



Women in Banking and Finance Celebrates 21 Years with WiBF Awards Program

WiBF is delighted to announce the recipients of the 2021 WiBF Awards Program, presented by Commonwealth Bank. This industry-led awards program, run by members and for members, celebrates 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 “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 2021 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 ten 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 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 featuring one of Australia's most acclaimed business leaders **Christine Holgate**, in conversation with **Catherine Fox**, one of Australia's foremost commentators on women in business.

The 2021 WiBF Awards Program Winners announced today are:

- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Business Banking**, sponsored by Commonwealth Bank, awarded to Michelle Robinson, Divisions Director, Macquarie Group.
- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Institutional Banking**, sponsored by HSBC, awarded to Anna Corr, Global Head of Research & Analysis, ANZ.
- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Private Advisory**, sponsored by Ansarada, awarded to Louise Raybould, New Business Manager, Macquarie Group.
- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Professional Services**, awarded to Jennifer Pham, Senior Manager, Accenture.
- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Regulation & Compliance**, awarded to Joanne Edwards, Chief Risk and Data Officer, Wisr.
- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Small & Medium Enterprise**, sponsored by Macquarie Group, awarded to Lelde Smits, Executive Director, The Capital Network.
- **The WiBF Award for Achievement in Retail Banking**, awarded to Wendy Brown, Head of Broker Sales, Macquarie Group.
- **The WiBF Rising Star Award**, sponsored by Commonwealth Bank, awarded to Gloria Yuen, Chair of Cultural Inclusion ERG and Head of Regulatory Enablement and Delivery, NAB.
- **The WiBF Inclusive Leader Award**, sponsored by Deutsche Bank, awarded to Caitlin Francis, Partner, FSO Business Consulting, EY.
- **The WiBF Product or Technical Innovator Award**, sponsored by ANZ, awarded to Jodie Fry, Product Owner, Transformation, Heritage Bank.
- **The WiBF Diversity and Inclusion Initiative of the Year**, sponsored by Citi, awarded to Commonwealth Bank for the IB&M Career Comeback Program.

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.