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New Board recruits to help spearhead a new giving campaign to achieve 50/50 investment in women and girls by 2020.

The Chair of the Australian Women Donors Network, Deanne Weir, today announced the addition of three new directors to the Board.

- **Catherine Fox**, one of Australia's leading commentators on women and the workforce, is a long-time supporter who has facilitated several events on Gender-wise philanthropy with the Network;
- Joining her is **Amanda Miller**, co-founder of Impact Generation Partners, who brings her expertise in gender lens and for-purpose investment to the Board. Amanda previously played a key role in the development of early Gender-wise resources as a member of staff; and
- **Seri Renkin**, Managing Director of ten20 Foundation, a respected leader in the sector who brings over twenty years of executive experience across corporate, non-profit, and government sectors in applying innovative work in social impact philanthropy. Seri played an instrumental role in the genesis of the Network through her work fostering giving circles for women and girls.

Established in 2009, the Australian Women Donors Network is a dynamic advocacy and education organisation that catalyses philanthropic investment in women and girls, locally and globally.

Ms Weir said, "The Australian Women Donors Network has established a strong reputation in the philanthropic sector for inspiring and enabling giving to support women and girls, and 2017 will see the Network move into a new phase of strategic action to increase gender equity through philanthropy and social investment."

The expanded Board is now strongly positioned to steer the National Giving Campaign for Women and Girls that the Network plans to launch in 2017.

"We are delighted to welcome these three outstanding directors who bring to the Board a diverse set of skills and their passion for gender equality, both particularly welcome at this crucial time for women's rights. Each has strong experience in philanthropic investment and executive leadership across public and private sectors and a history of achieving impact for women and girls in their fields. We are excited to have them join our committed team as we expand our activities and partnerships to create new opportunities for philanthropists and social investors to increase their social impact."

The tour also inspired the establishment of a new women's giving circle in Sydney is an exciting time for the Network and for Gender-wise philanthropy following a [successful tour with U.S.-based organisation Women Moving Millions](#) late last year. The tour encouraged several high-profile philanthropists to commit to the Women Moving Millions movement by each pledging to invest \$1 million in projects that advance women and girls.

As an existing Women Moving Millions member, Ms Weir expressed the importance of these commitments to furthering gender equality; "I joined Women Moving Millions because I wanted to be part of a global community that cared as passionately as I do about gender equality and that was taking action to advance women and girls. I firmly believe that by stepping up and illustrating our commitment in this way, others are encouraged to give more to women and girls."

For further information, please contact Julie Reilly, CEO Australian Women Donors Network, at julie.reilly@womendonors.org.au or call 0417 545 986.



ABOUT CATHERINE FOX:

Catherine Fox is one of Australia's leading commentators on women and the workforce. A journalist, author and presenter, she is regularly invited to address audiences around Australia and often appears in the media.

After working in the financial services sector in Sydney and London, Catherine joined the Australian Financial Review. During a long career with the AFR she edited several sections of the publication, and wrote the Corporate Woman column and for Boss magazine before leaving to set up her own consulting business in 2012. She has published four books, including "Seven Myths about Women and Work" (and the forthcoming "Stop Fixing Women" (NewSouth Publishing).

In 2012 Catherine helped establish the annual Westpac/Financial Review 100 Women of Influence Awards; and she is a member of the Australian Defence Force Gender Equality Advisory Board.

Catherine holds a BA (Communications) UTS and an MA (Hons) UNSW.



ABOUT AMANDA MILLER:

Amanda is a co-founder of Impact Generation Partners (ImpactGen), which was established in order to nurture and support enterprises that are solving significant social problems, and to move capital into those enterprises. ImpactGen is an intermediary in the impact investing space, providing corporate advisory services to for-purpose companies, not-for-profits, foundations and family offices, and investing in businesses that provide social and/or environmental returns as well as financial returns.

Amanda strongly believes in the power of supporting and investing in women and girls. Amanda is a member of Scale, a female focused angel investor network that invests in early stage businesses that have gender diverse leadership. Through Impact Generation Partners, Amanda is proud to have advised and invested in Hireup and Yume, both for for-profit, for-purpose businesses founded or co-founded by women.

Amanda holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law (Honours) from Monash University and started her career practicing corporate law at Allens, where she worked on mergers and acquisitions, IPOs and trade practices matters. She then moved into the philanthropic sector working with not-for-profit organisations such as the Australian Women Donors Network and in grantmaking, with inter-generational family foundations at the Myer Family Company (MFCo), a multi-family office. At MFCo Amanda ran a number of philanthropic family foundations and assisted families and individuals to implement strategic giving programs, and to engage the next generation in giving.

Amanda Chairs Kids in Philanthropy, a not for profit that engages children and their families in hands-on volunteering opportunities and aims to develop empathy and a social conscience in children. She has been on the Nexus Australia Youth Summit Organising Committee since its inception 2013, including Chairing the 2014 Summit.



ABOUT SERI RENKIN:

Managing Director, ten20

Seri brings over twenty years' experience in senior executive and advisory roles to her leadership of the ten20 Foundation. Having worked across the corporate, non-profit, philanthropic and government sectors she has a unique perspective of how diverse sectors operate and utilises her strategic, innovative and entrepreneurial skills to build cross sector collaborations focused on social impact. She joined ten20 as founding CEO in 2012.

Following a decade working as a management consultant with Accenture in Australia, New Zealand and Italy and Hay Management Consultants in the UK, Seri's passion for social justice saw her applying her business and management skills to initiatives for social change. Seri was founding Director of the Melbourne office of Social Ventures Australia (SVA), providing expertise to the emerging social enterprise sector. Following this she worked with the Social Innovation Group in the Australian Government on place based, systems reform strategies.

She holds a BA (Hons) from the University of Melbourne and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Seri serves on the boards of the ten20 Foundation, the Stella Prize and the Lyceum Club.

ABOUT AUSTRALIAN WOMEN DONORS NETWORK

Australian Women Donors Network is an education-focused not-for-profit organisation that advocates for gender-sensitive practice within the social investment and grant-making sector. We also advocate for and catalyse greater investment in women and girls.

Both strategies are proven models for creating more effective social investments and outcomes, which ultimately creates a more equitable society for all.

Established in 2009, our growing Network consists of social investors and grant-makers who value these principles and practices, as well as supporters from government, corporate and community sectors.

