






MARY JANE LEWIS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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The 2021 scholarship recipients (from left): Iman Al Atassi, Shayla Nguyen, Dominique Jones, Sara Golubovac and Chloe LeDodd.

2021 MJL SCHOLARS

	5	New scholars
	21	Scholars over 6 Australian universities
	67	Scholars since 2005

A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT INVESTS IN MARY JANE LEWIS

Department of Transport (DoT) are in their fifth year of supporting the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation. We recently caught up with Melinda Collinson, Deputy Secretary, People and Business and Antoinette Battista, Executive Director People and Culture from DoT to hear how the partnership was going.

What was it about the scholarship that attracted you to this partnership?

At the Department of Transport, we have the 'Women in Transport' program with a focus on leading the way in supporting financially disadvantaged young women and to also offer alternative views to career paths. We could see a good fit with MJLSF in that it enabled us to use the scholarship as one of our initiatives to attract clever women to transport and support them in their careers.

What are the benefits of this partnership to DoT?

The partnership is helping us lead the way in bringing diversity into transport. We know we need to take clear action to shift the dial with women in transport and the partnership of the MJLSF shows us doing this.

How does investing in education help your aims?

Education is the key to independence and freedom. The more mobility you provide for young, disadvantaged women, the more opportunity they have to break the cycle and reach their potential. Investing in education is important for us as an employer of choice and to continually build on a public sector that is modern and innovative.

Why is it important to grow diversity in transport?

Diversity is an important focus for the DoT. We want to make sure we are a department that is reflective of the community we serve. Supporting diversity and the community will lead to better social outcomes.

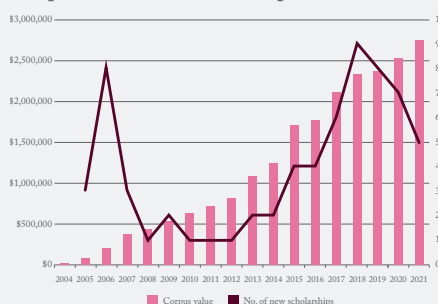
The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation is now endorsed as a tax deductible gift recipient (DGR) under Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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 council members to give young women the opportunity to embark upon a university education.

- Raised \$243,500 in donations for the 2019/2020 year.
- As of 12 April 2021, the Foundation has more than \$2.7M 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 2021, four were awarded.



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