Australia. Women in Super hopes the Scholarship Program motivates others in the industry to institute similar initiatives that will combat the gender inequities and unconscious bias preventing women from achieving their full potential at work.

#### **List of winners:**

- Amy Eden of Superpartners will now undertake a formal Project Management course.
- Melissa Westerhoff, NAB Asset Servicing, now sponsored to gain her RG 146 qualifications.
- Laura Parr of AustralianSuper will pursue Business Strategy studies at Swinburne University.
- Sharyn Cowley, Telstra Super, is attending an influencing skills program.

Women in Super would like to extend warm congratulations to the Scholarship recipients and wish them luck in their future studies, and careers in the growing superannuation industry.

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*Women in Super is a national advocacy and networking group for women employed in the superannuation and financial services industries, and lobbies on behalf of its members and women generally to improve women's retirement prospects and access to superannuation.*