



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

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 recipients of the inaugural WiBF Awards Program, presented by HSBC. The first industry-led awards program to be run by members and for members, the WiBF Awards 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 was open to all employees of WiBF's corporate member base spanning the banking, finance, investment management, super funds, Government and professional firms. Nominations received across nine individual Award categories, as well as a Corporate Member organisation Award open for nomination, were assessed by a panel of esteemed judges and the winners announced via a celebratory livestream hosted by Bloomberg today.

Individual Award Categories

WiBF Awards for Achievement celebrates 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 and Professional Services.

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

WiBF Rising Star Award celebrates 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 celebrates a leader who demonstrates qualities consistent with WiBF values and mission.

Corporate Member Organisation Award

The *WiBF Diversity & Inclusion Initiative of the Year* recognises 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 were announced today at a webstream broadcast by WiBF member, Bloomberg and featuring keynote speaker **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.

The 2020 WiBF Awards Program Winners announced today are:

- The WiBF Award of Achievement in Business Banking, awarded to Nadia Ladak, Country Head, International Corporate Banking HSBC
- The WiBF Award for Achievement in Institutional Banking, awarded to Katharine Tapley, Head of Sustainable Finance Institutional Banking, ANZ
- The WiBF Award for Achievement in Private Advisory, awarded to Bianca De Melo, NSW State Sales Manager, Wealth Management, Macquarie
- The WiBF Award for Achievement in Professional Services, awarded to Marianne Hutchinson, Managing Director, Financial Services, Accenture
- The WiBF Award for Achievement in Regulation & Compliance, awarded equally to Rosemary Bissett, Head of Sustainability, Governance and Risk, NAB and Madeleine Hoang, Head of Regulatory Change and Conduct Risk, Business Banking, Macquarie
- The WiBF Award for Achievement in Retail Banking, awarded to Leigh O'Neill, EGM Consumer Customer Solutions, NAB
- The WiBF Rising Star Award, awarded to Zoe Whitton, Vice President, Head of ESG Research, Citi Australia
- The WiBF Inclusive Leader Award, awarded to Robert Bedwell, CEO, J.P. Morgan
- The WiBF Product or Technical Innovator Award, awarded to Laura Korda, Relationship Director, Macquarie
- The WiBF Diversity and Inclusion Initiative of the Year, awarded to FairVine Super.

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.

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.