

## Media Release

### Women in Banking and Finance Celebrates 20 Years with WiBF Awards Program

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2020 is a very special year for Women in Banking and Finance (WiBF) as the industry association celebrates 20 years since inception, 20 years of women supporting women and 20 years of working with WiBF Corporate Members to create a tangible impact on gender diversity across the sector.

To mark the occasion, WiBF is delighted to announce the inaugural WiBF Awards Program. The first industry-led awards program to be run by members and for members, the WiBF Awards will celebrate the talented women leading by example across Australia's banking and finance industry, as well as those men, women and organisations working to improve the gender diversity across the sector.

WiBF CEO, Jen Dalitz, said "The WiBF Awards Program has been 20 years in the making. Our mission at WiBF is to make a tangible impact on gender diversity in the banking and finance sector, with an emphasis on increasing the representation of women in key leadership positions. This Awards Program – unique in being run by and for members of our industry - provides a platform to showcase the success stories of the individuals, teams and corporates who are making a positive impact toward gender diversity across the Australian financial services sector."

The 2020 WiBF Awards Program is open to all employees of WiBF's corporate member base spanning the banking, finance, investment management, super funds, Government and professional firms, and nominations can be submitted via the WiBF website. Nominations are open now and close on 31 March 2020.

There are ten individual Award categories, as well as a Corporate Member organisation Award open for nomination.

#### **Individual Award Categories**

*WiBF Awards for Achievement* will celebrate the accomplishments of a woman in a senior role in Banking and Finance in the areas of Private Advisory, Retail Banking, Business Banking, Institutional Banking, Regulation & Compliance, Professional Services and Small & Medium Enterprise (<200FTE).

*WiBF Product or Technical Innovator* will celebrate a woman who has made an outstanding contribution in leading the tech agenda in the Banking and Finance industry.

*WiBF Rising Star Award* will celebrate a woman in the early stages of her career who is making an exceptional impact within a Corporate Member organisation of WiBF.

*WiBF Inclusive Leader Award* will celebrate a leader who demonstrates qualities consistent with WiBF values and mission.

#### **Corporate Member Organisation Award**

The *WiBF Diversity & Inclusion Initiative of the Year* will recognise a Corporate Member organisation of WiBF for a workplace initiative that has delivered a tangible impact in addressing gender diversity in the banking and finance sector.

Winners will be announced at an exclusive Awards Luncheon taking place on Thursday 14 May 2020.

Our featured keynote is **Ann Sherry AO, Non-Executive Director of NAB**. Ann is one of Australia's leading business executives with a career that spans Government, Banking and Cruise Tourism. For more information, or to become a member of Women in Banking and Finance, please contact Jen Dalitz, CEO of Women in Banking and Finance, on 0437 64 6664 or [ceo@wibf.org.au](mailto:ceo@wibf.org.au).

#### **About Women in Banking and Finance (WiBF)**

WiBF is a not-for-profit membership association aimed at increasing the representation of female leaders in the banking and finance sector. WiBF's corporate members represent major Australian trading banks, investment banks, fund managers, ASX accounting firms and collectively employ over 200,000 individuals.