



NCWQ 2022
**BURSARY
RECIPIENTS**

President's Message



Welcome to the National Council of Women of Queensland's 14th Bursary year.

This year, we come together to congratulate and celebrate our 35 worthy and inspiring recipients. As you read their stories, you will be sure to find moments of inspiration and indeed, some of you may find parallels between their lives and yours.

Queensland is a large State and this is reflected in the towns that our recipients come from. The size of our State presents significant challenges as some recipients must travel afar to places of education in addition to sourcing suitable and affordable accommodation. There are recipients who juggle family and work commitments to achieve their goal of further education in the hope of improving the lives of their families. Other recipients overcome violence in their lives to build a better future via education. I also read with amazement the strength and determination of our recipients who have not let their disability stand in the way of their dreams and goals.

Education and empowerment have been at the forefront of the NCWQ bursary initiative. As the National President of NCW, I have been participating in national discussions and think tanks around "Jobs + Skills". Attention has been on how to remove barriers to employment whilst growing productivity and delivering a high-quality labour force through skills, training and migration. With women workforce participation still lagging behind that of men, it is important that we work together to improve access to education and support each other in providing career opportunities.

Our annual NCWQ bursary programme would not have been possible without the backing of our fabulous sponsors. But the real contribution comes from Team Bursary led by our NCWQ Bursary Coordinator Kathy Cavanagh. These dedicated and industrious ladies spent hours promoting the bursaries, collating applications, communicating with applicants and sponsors. They do all of this so that we can recognise and celebrate our recipients' stories and success. For me, these women are our enablers and the true heroes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chiou See Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Chiou See Anderson
NCWQ President

Claire Moore Bursary

This bursary for a student of special education, reflects the view of former Senator Claire Moore that education provides the best opportunities for us all.



Debra Eland

Deb lives with one of her daughters on the Sunshine Coast. She is a Senior Experienced Teacher of students with intellectual disabilities, working at a large government secondary school. Deb is currently working towards her Masters in Educational Studies at UQ. Her current study includes examination of the Science of Learning field, investigating the links between biology, cognitive science, human development and education.

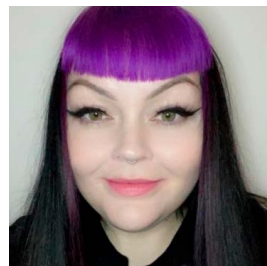
Commencing her career as a music teacher in rural Queensland over 29 years ago, Deb has worked across the state. She has spent the last 10 years working in special education and is currently assisting teachers to support students with diverse learning needs in her role as Head of Curriculum - Inclusion.

Deb has a daughter who lives with Down Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder, and has consequently become a passionate advocate for differently abled children. She believes that all students are capable of achieving success and is enthusiastic about ensuring that students not only succeed academically, but in all facets of life, by teaching them skills and strategies for lifelong learning in a digital age.

She is co-chair of the Queensland Department of Education's Able Committee, where she provides leadership in the support of employees with disability and works to raise the profile of inclusive workplace practices.

Cr Vicki Howard Bursary

For a female student living in the Brisbane City Council area, this bursary supports a recipient who identifies with the LGBTIQ community.



Tanieka Sawyer

Tanieka, identifying as a queer woman, grew up with socioeconomic disadvantage and resulting discrimination. Wanting to turn this experience into something positive, she pursued a career in social work. She has done well throughout her 4 years studying at QUT. Due to the nature of social work, she believes that achievements are more about supporting individuals with their wellbeing and quality of life.

With a minor in Public Health, most achievements to date involve facilitating health services for marginalised and disadvantaged communities. Highlights of her social work career include: engaging in crisis response to COVID-19 and QLD floods; coordinating COVID-19 and Influenza mobile vaccination clinics for marginalised and disadvantaged communities; identifying gaps in healthcare; supporting people struggling with mental health, and linking them with appropriate support services.

Recently graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work, this bursary has supported Tanieka to enrol in a Master of Mental Health Practice. With a passion for advocating for social change, Tanieka aspires to become an accredited Mental Health Social Worker, using her knowledge and skills to facilitate access to allied health services for marginalized and disadvantaged individuals and communities.

Hon David Littleproud MP Bursary

Recognising the difficulties for country students wishing to pursue their education, this bursary is for a female resident of the Maranoa Federal electorate, who is commencing first year of tertiary studies.



Amity Salisbury

Amity relocated to the Sunshine Coast to complete a Bachelor of Primary Education at The University of the Sunshine Coast.

Having lived her entire school life on a property just out of Miles, she attended Miles Primary and High Schools, completing Year 12 in 2021.

She enjoyed growing up in a country town and the values learnt from a small community. Volunteering at many community events, Amity enjoys being able to give back to her community, giving a sense of belonging. With a passion for her local netball club, her time in volunteering developed her interest in working with children, giving her the inspiration to become a teacher. The experience of playing higher levels of netball has given her the opportunity to share her skills with the younger kids coming through. Amity believes that not only sharing her passion but also acting as a role model, shows these kids that even though you come from the country you can still succeed!

When returning home, Amity still enjoys watching the young girls play and offering advice. She hopes to gain employment as a fully qualified teacher back in the Maranoa electorate, as country life is the best!

Amity is honoured to have received the Honourable David Littleproud Bursary, which will be very beneficial for ongoing living and education expenses.

DiH Health and Wellbeing Bursary

As a health professional, sponsor, Diane Hickey, recognises the difficulties those with a mental illness face as they work towards their study goals.



Vanamali
Hermans

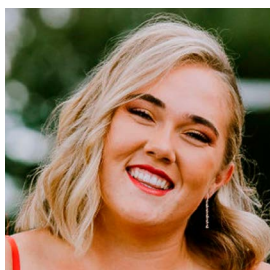
Mali is a proud disabled and neurodivergent Koori and European woman residing in Meanjin/ Brisbane. Living with C-PTSD, ADHD, Autism, Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, ME/CFS, Fibromyalgia, Mast Cell Activation Syndrome and other chronic illnesses, Mali is acutely aware of the barriers to education faced by students with disabilities and mental illness. Having grown up caring for two disabled parents, Mali has experienced these barriers first-hand.

Having graduated from the ANU with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Sociology, in 2019, Mali is now studying a Master of Social Work through Charles Sturt University and a Graduate Certificate in Writing, Editing and Publishing through UQ. As both a community worker and writer deeply invested in disability justice and abolitionist work, Mali hopes to use both the therapeutic skills and writing practice gained from her studies to challenge ableism. She has a particular interest in empowering women with disabilities who have experienced gendered violence – including at the hands of the police, health, and legal systems – to formulate meaningful violence prevention initiatives.

Mali continues to work in the disability and women's sectors. She is a current Policy Officer at First People's Disability Network Australia (FPDN) and provides consultancy work for organisations such as Carers Australia. Previously she has worked at various organisations including Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA).

Elsie Byth Bursary

Sponsored by Dr Susan Byth, this bursary recognises the work of her grandmother, Elsie Byth OBE, (1890–1988) in the National Council of Women, serving as both Queensland and National President.



Sophie Filan

Sophie is a Year 12 student, attending St John's Catholic School, Roma. Living in the small rural town of Mitchell, approximately 90km west of Roma, it has always been her dream to become a primary school teacher in rural and remote Queensland.

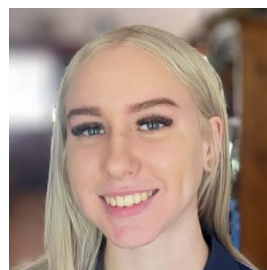
Motivation to achieve these goals comes through a passion for improving the outcomes of children in country areas. Sophie has already honed her teaching skills through completing a Certificate III in Education Support through the Toowoomba Catholic Education Office. The teachers there have been great role models, displaying dedication, professionalism and an impeccable work ethic. With a sporting passion in netball, she currently captains the St John's First VII netball team. She plays representative netball for the Maranoa Netball Association Open team, and volunteers to coach junior netballers every Saturday morning.

Sophie intends to study a Bachelor of Primary Education at the UniSQ, Toowoomba in 2023. The Elsie Byth Bursary will assist through contributing to the purchase of textbooks and relocation costs.

Sophie has experienced first-hand the need for quality teachers in rural and remote areas. She intends to use her teaching skills to enrich the lives of students in western Queensland.

ESA International Bursary

ESA International is a women's service organisation for Education, Service and Association. With a long history of supporting cancer research and care services, the bursary reflects this focus by assisting a female student whose family is affected by cancer.



Reagyn Hull

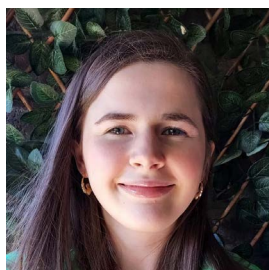
Reagyn is a first-year student at JCU. She began 2022 studying a Planning Degree but changed into a Nursing Degree mid-year. Reagyn graduated secondary school as a member of the Student Council, and organised social events including fundraising for the Cancer Council. She also received a Community Service award.

Currently employed as a Disability Support Worker, Reagyn enjoys helping clients with their daily lives. This is a rewarding job and aids her nursing degree. A year ago, her mother was diagnosed with Diffused Astrocytoma, and she is still undergoing successful treatment for her brain tumour. Living away from family in regional Western Australia, has proved difficult with studies in Townsville. The diagnosis of her mother has provided motivation to pursue nursing and finish these studies. Before settling down in Townsville, Reagyn had moved around with her family quite extensively.

Reagyn plans to work in a rural location when she has completed her nursing degree. She is very passionate about healthcare and helping the community, strongly believing in creating better access to healthcare in rural communities. Ultimately, her aspiration is to become a Travel Nurse. Appreciative of the ESA bursary, Reagyn will use the bursary to strengthen her university experience through rural placements for nursing.

Forum Communicators Bursary

Initially established to assist women to improve their public-speaking skills, Forum, with open membership, offers advice in conducting meetings and organisational procedures. This bursary reflects Forum's passion for communication.



Olivia Chissell

Olivia is a first-year student studying a Bachelor of International Studies majoring in International Relations and French at the University of Queensland.

In her final year at school, she was awarded Outstanding Representative in Public Speaking, Cultural, Academic and Citizenship Excellence, as well as specific recognition of excellence in French, and the attainment of the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Olivia has demonstrated her ability in communication through her leadership role in school, presenting speeches to crowds of over 2000 people, debating, being invited to perform speeches at her local ZONTA and Rotary clubs, and winning awards in the Lions Youth of the Year public speaking competition.

Her achievements in school, including School Captain, and her roles as a tutor and mentor, her role in fundraising for the school community and international projects, as well as her membership of the Lions Club International demonstrate her commitment to her local and global community. The bursary will contribute to the completion of Olivia's degree, by helping to fund the required exchange component to be completed in France in her final year of study. Olivia aspires to a career in International Relations and Australian foreign policy.

Helen Ovens Memorial Bursary

Helen was well-aware of how easy it is for mothers, especially of young children, to lose their sense of identity. This bursary reflects the importance she gave to maintaining those interests which nourished her as an individual.



Kerrie-Anne
Hegarty

Kerrie keeps a hectic pace, nurturing three little people – aged 6, 4 and 1, while juggling two casual jobs, a volunteer role, university, a marriage, and life. All too soon, little people will be big people, and Kerrie is committed to creating a life that will continue to fulfill her heart when home is no longer filled with toys, laundry, and children's laughter.

With the goal to work in women's sport, pre and post-partum rehabilitation and within the weight loss surgery community, Kerrie is studying Exercise Physiology at UniSQ.

She currently volunteers as a sports trainer with the local Women's Rugby 7's team. Being a weight loss surgery patient, she is very active within that community, providing support for those changing their lifestyle through this chosen pathway.

Motivated by happiness, both her own and others, Kerrie knows her success will have a positive impact on both her own wellbeing, and that of others.

The bursary will cover one month's income from her night fill position, providing a greater priority to studies, so welcome during exam and assessment periods. Kerrie thanks the NCWQ and the friends and family of Helen Ovens for this bursary, motivated by people like Helen who pave the way for others.

Lady Justice Bursary

Sponsored by Senior Sergeant Anna Dwyer and Joanna Robinson, this bursary acknowledges the value of law and justice, wishing to support a Queensland woman to achieve her goal of studying within this area.



Michelle
Dörendahl

Michelle is a mother, musician, and a full-time student, studying a dual degree of law with criminology and justice. Dedication to her studies shows in her results, currently with GPA of 6.92. As a Student Leader and Law Buddy, Michelle aims to support others to achieve their best. She has been selected to be this year's Undergraduate Student Representative on the Learning and Teaching Committee. Michelle works as a law clerk and as a teacher at the Finnish School, although limited in hours with study commitments and parenting responsibilities. This bursary will assist with costs associated with study, and a 70km each way commute to campus.

Once she is a lawyer, Michelle aspires to work in roles to support vulnerable women and children, particularly those affected by violence. In 2011, Michelle separated from an abusive partner, who then used the court to gain access to their four-year-old daughter. He murdered their daughter a few months later. The humanness of particular lawyers during the long and arduous process of a coronial inquest, led Michelle to pursue a career in law. She saw the value in receiving help navigating the legal system from people who understood what she had experienced, and aspires to offer the same to those in need. Michelle is also motivated to teach her younger daughter that it is possible to overcome significant adversity and create a better life.

Lavis/Wilson Qld Child Watch Committee Bursary

After 30 years of advocating for quality early childhood education, this Committee continues its legacy by the ongoing sponsorship of a bursary for a student in this field, with a commitment and passion for the education of the 'whole' child.



Meghan Nolan

Passionate, highly motivated and enthusiastic about early education, Meghan has throughout her professional career, documented, taught, reflected, organised, assessed and reported on learning. She has been exposed to various experiences in her degree, contributing to building confidence in structuring learning in an emergent Kindergarten curriculum. She values the Reggio Emilia Approach, where children come first always, with a right to be safe, happy and empowered. She endeavours to understand each child to see how best to support them.

Meghan aims to create a space that holds respect, in which children feel heard and consider themselves as co-constructors in their learning, feeling safe to learn and make mistakes. To create this space, nurturing, respectful and reciprocal relationships must be an integral aspect of the classroom. She strongly believes in building strong relationships with both children and families. Meghan is passionate for nature-based play, valuing the importance of connecting to nature as well as incorporating the natural environment into the classroom. Meghan endeavours to advocate for the importance of Early childhood and become a leader within the profession, building on capabilities to provide quality education and care to children and families in her community. This bursary has allowed the purchase of a new laptop as she finishes her studies and enters her first year of teaching.

Moreton Bay Regional Council Bursary

This bursary is to assist a female tertiary student from the Moreton Bay council region, with her studies. She will have also contributed to the local community.



Madison is studying a double Bachelor of Law and Behavioural Science at QUT. Always enjoying legal and STEM studies, she is very grateful to be able to combine both of these passions into her university experience. She has been heavily involved in the local community, mentoring at her local martial arts club, organising school fundraisers or advocating for donating to LifeBlood. Maddie is an officer in the Australian Army Reserves, and thoroughly enjoys serving her community and her country.

Maddie is incredibly grateful to have received the Moreton Bay Regional Council Bursary. It will be used to buy this semester's law textbooks and to help cover the cost of travel to university. The bursary will help in maintaining a high level of attendance in all her classes.

Maddie is motivated by helping others and making herself and family proud. Future hopes are to continue her study and work as a lawyer, with a focus on either human rights or criminal law, while continuing her commitment to the Army. She is passionate about these areas of law, and very interested in how it fits into a military and everyday context. Madison hopes to incorporate her Psychology degree within her career path at any given opportunity.

National Council of Jewish Women, Brisbane Section Bursary

This bursary reflects the sponsor's interest in the education and advancement of women for a student studying in the field of education.



Ashlyn is a CQU education student majoring in Home Economics and English secondary teaching.

Some of Ashlyn's achievements to date range from volunteering at The Breakfast Club Homelessness Service at Redcliffe; CQU Student

Ambassador presentation at Brisbane Career Expo; Support Teacher Aide; and was awarded 1 of 6 Highly Commended Teacher Aide of the Year awards from across Australia.

In addition, Ashlyn has been involved with CQU collaboration with Korean universities at an international conference; been nominated for the Queensland Young Achiever Award; and is committee secretary for the student-run Social Innovation Network, which included filming a Brisbane based TV campaign.

Ashlyn's main interests and passions are within the inclusion and support space of young people, and her future aspiration is to work as an Inclusion and Support secondary teacher, with a particular focus on assisting those students with barriers such as mental health, disability and social disadvantages, to achieve and fulfil their needs. This bursary will go towards the application fee for Permission to Teach in 2023, should Ashlyn be successful in being able to start her teaching career a year early. Additionally, the bursary would support living expenses when on professional practice placements.

National Council of Women of Queensland Regional/Rural Bursary

Sponsored by NCWQ since the establishment of the bursary program in 2009, the bursary focus is to assist young women living in regional/rural Queensland relocate for their studies.



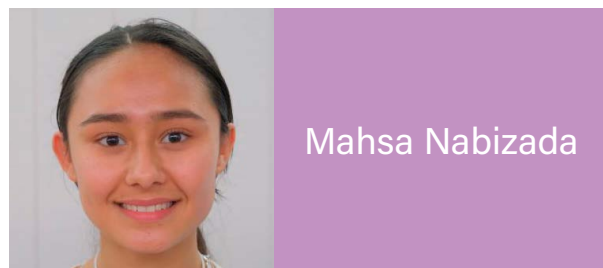
From a small town just outside of Toowoomba QLD, Michelle graduated high school in 2020 from Downlands College as College Captain. Michelle relocated this year to commence her studies in Bachelor of Dietetics (honours) full time at USC.

Studying to become a dietitian is the fulfilment of a dream. Food as an important part of her life, has been the motivation for this career. Once qualified, Michelle would love to work in the private health care sector helping girls heal from disordered eating. As someone who has struggled with their relationship with food in the past, having the opportunity to help young women find peace and balance with their food choices once again, is Michelle's ultimate goal. Disordered eating, poor relationships with food and body dysmorphia are so prevalent in today's society yet it's something that is often swept under the rug. Michelle wants to be a part of changing that.

Words cannot express her gratitude for being awarded this bursary. Currently working two jobs, seven days a week has been quite challenging on top of her full-time study. This bursary will allow Michelle more time to study and follow her passion. It is a massive weight lifted, allowing the purchase of textbooks, uniforms and other university expenses which otherwise wouldn't have been possible.

National Council of Women of Queensland, Student from a Refugee Background Bursary

An original bursary sponsored from 2009 by NCWQ, this bursary assists a student currently at high school, to further her educational outcomes.



Mahsa is 18 years old, and a Year 12 student at Fairholme College, Toowoomba. She was born in Afghanistan, took refuge in Pakistan, arriving in Australia in 2014 on a Humanitarian Visa.

Passionate about equality of opportunity for everyone - no matter their age, race, religion or gender, her vision is a fair society for everyone, filled with compassion and acceptance.

Mahsa loves volunteering and since year 7, has volunteered for several Toowoomba organisations. One was TRC Youth Leaders, where with the support of Youth Connect, she was able to initiate multiple projects including gathering 50 backpacks filled with essential school items for newly arrived refugee children to make them feel welcome, and to take some pressure off the shoulders of their parents. She has also contributed in other areas such as producing a Persian radio program, joining the Queensland Youth Parliament and speaking at conferences about her passions and reflections. She plans to continue to advocate for issues that matter to her and her community. Mahsa sincerely thanks the National Council of Women Queensland for this bursary which will help fund her tertiary studies as she hopes to start university in 2023 studying public health or another health-related degree. This will bring together her passion for service as well as medical knowledge.

Office for Women (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bursaries

The Department of Justice and Attorney General, through their Office for Women, has been a supporter of the NCWQ Bursary Program for a number of years. Four bursaries were sponsored in the 2022 NCWQ Bursary Program.



Samantha
Giunta

Samantha is a proud Gumbaynggirr woman, sister, daughter, Aunty, wife, and law student whose passion for the law originally stemmed from watching the people around her continually be disempowered by the justice system. She watched families fall apart and saw negative interactions with the law that she wanted to understand and so help.

Now returning to finish her degree after experiencing a personal trauma, Samantha hopes that her lived experience will assist to drive positive change for First Nations women, children and families. She is passionate about using the experiences all First Nations women have to help to make positive systemic change. Samantha is now an activist within First Nations women as domestic violence survivors, focussing on their experience within the criminal justice system. She volunteers on numerous boards all directed towards empowering and educating front line practitioners working with First Nations people, families and communities, and driving positive DFV reform.

Receiving the bursary has reminded Samantha that you can choose how your narrative ends. You can finish what you start regardless of how much time it takes, and you can rewrite your future. She plans to use her law degree to remind others of the same.



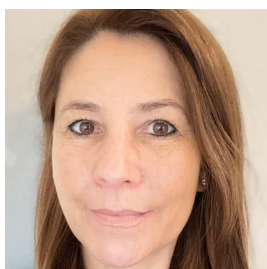
Jodie Mottram

Jodie is a proud Yorta Yorta woman living on Bindal and Wulgurukaba land in North Queensland, currently in third year of both a Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) degree and a Bachelor of Arts double majoring in Criminology and Indigenous Studies. Having already completed a Graduate Certificate in Research Management, she plans to continue psychology studies through to Clinical Masters and PhD. Her goal is to become a clinical psychologist, working with the most vulnerable youth. Planning to be based in rural and regional locations, Jodie will specialise in mental health for those affected by suicidal ideation and criminological factors.

Jodie has volunteered in many community activities. She is currently a Student Respect Training Facilitator; a member of the Student Reference Group for sexual harassment; a member of the Student Advisory Forum; a Students as Partners member evaluating the peer-to-peer programs University-wide; and a Psychology Department Student Liaison Officer. Additionally, she administers a home-education group, organising activities to encourage socialisation through active community involvement, particularly for those who home-educate for mental health and disability reasons.

In recent years, Jodie and her children have twice been affected by floods. The bursary will do much to assist her to continue her studies.

Office for Women (Return to Work) Bursary



Paula Evans

Paula, a single mother, is in her final year at Griffith Law school, retraining to become a lawyer after a break from work to raise her little girl, and to establish a safe and secure home for them both. Paula is a domestic violence survivor and moved to the Gold Coast from Cairns in 2019.

Paula worked in the resources industry as a geologist prior to getting married and having her daughter and quickly realised that she would need to retrain, to juggle motherhood and work.

The silver lining to Paula's difficult journey was the incredible people who helped her in community centres, from the North Queensland Women's Legal Service to DV Connect and Relationships Australia in Cairns. These amazing professionals inspired Paula to become a lawyer to be able to give back to the community. In 2021 Paula received an 'Academic Excellence' award from Griffith University for her GPA (GPA 6).

Paula currently attends the Gold Coast Community Legal Centre for one day a week and hopes to be able to continue in this line of work once she graduates from her law degree in 2023.

This bursary will allow Paula to keep her daughter in day care, pay rent and other living expenses until she completes her studies and re-joins the workforce.

Office for Women (STEM) Bursary



Liberty Troy

Liberty, from North Queensland, is a first-year engineering student at UQ. Attending St Margaret Mary's College in Townsville, she was dux and head of subject in both Specialist Maths and Physics. Liberty has aspired to be an engineer for most of her senior schooling. It was a big adjustment adapting to life in a big city. She found the first semester of her degree at UQ challenging, keeping up with her studies, finding part-time work and fitting in socially, but it was also exciting. Now settled in both academically and socially she thoroughly enjoys university life.

Liberty's main motivation to do well in her education came from her mother, who singlehandedly raised Libby and her sister to be strong, independent women. She was fortunate to have had incredible teachers at high school, especially two female teachers who had previously worked as engineers, who taught her all about the amazing things that engineers can accomplish in the workforce.

Her dream job is to graduate with a Bachelor of Biomedical/Mechanical engineering and work in a hospital to design and manufacture prosthetics for amputees. Her goal in this field is to be able to create a better quality of life for those impacted by health issues or injuries.

Libby wishes to thank the NCWQ and her sponsor for her bursary and is extremely grateful for the assistance.

PhD Student Bursary

This anonymously sponsored bursary is for a female PhD candidate, whose research focus will be of benefit to women and their families.



Martina Gyimesi

Martina is a full-time PhD student at the QUT Centre of Genomics and Personalised Health (CGPH), in the Stem Cell and Neurogenesis Group. Early experience seeing her grandmother slowly disappear to Alzheimer's Disease (AD), inspired her interest. Given its high prevalence in the female population, her goal is to decrease AD's socio-economic burden. As the recipient of the competitive CGPH Scholarship, she hopes to improve understanding of the pre-clinical phases of the disease. Martina is researching changes in neurogenesis contributing to development of AD. Identifying biomarkers can ultimately lead to earlier diagnosis and thus treatment of AD.

The data from her Honours project found the association of a genetic variant contributing to memory decline, a key symptom of AD. Martina has been recognised with several awards for this research (Matrix Biology Society of Australia and New Zealand: Dennis Lowther Award, 2021 Student Award; Australian Society of Medical Research).

Martina works with undergraduate students, hoping to inspire the next generation of researchers. Her dream is to become one of the 35% female professors in this field. This bursary would allow Martina to attend international conferences, network with top scientists, ultimately getting closer to the goal of turning AD into a disease of the past.

Queensland Medical Women's Society Bursary

From its strong focus on supporting professional development including participation in international conferences and networking, the sponsorship of a bursary by QMWS assists female medical students or recent graduates to take advantage of these opportunities.



Sarah Gaukroger

Sarah is a second year Doctor of Medicine student at UQ, following from a Bachelor of Science (biomedicine). With Interests in health equity and women's and gender diverse health, Sarah is involved in Towards International Medical Equity (TIME), with activities including birthing kit packing nights and seminars. This also allows the development of strong leadership and advocacy skills.

Sarah is also passionate about seeing more women in leadership roles within medicine. She learns from incredible speakers at medical conferences and various events, finding role models in the women already taking on these positions. Sarah will use the QMWS bursary funds to attend the Australian Medical Students Association Global Health Conference, Melbourne, in August. This conference covers many important global health themes, with special interest in 'Identity, Anatomy and Medicine' which will discuss queer and gender diverse experiences in health, as well as obstetrics and gynaecology.

Outside of studying, Sarah is the lighting manager for the UQ Medical Society Med Revue. She also runs social events for The Ashintosh Foundation, a charity focussed on improving the health of the local community. Interests in a specialty are currently in orthopaedic surgery or the rural generalist but these could change over time.

AMAQ (QMWS) Professor Tess Cramond Memorial Bursary

Former President of AMAQ, Professor Cramond's career ranged across her role in anaesthetics, CPR for Surf Life Savers, and establishing multidisciplinary pain clinics. The purpose of this bursary is to assist the recipient to attend a Medical Women's event or AMA Conference that will foster involvement and leadership in issues relevant to medical women.



Lucinda (Lucy) is a first-year medical student at UQ. Initially choosing a career path to become a high school science teacher, Lucy developed a keen interest in biomedical science during this training, so after graduating decided that medicine was the perfect intersection of science and human interaction. Although early in her medical degree, Lucy hopes to become a General Practitioner or Rural Generalist. This idea has been greatly inspired by one of her tutors, a female GP involved in training and accrediting GPs. Hearing her stories of developing long term connections with her patients is exactly Lucy's inspiration to be a doctor.

Growing up in the regional area of Gympie has provided the further goal of practicing in a rural environment. This bursary will enable Lucy to attend the Rural Medicine Australia Convention in Canberra in October. This event is an opportunity to engage with medical students, junior doctors, and experts, to develop her own skills and to hear from highly respected speakers. An accompanying event for "future generalists" will allow the development of connections with likeminded students to take further into her career. Lucy is incredibly grateful to the NCWQ, AMAQ and QMWS for making this a reality.

Mater Health (QMWS) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary

As part of their commitment to reconciliation and the broader goal to advance the parity of representation of First Nation Peoples in the Australian medical workforce, and its leadership, this inaugural bursary sponsored by Mater Health is for a female Indigenous medical student.



Julia-Rose is a Yawuru woman who grew up on country in Broome and Cairns. Her family had close relations with the healthcare sector due to co-morbidities and illnesses they suffered. She has been privy to the inequality in healthcare that occurs due to location, with dwindling resources, and reduced services. However, one thing that stood out was the phenomenal healthcare workers who serviced these towns.

Currently a final year Doctor of Medicine student at Griffith University Julia-Rose is on the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway commencing next year. She wants to be part of Closing the Gap. It would in turn help her, not only to return home to country, but help to give back to her communities. She aspires to train and to work both in primary healthcare settings, and in the areas of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, hoping to work in communities to help women have safe births on country.

As part of a Rural workforce and community, Julia-Rose hopes to use this Bursary to attend next year's Rural Doctors Association Conference. This will provide an opportunity to expand academically, connect with other Rural doctors and provide leadership and mentoring to the future generation of Rural Doctors. Julia-Rose is grateful for this support to reach her aspirations.

Science Bursary

Sponsored by June McNicol OAM, June's experience as a metallurgist, gives her understanding of the difficulties for women working in the physical sciences field. This bursary reflects her desire to assist female students following in her footsteps.



Christine Little

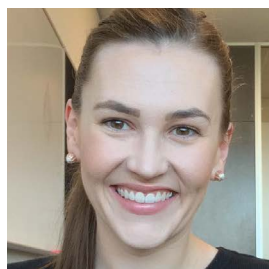
Christine has just recently graduated with a Bachelor of Advanced Science with Distinction at JCU, majoring in Physics and Mathematics. She has also been awarded the 2020 H.J. Priestley Memorial Prize and 2021 Third Year Physics Prize, as a result of her overall performance in the mathematics and physics subjects for the specified years. She is continuing with her studies at JCU and is enrolled in their Physics Honours course where she will be pursuing research in the field of quantum technology.

Christine plans to complete her PhD in quantum physics. Her main career goal is to be part of important research in fields that value the skills she has developed through studying mathematics and physics. She also aspires to put herself out there as a woman in STEM, studying very interesting fields in the physical sciences and hopes to inspire women from all backgrounds to pursue careers in STEM.

Christine will use the bursary to help fund the next big step towards her educational and career goals. Specifically, she will use the bursary to purchase a quality work-from-home office set up which will be invaluable for the early stages of her future career in research.

Senator Susan McDonald Bursary

Sponsored by Senator Susan McDonald, this inaugural bursary reflects the importance for regional students to be given the opportunity for tertiary study.



Meaghan Mannix

Originally from Townsville, Meaghan attended Saint Patrick's College, then completed a Bachelor of Speech Pathology at JCU. She worked as a Speech Pathologist for Townsville Catholic Education, establishing an inaugural school based speech pathology service in Mount Isa and Cloncurry.

Meaghan recently returned to study for a Bachelor of Dental Surgery at JCU in Cairns. She values the university focusing on preparing graduates to work rurally and remotely whilst acknowledging the gaps in Indigenous healthcare.

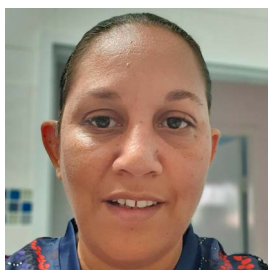
Recognising the cascading impacts of poor oral health due to a lack of service provision, the difference of a confident smile, and full functioning to chew and speak properly, is the attraction for Meaghan to this career.

Meaghan's ultimate dream is to establish a service that recognises the overlap in clinical speech pathology and dental practice for the Northern Queensland community. Further training in health service management will assist Meaghan to better advocate at a national level for improved dental services, with Medicare coverage, for all.

This bursary will enable Meaghan to focus on her university studies, as the workload and contact time is significant. It will also contribute to some professional development courses to maintain her skills.

Soroptimist International Bursary

With the theme “Soroptimists – Lead to Educate, Empower, Enable” this bursary for an Indigenous woman studying in the areas of Medicine, Health or Education, reflects this ideal.



Courtney
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Courtney is a mature-aged student in her second year of studying the Bachelor of Midwifery at ACU. With 6 children ranging in age from 3 to 18 years, she lives in Cairns and attends placement at the Cairns Hospital. She is a proud First Nations woman/South Sea Islander and follows her paternal line as a Muluridji traditional owner. She also acknowledges her connections to the Djabugay, Kokomini and Yirrigandji people. Courtney chose this degree because she knew first-hand both the positive and negative sides of midwifery care.

Having experienced beautiful births with amazing midwives she wanted to be that person providing positive, woman-centred care. Her goal is to eventually become more hands-on in indigenous birthing programs, travelling to remote communities and internationally to observe and experience the care provided in other Indigenous communities.

Having a large family does mean that funds can be stretched, with the bursary relieving some of the burden of extra costs. Funds will be used to buy this semester's textbooks and help with travel and costs of placement, as well as educational resources and extra online courses. The Australian College of Midwifery conference is being held in Cairns and she will now be able to attend. Courtney sends her sincere thanks to Soroptimist International South Queensland for their time and hard work to provide bursaries to assist people in need.

Soroptimist International Moreton North Inc Bursary

This bursary is to assist a veterinary science student, especially recognising the costs involved with placements and assessment.



Madeline Collins

Madeline is a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) student at UQ, in her final year. With a love of animals and desire to make a difference as her inspiration, Madeline aspired to become a veterinarian from a very young age. Unfortunately, at the age of 15 she was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder, OCD and PTSD. Although discouraged from pursuing such a demanding degree, she managed to secure a place and to excel every year. She is determined to prove that success in the veterinary field is possible, regardless of mental illness.

Final year placements have included Sea World on the Gold Coast. The bursary will assist in funding the costs for external placements, helping to gain a broader knowledge base from inspirational mentors. Helping her practical skills, Madeline volunteers at a veterinary clinic and has also maintained a job to fund the necessity of living away from home to study. She was chosen as the student host for the Australian Veterinary Association ASAV SIG webinars for the past three years and volunteers at university events such as Orientation Week.

Following graduation, she aspires to further develop her career in the veterinary field in a role that improves the lives of her various patients, and to further her learning. She also hopes to continue volunteer roles, specifically fulfilling her lifelong dream to work with the orangutans in Borneo.

South Burnett Bursary

Sponsored by the South Burnett Regional Council, this bursary is for a female student from the region, who has contributed to the local community. The bursary recognises the additional difficulties for regional students.



Kate Perrett

Having grown up on a farm, Kate could almost always be found sitting on a horse or outside with her two siblings. Her schooling was at Nanango State and High Schools, graduating in 2019.

Currently Kate is in the third year of a dual degree in justice and psychology, majoring in criminology and policing. Passionate about mental health, especially for people in remote communities, she believes this is now more important than ever. With a strong sense of social justice, Kate is not afraid to make her voice heard.

Enjoying giving back and helping others, Kate wishes to work where she is able to do this. She aspires to use her degrees to obtain a career working in child safety, based within rural and remote communities. She hopes to support young people to give them the tools they need to succeed in whichever direction life pulls them.

She will use this bursary to ease the increased costs of leaving home to pursue further study.

Kate is motivated by those who came before her and strives to be the best version of herself for those who are yet to start their journey. She hopes to pass on the real-life knowledge and experience she has gained from strong women, to help others feel as much passion for rural life, social justice and mental health as she does.

The Kathleen Langan Sports Management Bursary

The bursary, sponsored by Ronda Nix OAM, is named in honour of the late Kathleen Langan, recognising her contribution to sport and its administration, when those roles were voluntary, and mostly occupied by men. She was a Life member for hockey at the Brisbane, state and national levels and internationally qualified.



Binta Lamin

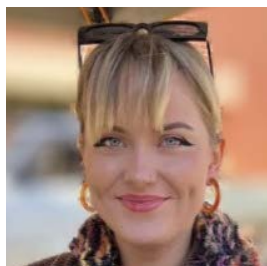
Binta was born in Guinea West Africa, moving to Australia as a refugee when 2 years old. In her second year of full-time study at Griffith university, she is studying a Bachelor of Business majoring in sport management and marketing.

Her career aspiration is to create opportunities for sport to become more accessible and enjoyable to young girls and women from a refugee, migrant and multicultural background. She currently works as the Connecting Through Sports Project Officer for Netball Queensland, to increase participation in netball through fostering an environment that encourages inclusion and diversity. She supports participants from a refugee and migrant background to play and enjoy netball, some for the very first time.

When not working or studying, Binta will be on the netball court or at an AFL field. Throughout the years she has been involved in sport as an umpire, coach and player. She is passionate about everything involving sports and people. Binta is very grateful and honoured to be the recipient of the Kathleen Langan Bursary. This bursary will be used to help cover some of the costs of university, essential living, and study.

The Boyce Bursaries for Students with a Disability

As a long-term advocate for those with a disability, Sue Boyce has been an NCWQ bursary sponsor for a number of years, sponsoring two bursaries.



Lily Crombie

Lily is currently in her 2nd year of a Bachelor of Paramedicine at UniSQ. She was diagnosed with severe hyperactive/inattentive ADHD in August of 2021.

Having ADHD has greatly impacted on her study at a tertiary level and has meant that it takes a lot more work and persistence for her to learn alongside her neurotypical peers. Despite this, she is passionate about this career path, and determined to do well, so that she can give back to her community through her future career as a paramedic.

Since beginning her studies, Lily volunteers in multiple organisations including the Rural Fire Service and the Queensland Care Army, so the privilege to help those in need is a huge motivation for her. When not studying, working, or volunteering, Lily loves to read and paint.

Her primary aspiration is to provide her patients with the highest standard of care available, regardless of their circumstances or background. Passionate about mental health and social equality for marginalised communities, Lily hopes to enact positive change within the community to ensure all Australians can access safe and affordable health services.

This bursary will help to buy the equipment and textbooks needed to study and alleviate some of the financial stress that comes with studying full time, allowing more time to devote to academic pursuits.



Michelle Fisher

A single mum with a physical disability, Michelle lives in Hervey Bay with wider family living in NSW. She lives with her son on acreage. She was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis at 18 months of age, Michelle is also legally blind, and walks with the aid of leg braces. Although physical disability is worsening over time, she is determined to inspire others to stay positive in life and to achieve their goals.

Michelle completed her BSc (Hons) and was a Fire Mitigation Officer and volunteer firefighter for the NSW RFS, before moving to QLD. She was also part of the Community Education Team, where she discovered her passion for working with children and teaching.

She has completed her GDTL (Secondary Teaching) in Mathematics and Science and has taught in local primary and secondary schools. Now enrolled in UniSQ, she is completing the TESOL (GCTS). She will be looking to teach ESL at Hervey Bay TAFE next year.

Michelle intends to use the 2022 Boyce Disability bursary to assist with financial costs of studying for her TESOL (GCTS) course.

Michelle's 11-year-old son is her personal carer and he is registered with Young Carers QLD, as part of the Wellways Carer Gateway. She hopes to inspire her son and children she teaches to live life to the full and see that having a disability doesn't mean you can't still follow your dreams.

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Women in Engineering Bursaries

The TMR Women in Engineering Bursaries form part of TMR's ongoing commitment to increase the number of women in the traditionally male dominated engineering profession. These four bursaries aim to promote continued female engagement with engineering courses, ensuring a strong pipeline of qualified female engineers for today's contemporary workforce.

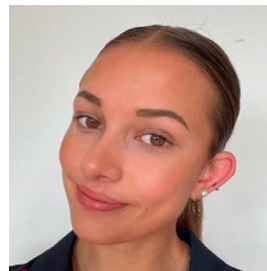


Georgia Astbury

Currently in her second year of a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Honours) with a Mining and Minerals minor. Georgia lives in Townsville, studying at JCU. Outside of study, she plays ultimate disc (or frisbee) and has made both Queensland and Victorian representative teams for U18 and U22. She has represented Australia, playing in Manila in 2019 and then in New Zealand later this year.

Georgia aspires to elevate the status of women in the engineering industry. Taking pride in creating an environment of inclusion, Georgia is active on the executive committee of the Engineering Undergraduate Society at JCU. As the Industry Liaison Officer, she is responsible for onboarding industry partners and then as their primary point of contact with committee/students. Working hard in her studies and career advancements, she has already completed four vacation practices with two more during the next 12 months.

Georgia aims to use the bursary to complete extra-curricular training to improve her industry knowledge and gain relevant accreditations. This includes her white card for construction sites and possibly others such as working at heights and in confined spaces. The TMR Women in Engineering Bursary will allow her to continue to do what she loves, and she is very grateful for this opportunity.



Tate Kafka

Tate is in her second year of her Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) with a minor in Data Science at the UniSQ. She is currently studying and working full-time, gaining hands-on experience in her chosen degree as a civil design cadet and hoping to complete a summer internship at a regional Queensland mine to complement her professional experience.

After completing a four-month student exchange program in Italy, she has become interested in taking her skills abroad. More recently, she has completed the STEAM Ahead professional development program for women in STEAM degrees, provided by Dream Big. Tate is a strong advocate for women in male dominated industries and aspires to be a strong and positive role model for young women considering entering the industry. She would like to give back to the industry through her plans on being an active member of the professional engineering community and providing young engineers with the same opportunities and guidance that she has been gifted.

Receiving this bursary will encourage Tate to continue her studies and provide her with the confidence to remain determined in the latter stages of her degree. She will use the bursary for a higher performing laptop capable of supporting coding and modelling software required for her future studies.

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Jamie-Lee Marks

Jamie-Lee is a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), mature aged student, majoring in environmental engineering. She has lived in Toowoomba for most of her life, except for 3 years spent travelling and living in New Zealand and Japan.

Now in her second year of study, she takes great pride in her university work, having achieved a GPA of 5.71, aiming to increase that to a GPA of 6. Jamie-Lee has always had a great love for science, particularly in the field of astronomy, and she considers herself a curious soul.

With over 2 years of experience in business and management, which include retail management in a busy pharmacy, and leading and managing a guest services team in Japan, Jamie-Lee feels that her university studies have helped build and strengthen her leadership and management skills.

As her major is in Environmental Engineering with electives in management and project management, her goals are to work within the sustainable energy field and to help Australia build toward and realise its net zero emissions plan. Jamie-Lee also has interests in applying her years of business and people management skills to the engineering field.



Alisha Muldowney

Born in Ingham, in Far North Queensland, Alisha graduated high school in 2020, and made the decision to move to Brisbane for university. It was the biggest decision of her life, and although worried about moving far from home, the opportunities were also exciting. The first year of university was challenging, but also fun, and she is grateful of now being in her second year of a Bachelor of Engineering.

With aspirations include graduating with high grades, and then having a career in the mining industry, Alisha will finish her degree in mechanical engineering and work overseas. She hopes to have a successful career in a job she is passionate about.

Another one of her aspirations is to travel once she has graduated, with Europe and South America beckoning.

This bursary allows Alisha to continue her studies and purchase the relevant textbooks and study materials. It alleviates significant financial pressure while she completes her studies. As engineering is heavy in both theory and practical learning, she can afford extra learning materials to assist her degree.

Alisha can see herself as a successful woman in the mining industry, which provides the motivation to complete these studies. Graduating with a Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering would be her greatest achievement, and this also encourages her to do well.

Val French AM Memorial Bursary

This bursary, sponsored by Older People Speak Out, an organisation founded by Val French with the goal of accepting positive ageing, and to give older people a voice. For a student in journalism, the bursary honours Val's career in journalism.



Grace Hickling

Grace is studying a Bachelor of Journalism/ Bachelor of Communications (Majoring in Public Relations), at UQ. Relocating from Noosa, to Brisbane in 2019 to commence her study, she expects to graduate in 2023.

The relocation to Brisbane was to better pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a journalist and presenter. She is extremely passionate about journalism because it allows her to give a voice, to those without one.

Her specific area of interest is domestic and family violence, and in particular, being an advocate for victims of coercive control. As a journalist, she aims to tell the stories of Australian survivors, in the hope to spread awareness and to be a voice for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence.

Grace currently works as a News Operations Assistant at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC). In this early stage of her career, her biggest achievement is having an article published by the ABC. Grace is incredibly honoured to be selected as the recipient of the Val French AM Memorial Bursary. She plans to use the bursary, to focus on her career aspirations of being a presenter/journalist and to obtain voice training to further develop her journalistic skills.

In Conclusion

A big thank you to the sponsors of our 35 bursaries in the 2022 program. Without you, the program wouldn't be.

To Team Bursary – thank you. We also rely on you for your hard work in coordinating and making those hard decisions of selection.

To our amazing cohort of 2022 NCWQ Bursary Program recipients – Congratulations! We are thrilled to share your stories in this E-Yearbook. We appreciate that for some the road to where you now stand, has not been easy. You all inspire us.

"Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment." - Oprah Winfrey

Kathy Cavanagh

NCWQ Bursary Program Manager



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