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AFA and TAL Female Excellence in Advice Award finalists announced

SYDNEY: 14 August 2018 - The Association of Financial Advisers (AFA) and TAL have announced the finalists in the 2018 Female Excellence in Advice (FEIA) Award, with the winner to be announced at the AFA National Conference on 10 October.

A joint initiative by the AFA and TAL, the FEIA Award celebrates women in financial advice who are making a significant contribution to their profession, their community and their clients.

The Winner of the FEIA Award will receive a \$15,000 tailored education package, courtesy of TAL.

The FEIA Award 2018 finalists are:

- Dominique Bergel-Grant, Leapfrog LIFE
- Joanna Ryan, Lumix Wealth
- Tonina Ciarrocchi, Alta Financial Planning
- Nicole Heales, Nicole Heales Financial
- Donna Lee Powell, DLP Life Design
- Heidi Schwegler, AHS Financial

TAL General Manager, Retail Distribution, Niall McConville, said, “We congratulate all of this year’s finalists. We received a record number of over 370 nominations and 44 applications this year so the finalists should be very proud of their achievements. The finalists were clear standouts in terms of the successes they’ve had in running their businesses as well as the contributions they’ve made to the community.

“The application process takes time and effort but all participants let us know how rewarding the experience is and a good opportunity for them to reflect on the great work they do for Australians every day,” he said.

AFA CEO, Phil Kewin said, “We are delighted by the calibre of entries for our Female Excellence Award. The passion and commitment to professionalism and improving the lives of their clients is second to none. The dedication these women are demonstrating towards improving our industry and encouraging more women to enter the advice profession is outstanding.”

“The fact we have had a record number of nominations this year is really testament to the positive change the best advisers in our industry are making to the lives of their clients.”

Finalists will present to a judging panel in September about their business achievements, community involvement and views on mentoring, education, gender diversity and future vision.



For more information on the Award, visit: AFA Female Advice

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About the AFA

The Association of Financial Advisers Limited (AFA) has been the authentic voice on the value of financial advice for over 70 years. Today, the AFA is a vibrant, innovative association, where the underlying driver of policy is the belief that great advice transforms lives. To this end the AFA is striving to achieve the vision of Great Advice for More Australians. The AFA's ongoing relevance as a professional association is derived from its success in engaging with the major stakeholders in financial advice including advisers, consumers, licensees, product and service providers, and the regulator and government. Culturally the AFA believes in the value of collaboration to create powerful outcomes and this drives how we achieve influence and work towards our vision.

About TAL

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