



2017/2018 MEMBER WELCOME PACK

Welcome to the Women in Super community! We are so pleased that you could join us for the 2017/2018 membership year. With over 2,000 members across Australia, we believe in connecting, inspiring and supporting women in the superannuation and finance 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.

WIS works on behalf of its members, and women generally, with government, MPs, unions, employer organisations, regulators, and superannuation funds to improve women's retirement prospects and access to superannuation.

WIS provides education and support to assist women in gaining opportunities 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.

WIS also develops initiatives that further the understanding of the issues around women and superannuation, that improve women's access to superannuation and that develop a robust superannuation system without gender bias.

In 1998 WIS initiated the **Mother's Day Classic** (MDC), a national walk/run, and is proud of the \$30 million the event has raised to date for breast cancer research. This money funds research projects through the National Breast Cancer Foundation. We see the organisation of the MDC as a vital investment in the future health of Australian women by its members and a commitment to further its work in securing women's futures.

OUR HISTORY

WIS was established in 1994 to provide networking opportunities for women working in the all-profit-to-members superannuation and associated financial services sectors. Since then it has developed into a national organisation with voluntary 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 not-for-profit 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 in attendance than at previous superannuation conferences at the time. Consequently 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 not-for-profit industry super fund sector to help build our organisation.

OUR MISSION

A superannuation system without gender bias.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Women in Super have five main objectives:

1. To provide opportunities for members to develop personal and professional networks
2. To foster access to professional development for members, including education and training
3. To promote equal participation of women at all levels within the superannuation and financial services industry
4. To improve retirement outcomes for women through education and advocating policy change
5. To strengthen the Women in Super network through promotion of the **Mother's Day Classic**.

Click [here](#) to view illustrations that showcase our five main organisational objectives.

MAKE THE MOST OF 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 WIS membership, here are a few suggestions about what to do next:

- Connect with WIS via social media on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)
- Participate in member discussions via our WIS [LinkedIn](#) group
- Get engaged and involved with fellow WIS members at our events. To see a list of upcoming events in your city click [here](#)
- Consider volunteering on a WIS or MDC committee or subcommittee. If you are interested in volunteering with WIS, please register your interest via email to wis@womeninsuper.com.au or MDC interest [here](#)
- Find out more about how WIS operates by reading our [Constitution](#)
- Check out the [resources section](#) of the WIS website, where all our media releases, research, fact sheets and submissions are housed
- Register for the [MDC newsletter](#) (located in the pink box at the bottom of the homepage).

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](#).

WEBSITE - HOW TO LOGIN

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 next year.

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 email wis@womeninsuper.com.au and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

EMAILS

You will now start receiving emails from WIS directly. To ensure you receive these emails, add wis@womeninsuper.com.au to your address book/safe senders list.

KEY CONTACTS

For all membership and general enquiries, email wis@womeninsuper.com.au or call (03) 86773827.

For new corporate membership enquiries, please contact Sandra Buckley (WIS Executive Officer) at sbuckley@womeninsuper.com.au or on (03) 8677 3883.

Events

For national event enquiries, please contact Madeleine Shenstone (WIS National Events and Marketing Coordinator) at mshenstone@womeninsuper.com.au or on (03) 8677 3827.

If you have a specific question regarding a state event, please contact the relevant representative below:

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We hope you enjoy being a part of our Women in Super community!

Warm Regards,

The Women in Super Team



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