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Social change advocate wins NFP Executive Mentoring Scholarship

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Accelerating programs that lift up the most disadvantaged members of our community is the focus of this year's McCarthy Mentoring Not-for-Profit Executive Mentoring Scholarship recipient.

Winner Tom Hull is General Manager of The Funding Network (TFN), a unique live crowdfunding model that supports grassroots social impact organisations. Since its launch, TFN Australia has facilitated over \$8 million in funding and in-kind support for hundreds of organisations.

Now in its sixth year, the scholarship offers an exciting opportunity for a stand-out senior leader in the not for profit sector to work one-to-one with an experienced mentor. Recipients take part in McCarthy Mentoring's successful Executive Mentoring Program that is designed to accelerate learning, help progress their career and strengthen their capacity to affect change through their important work in the community.

This year's winner has been matched with the CEO of the Future Generation companies and experienced philanthropy advisor, Louise Walsh. Louise has been the Director of Artsupport Australia, CEO of Philanthropy Australia and is currently a board member of St Vincent's Curran Foundation, the City Recital Hall in Sydney and the Snow Foundation.

McCarthy Mentoring's Executive Director, Sophie McCarthy said that it was important to offer the scholarship to leaders and change agents in the sector who may have limited funding for formal professional development programs.

"We know our mentoring programs make a difference in building leadership capability and managing tough challenges across all sectors. Common themes for discussion in the NFP sector include managing high demands with limited resources, building sustainable funding, improving leadership skills, communicating effectively with boards and having someone to discuss the stresses in leading a successful not for profit," she said.

"We're delighted to offer the scholarship to Tom Hull and connect him to Louise Walsh who is a such an experienced advisor in this space. As mentor, Louise will act as a confidential sounding board to test ideas, share insights and stretch Tom to grow and strengthen as a leader."

"I am honoured and grateful to be given this development opportunity" said Tom Hull. "We've already had a couple of sessions and it's hugely stimulating to learn from someone like Louise, who has such deep sector knowledge but also very broad experience. It's encouraging me to reflect on how I can be most effective in my work and how to strengthen my ability to influence change at a broader level."

This is the 6th year the scholarship has been offered with outstanding results:

2017 winner – Tatiana Isaacs, Fundraising and Communications Director, The Shepherd Centre was mentored by NIDA Chair, Jenny Bott AO and said the experience was game changing for her personally and professionally.

2016 winner – Sarah Coker, Director of Programs for national mental health charity SANE Australia was mentored by Gippsland Water Chair, Therese Ryan. Sarah leads four of SANE’s programs as part of its support, advocacy, research, and public education role for complex mental health issues.

2015 winner - Suzanne Connolly-Andrews, CEO Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services in Yarrabah, Northern Queensland was mentored by SANE Chair, Marg O’Donnell AO. The service has seen significant improvements in the health of the community such as 87% immunisation rate and has succeeded in meeting and exceeding national health targets as it embeds the new model.

2014 winner - Brett Macdonald, CEO and Co-Founder for national charity, Dry July Foundation and CEO of Clear Heads International. He was mentored by non-executive director and past CEO and Chair of George Patterson Bates, Ian Elliott. Brett has been instrumental in Dry July’s year-on-year success and growth. It has collectively raised more than \$15 million, helping support 37 cancer services across Australia and NZ.

2013 winner - Karen Bevan received the scholarship for her work in advocacy for disadvantaged children and families at UnitingCare. She was mentored by Commissioner, Richard Spencer. Since then she has lead the submissions team on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and has been CEO of Playgroups NSW and Girl Guides Australia.

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