



## IWD – Illawarra Scholarship Program

In 2016, the International Women's Day Illawarra Committee will offer five individual scholarships of \$2,000 each to encourage women in our community, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, to expand their knowledge, skill and experience in a field of their interest or in which they have shown great potential.

Three of these annual scholarships have been named after inspiring Illawarra women who are sadly no longer with us but have left their mark on the region in the various fields in which they excelled.

A fourth scholarship, The Creative Spirit IWD Scholarship for Women, was inspired by the artistic community of the Illawarra and to foster upcoming female talent in the field.

A local philanthropist, whom wishes to create opportunities for women living in a low socio-economic environment, sponsors the fifth scholarship.

The scholarships are:

### **Cate Stevenson IWD Scholarship for Women (Education, Business & Community Service)**

Cate Stevenson was one of the Illawarra's inspiring business women with a strong commitment to community. Over a career that spanned more than 20 years, she achieved enormous success and was the first female in NSW to take on a Sales Management role in the motor vehicle sales industry. Her contribution to the Illawarra community was exceptional and included 10 years on the Illawarra Black and White Committee (raising funds for Vision Australia) and Secretary of the Mt Kembla Mining Festival for 6 years. Her passionate commitment to her career, family and community is recognised by the IWD Scholarship being named in her honour.

### **Kerryn McCann IWD Scholarship for Women (Sports)**

Kerryn McCann was one of Australia's most well known sportswomen. Her humble yet approachable demeanour drew people to her. She competed at World, Olympic and Commonwealth games level winning Gold at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne – a moment that captured the heart of our nation. Living in Wollongong's northern suburbs with her family, she was seen regularly pounding the pavements in her quest to be the best. Behind the scenes she was a supporter of many charities and of young women athletes. Kerryn inspired women everywhere and IWD recognises her incredible achievements by the IWD scholarship being named in her honour.

### **Aunty Mary IWD Scholarship for Indigenous Women (General)**

Aunty Mary Davis was an Illawarra Aboriginal Elder known for her powerful commitment to Aboriginal issues, determination to cut through prejudice and to create justice. She was always at the forefront of Aboriginal issues working with government and non-government agencies, organisations and the community. When something was needed for her people she'd find the ways and means. She was never shy, never scared or intimidated and for that she was highly respected in the Illawarra and brought respect to the whole Aboriginal community. She was always looked to for guidance by the Aboriginal community and the greater Illawarra community. She is recognised as the driving force behind continuous positive change and we honour her with the Aunty Mary IWD Indigenous



Scholarship. As she would say, 'Keep striving for what you believe in and if you have something you feel strong enough about, you got to knock on doors'.

**Creative Spirit IWD Scholarship for Women (Art, Design, Music, Theatre, Photography, other)**

Inspired by the artistic community of the Illawarra, this award recognises the critical role that artists play in telling the stories of the diverse communities in which we live. Their work, whether as painters, playwrights or photographers, reflects the heart and soul of who we are and has the power to inspire, and bring people together.

**The Rayna Bernhorster Scholarship for Education & Opportunity**

Rayner Bernhorster was an inspiring young woman who lived with Asperger's Syndrome. Rayna faced daily struggles throughout her life and made every effort to achieve her goals. This scholarship focuses on low-socio economic women who face daily difficulties, but who seek to overcome them with a clear plan for their future. The aim is to build a path to employment and to create opportunities for those who most need it. Funding will allow an individual to enrol in an education course that may otherwise be out of reach, or to provide much needed support such as buying a car, or funding childcare, so that employment and financial independence is possible.

*Note: The applicant must be aged 21 or over.*

**Thank you to all who have contributed to the success of these scholarships.**



## IWD – 2016 Illawarra Scholarship Program Application Form

**Please note:** Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated. There is no age restriction however the applicant/nominee must reside in the Illawarra.

(All information contained in this application will be considered confidential.)

**Applications must be received by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Applicant Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Suburb:** ..... **Postcode:**.....

**Phone:** ..... **Mobile:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Birth Date:** .....

**Parent or Legal Guardian:** .....

(if nominee is under 18 years of age)

**Contact Number for Parent/ Legal Guardian:** .....

### Scholarship of Interest:

- Cate Stevenson IWD Scholarship for Women (Education, Business & Community Service)
- Kerryn McCann IWD Scholarship for Women (Sports)
- Aunty Mary IWD Scholarship for Indigenous Women (General)
- Creative Spirit IWD Scholarship for Women (Art, Design, Music, Theatre, Photography, other)
- The Rayna Bernhorster Scholarship for Education & Opportunity



**Please summarise the Applicant's background and achievements. (Max 250 words)**

**How will the \$2,000 Scholarship benefit the Applicant? (Max 250 words)**



Please outline any further interesting information or details of the Applicant which you think may be relevant. (Max 150 words)

**Disclaimer**

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that all information contained is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge. If I am a recipient of the IWD 2016 Scholarship Program I agree to be interviewed prior to the event and to attend the International Women's Day Illawarra Luncheon on Friday 4 March 2016 for the official announcement of all scholarship recipients and to submit a follow-up report within 12 months of receiving the scholarship.

I agree.      Signature:.....

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

**Mail or send your application to:**  
**International Women's Day – Illawarra | Attention: Emily O'Keefe**  
**PO Box 631 Wollongong NSW 2520 | Fax: 02 4228 5585 |**  
**Email: [info@iwdillawarra.com.au](mailto:info@iwdillawarra.com.au) | APPLICATIONS CLOSE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015**