






MARY JANE LEWIS  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

# MARY JANE LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2020 UPDATE



The 2020 scholarship recipients at the February welcome event at Equity Trustees.

## 2020 MJL SCHOLARS

-  **7** New scholars
-  **24** Scholars over 9 Australian universities
-  **62** Scholars since 2005

## DAFYDD LEWIS ALUMNI, PAUL KANDILIERAKIS GIVES BACK TO MARY JANE LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP



**Being awarded a Dafydd Lewis scholarship is a great achievement, what did it mean to you?**

Eleven years ago I was awarded a Dafydd

Lewis Scholarship, and was accepted into the University of Melbourne to study a Bachelor of Commerce. Due to age and health issues, my parents were unemployed or underemployed throughout my high school education, putting significant financial strain on our household. The support I received really helped to alleviate the financial burden associated with my tertiary education.

My time as a Dafydd Lewis scholar was also punctuated with moments of inspiration and motivation. We had the opportunity to hear from successful individuals from various areas of the community, as they shared their experiences and advice during our annual events.

**How did the scholarship shape your university life and then career?**

The scholarship enabled me to fully engage with university life. Coming from an underrepresented high school, the transition into university was not filled with many familiar faces. I was able to actively participate in clubs and societies, which provided me with a wonderful friendship and support group.

The scholarship also allowed me to cease casual employment. I directed this time into my studies and more relevant work experience. I received a Doxa Youth Foundation Cadetship during this time, which included a placement at Simplot Australia.

After graduating from university, I joined the DuluxGroup graduate program. Over the last eight years with DuluxGroup, I have worked and lived interstate, moving across business units and functions.

**You have generously donated to the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship, why did you decide to give back?**

The Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarship has continually demonstrated the value of providing financial and emotional support to young men over many years. It has impacted my life in a significant way.

Young women are also in need of this support in order to achieve to their potential, which is why the work of the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship is so important. It is very inspiring to follow the accomplishments of the growing cohort of the MJL alumni, and I am proud to be able to contribute to this worthy cause.

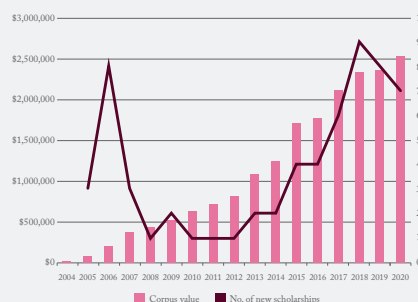
The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation is now endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) under Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

## 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 \$113,658 in donations for the 2018/2019 year.
- As of 1 Jan 2020, the Foundation has more than \$2.5M in total assets.

### Corpus value and scholarships awarded



## WOMEN IN TRANSPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the Women in Transport Program, the Department of Transport and several of its partner agencies have once again partnered with the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation to provide Transport Sector scholarships. In 2020, five were awarded.



Department of Transport