



## Nicolette Rubinsztein receives Order of Australia for service to business

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The Actuaries Institute congratulates actuary Nicolette Rubinsztein who has been made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to business, particularly the finance and commerce sectors.

The award recognises Ms Rubinsztein's leadership, particularly in superannuation and retirement policy and advocacy, and for social issues including gender equality and climate change. She is a prominent advocate for women in STEM and female leaders in the business community.

Ms Rubinsztein was President of the Actuaries Institute in 2019 and a member of the governing Council for five years. Her Presidential theme "Gender Diversity in the Actuarial Profession" focused on the importance of improving STEM outcomes for female school students given that 75% of future careers will require STEM skills. Other notable contributions include her participation in the Institute's Retirement Incomes Working Group and Public Policy Council Committee.

Ms Rubinsztein said: "Much of my career and passion has centred around enhancing retirement strategies for Australians while also addressing crucial issues such as equality and climate change. I am humbled to have made a difference to these important issues and receive this recognition for it."

As a mum of three Ms Rubinsztein has been a strong advocate for improving the lot of working mothers. In her book, *Not Guilty – 7 Strategies for Successful Career Mums*, she shared her tips on how women can apply business strategies to ensure they have fulfilling careers and family lives. In 2014, Ms Rubinsztein was recognised as one of Australia's most powerful part-time workers by Women's Agenda for her influential role in advancing diversity in finance and beyond.

Actuaries Institute CEO Elayne Grace said: "We are proud to have such a well-respected actuary recognised. Nicolette's unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and relentless pursuit of positive change make her an exceptional professional and a role model for us all."

Renowned for her expertise in strategy, marketing and product development, Ms Rubinsztein is a non-executive director on several boards including UniSuper, Zurich Australia, CBHS Health Fund, and Greenpeace Australia Pacific.

During her career, she has received prestigious awards such as an ASFA Lifetime Membership, an ASFA Distinguished Service Award, and the inaugural Financial Services Council Industry Excellence Award, all in honour of her exceptional work in superannuation policy.

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