

# City of Mandurah \$5,000 Aspire Convention Scholarship



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Investing in our community to stretch imaginations, broaden networks and ultimately grow aspirations is a key catalyst for ensuring our best days are ahead of us. The City of Mandurah Convention Scholarship is an opportunity for us to support a community champion in finding new ways to make a difference in our community. We are proud to be working alongside the Perth Convention Bureau in offering a \$5000 contribution towards an individual from one of our local not-for-profit organisations to broaden their skills and enhance their capacity to contribute to growing a stronger community here in Mandurah. On behalf of Council, I'm really so proud that we're able to offer this opportunity, and wish all those applying all the best in their endeavours.

## What is the City of Mandurah Convention Scholarship?

The 2019 City of Mandurah Scholarship is a \$5,000 grant awarded annually to an individual representing a not-for-profit association, in the Peel Region, to assist in their personal and professional development through attendance at a relevant national or international conference.

## How do I apply?

Please see reverse for submission details.

## What can the \$5,000 be used for?

The award covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to a maximum value of \$5,000. In the event that the successful applicant's organisation is not currently a member of their national or international body, the \$5,000 scholarship can contribute to the cost of their joining fee.

## Who funds the scholarship?

The scholarship is proudly funded by Perth Convention Bureau (PCB) under its Aspire Program. PCB is responsible for marketing Western Australia both nationally and internationally as a conference destination. In fulfilling this role PCB assists individuals and organisations to bring their national and international conferences to the State. The program aims to raise the profile of individuals and their professional organisations, showcasing the ground breaking research and development being undertaken in our State and ultimately resulting in conferences being secured for the State, delivering economic benefit to the wider community.

## How to enter your submission

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, your current employment and associations you belong to (**maximum 200 words**).
2. Tell us about your national/international organisation or association, your current role and length of time within the organisation or association and any achievement highlights (**maximum 250 words**).
3. Tell us about Australian leaders in your field of expertise or preferably, Western Australian leaders in the field (**maximum 250 words**).
4. Detail how you would use the \$5,000 funding if awarded the scholarship and highlight how you and your organisation would benefit. Identify a potential conference to be held in Western Australia (**maximum 500 words**).
5. Submit your application to [aspire@pcb.com.au](mailto:aspire@pcb.com.au) (**deadline 29 March 2019**).
6. Interview. Short-listed applicants will be required to discuss their application with the judging panel (**20 minute interview**).

## How your application is assessed

Applicants will be assessed against the selection criteria.

A panel comprising a representative from the City of Mandurah and PCB will undertake the judging. A shortlist of finalists will be required to attend a 20 minute interview. The successful applicant will be announced in May 2018.

### Am I eligible to apply?

Entry is open to all not-for-profit incorporated association members in the mining and resources, health, education, science and technology, business, environment and heritage, retail, and arts and culture industries. Employees and elected members of City of Mandurah are eligible to apply.

### Conditions

The judging panel's decision is final. Applicants may request feedback on their performance after the winner has been announced. The winner will be required to produce receipts for expenditure incurred while attending their nominated conference. Recipients are required to agree to be included in publicity and future collateral for promotion of the PCB Aspire Award.

### Application Deadline - 29 March 2019

## Scholarship Winner



### Esther Irvine

I feel honoured and privileged to have been awarded the 2018 City of Mandurah Aspire Scholarship. I am studying Cert IV in Community Services at The Esther Foundation; a not-for-profit organisation that helps young women in need.

Substance abuse is an ongoing issue that affects us all in some way. This is an awesome opportunity where I plan to go to the "evolution of addiction" conference in LA in January 2019.

This annual conference covers a broad range of topics including; prevention, treatment, systematic responses, mental health and harm reduction in relation to all types of addiction.

I hope to learn from current research, practised methods on prevention, solutions to key problems regarding alcohol and drug abuse. An issue that is affecting us as a community. The benefits will not only be directly for the Esther Foundation but also for my hometown, Mandurah.

I will be networking with key speakers and the organisers of the event in hopes create a similar event here in WA.

I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to build my skills, expand my knowledge in this field and in return give back to the community.

Take the next step and apply.  
Who knows where it could take you.

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A wide range of assistance and advice is available to help you apply for this Professional Development Award. Contact Nicolle Davey (Executive Director Stakeholder Relations - Perth Convention Bureau). Nicolle is available to guide you through the application process and answer any questions.

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