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AISA endorsed as DGR – Providing opportunities and building a safer nation

The Australian Information Security Association (AISA) has established the AISA Foundation Scholarship Fund. This fund has been endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (DGR) to provide scholarships to increase the number of women, Indigenous Australians and regional/rural children - including those from disadvantaged backgrounds - to build a career in cyber security.

Chairperson of AISA, Damien Manuel, says "AISA is delighted to now be able to accept public donations and provide fully tax deductable receipts, as well as dispense scholarships across Australia."

"This fund will be integral to bringing greater diversity to the cyber security sector and positively change the lives of disadvantaged families and communities."

"AISA will inject cash into the fund and is committed to topping up the fund each year. Individuals or businesses who want to give back to the community can contribute to the fund to help expand the number of scholarship recipients. 100% of all received donations will go direct to scholarships."

AISA's exciting new Foundation Scholarship Fund is open to applications from individuals who are Australian citizens and meet any of the following:

1. identify as women;
2. ordinarily reside in a rural or regional area of Australia;
3. are financially disadvantaged or are experiencing financial distress;
4. identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians

A new AISA Foundation Scholarship Fund Committee has been established to provide oversight and governance of the Fund. AISA welcomes to the committee Narelle Devine, Tom Crampton, Gai Brodtmann, Joshua Craig, Suelette Dreyfus, Patrick Fair, John O'Driscoll, Greg Adamson and Damien Manuel.

The role of this committee will be to approve eligible candidates applying for scholarships and disperse the funds necessary.

AISA is seeking public contributions to its Foundation Scholarship Fund and is currently accepting donations from organisations and individuals. If you would like to contribute, please email foundation@aisa.org.au

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About AISA:

As a nationally recognised peak body for cyber security professionals, the Australian Information Security Association (AISA) champions the development of a robust information security sector by building the capacity of professionals, advancing the cyber security and safety of the Australian public as well as businesses and governments.

Established in 1999, AISA has become the peak body and think tank on information security in Australia with a membership of over 10,000 individuals and corporate sponsors across the country. AISA caters to all domains of the information security industry with a particular focus on sharing expertise from the field at meetings, focus groups and networking opportunities around Australia.

AISA's vision is for a world where all people, businesses and governments are educated about the risks and dangers of cyber attack and data theft, and to enable them to take all reasonable precautions to protect themselves.

As an independent not-for-profit charity, regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), AISA was established to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of our profession and the cyber safety of all Australians. Our strategic plan calls for continued work in the areas of advocacy, diversity, education and organisational excellence to build a safer nation.

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