

## Juliet Brown named AIST Trustee of the Year

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The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) has announced Juliet Brown as the recipient of the AIST Trustee of the Year Award at the Conference of Major Superannuation Funds (CMSF) in Adelaide today.

Juliet Brown is current Chair of Statewide and was formerly Chair of Local Super.

AIST President **Angela Emslie** congratulated Ms Brown on her achievement and acknowledged her key role in the successful merger of Local Super and Statewide.

“Juliet has a strong commitment to the equal representation model and is a fervent advocate for members,” said Ms Emslie. “She is well respected by her board, fund staff and peers as well as being actively engaged in the broader industry.”

Ms Emslie said that Ms Brown had led her fund through a complex merger and as a testament to her skills she was invited to Chair the merged fund.

“It’s great to be able to recognise her efforts at the Conference of Major Superannuation Funds (CMSF) in her home town of Adelaide,” she said.

**Ms Brown** said receiving the award was a surprise and real delight.

“One person getting an award is only representative of the team they work with,” she said. “I’d like to thank the Statewide directors, the staff, and the reason why we’re here – the members.”

Ms Brown thanked the Government of South Australia for encouraging gender diversity on boards.

“The SA Government has a policy of 50 per cent of board members and chairs being female and this policy gave me a great chance,” she said.

Ms Brown also acknowledged the role of the representative trustee system in benefiting members.

“I’m a passionate supporter of the equal representation model and it needs to be nurtured,” she said.

The Trustee of the Year Award – which has been sponsored by Schroders for the past six years – recognises the crucial role that representative trustees play in Australia’s \$2 trillion superannuation industry.

**The following assessment criteria are to be covered in each nomination:**

- The degree of personal commitment by the nominee.
- Elements of personal sacrifice to enhance the fund's governance or the standing of the industry.
- Some element of altruistic motivation.
- Demonstration of a strong commitment to the retirement outcomes of their members and/or all Australians.
- Significant contribution to community awareness of superannuation.
- A contribution that creates ground breaking change or improvements, or sets the scene for future changes or improvements.

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