



MARY JANE LEWIS  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

# MARY JANE LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2019 UPDATE



Ann Sherry AO, Chairman, Carnival Australia, the 2018 annual dinner speaker, and our scholarship recipients.

## MJL ALUMNI – MELISSA GARWOOD



Twenty-six years after being born at Sunshine Hospital, I returned – this time not as a patient, but as a doctor. My life journey until that time was

fraught with hurdles that I overcame to be the contributing member to society I am today.

I was placed into foster care for over a year as an infant and returned to the custody of my father following this time. My parents' relationship was complex, and my siblings and I suffered because of this. My primary and secondary school years were punctuated by financial hardship whereby my family relied on government payments which was never enough. I was the first person in a household of eight (with two adults and an older brother) to have a job at the age of 15. I made it through secondary college

to be Dux in 2008 with the assistance of scholarships as well as my job earnings.

It has been over ten years since I started my undergraduate degree in Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. In that time, I have completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine, an Honours research year, a postgraduate degree in the Doctor of Medicine, internship and first year residency. I am currently in my third postgraduate medical year at Western Health and undertaking basic physician training.

For the three years of my bachelor's degree the Mary Jane Lewis (MJL) Scholarship provided me with the emotional and financial support I needed to develop a concrete foundation in tertiary education. It was invaluable to my success in university studies and ultimate achievement of becoming a doctor. For this, I will always be grateful to the MJL Scholarship Foundation.

## 2019 MJL SCHOLARS



**8**  
New scholars



**23**  
Scholars over  
Australian universities



**55**  
Scholars since 2005

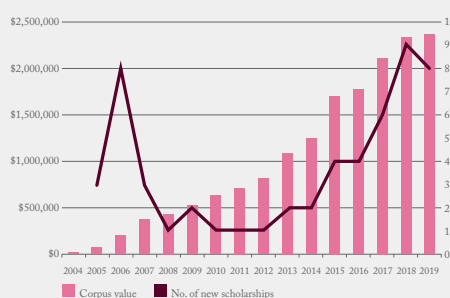
The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation is now endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) under Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

## MJL FINANCIALS

Equity Trustees is the Corporate Trustee of the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation and responsible for the prudent investment of the Foundation's assets. It works in collaboration with the Scholarship Trustees to give young women the opportunity to embark upon a University education.

- Raised \$258,800 in donations for 2017/2018 financial year.
- As of mid-May 2019, the Foundation has more than \$2.3M in total assets

### Corpus value and scholarships awarded



## TRANSPORT FOR VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Department of Transport has for a third and final year partnered with MJL to provide transport sector scholarships. In 2019, five were awarded.



Department  
of Transport