

# Financial Security for Women

## A Panel Event on the Importance of Protecting Your Finances

Women's financial security and empowerment is influenced by a number of factors, including the gender pay gap, financial literacy, structural discrimination and labour market participation (i.e. by having to work in part-time/casual roles due to taking on the main carer role at home).

This issue was identified by Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins as requiring particular focus in achieving gender equality.

Please join us for a candid panel discussion regarding the importance of financial security for women.

The panellists are leading women in the area of finance and financial security. They will share their professional experience and expertise in the area. This event will provide practical strategies and advice to guide women on how to achieve financial security.

### DATE

Monday 12 November 2018

### LOCATION

Allens  
Level 37, 101 Collins Street  
Melbourne

### TIME

**5:30pm:** Registrations and light refreshments  
**6:00pm:** Panel discussion commences  
**7:00pm - 7:30pm:** Discussion and networking

### COST

Free VWL members/\$10 non-members

### RSVP

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**Sandra Buckley** is the Executive Officer for Women in Super, a not-for-profit national organisation that organises networking and professional development opportunities for women employed in superannuation and also advocates for better access to superannuation and retirement outcomes for women. Sandra sits on a number of industry policy and research committees tasked with ensuring that women are not forgotten in the super debate and collaborates with government, the superannuation sector, employers, and unions on policy generation ideas related to gender equality, women's workforce participation and super accumulation. Women in Super is currently campaigning to 'Make Super Fair' as women still retire with less than half the super of men. Previously Sandra spent 18 years working for a number of international banks in senior manager roles.



**Esther Althaus** established Perspective Financial Services Pty Ltd in 2003. Esther was the inaugural winner of the Association of Advisers Rising Star Award, and went on to become the AFA's GenXt Chair of Victoria, followed by two terms on the AFA board as VIC Director. Esther is a past Chairman of the AFA Foundation and has also been a judge on the AFA's Rising Star Award. In 2015, Esther was a finalist in the AFA's Female Excellence in Advice award and the Money Management Women in Advice award. In 2016, she was AMP's Adviser of the Year. Esther is passionate about working with women to ensure that their money is protected and preserved, particularly at a time when they are vulnerable and are required to make significant decisions that affect their long-term wellbeing.



**Julie Kun** is the CEO of WIRE, Victoria's only women's service that provides information, support and referrals to any woman on any issue through their dedicated phone, email and webchat service. For over 10 years, WIRE has been leading the way in research, training and the prevention of financial abuse. WIRE is currently developing a financial capability course for women victims/survivors of family violence, based on WIRE's successful Purse Project Training. Julie has enjoyed a diverse career working at the Australian Service Union on the gender pay equity campaign for community sector workers and leading the campaign to introduce the world's first family violence clause into an industrial agreement. Julie has also managed a range of services across aged care, disability and Koori health.

