



IWD – Illawarra Scholarship Program

In 2017, 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.

Four 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.

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 Beryl Lewis Scholarship for Older Women

Beryl Lewis was inspired by a love of older people and the joy and fulfilment that volunteering provided. Beryl had a long association with Warrigal Care where she operated the Warrigal Op-Shop, volunteered at the Mt Warrigal Care Home and served as a Board member from 1984-1998. During her time on the Board, Beryl developed an interest in Alzheimer's Disease and was instrumental in setting up a Day Care Centre to provide respite to carers. Now known as the Beryl Lewis Centre, this remains a key service offered by Warrigal Care today. Beryl also particularly enjoyed working with other inspiring women who were part of the Mt Warrigal Ladies Auxiliary. She once said "I'm very proud of the Auxiliary and all of those who volunteer. People have done some wonderful things: you wouldn't credit what they have done."

Note: The applicant must be aged 55 or over.

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



IWD – 2017 Illawarra Scholarship Program Application Form

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

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

Applications must be received by 31 January 2017

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)
- Aunt Mary IWD Scholarship for Indigenous Women (General)
- Creative Spirit IWD Scholarship for Women (Art, Design, Music, Theatre, Photography, other)
- The Beryl Lewis Scholarship for Older Women



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 2017 Scholarship Program I agree to be interviewed prior to the event and to attend the International Women's Day Illawarra Luncheon in March 2017 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

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