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## AIST acknowledges Women in Super's advocacy role on its 25th anniversary.

The **Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST)** has today congratulated **Women in Super (WIS)** on reaching its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The women's networking and advocacy organisation – of which AIST is a founding member - began as a breakfast event at AIST's Conference of Major Superannuation Funds (CMSF) in 1994 to provide networking opportunities for women working in Australia's \$2.7 trillion super sector.

The organisation now has more than 3000 members, having grown into a key advocacy body focusing on addressing the gender gap in retirement savings.

AIST CEO Eva Scheerlinck acknowledged the hard work, dedication and achievements of all who have been involved with WIS over the last 25 years.

"From its humble beginnings as a women's networking breakfast, WIS is now a force to be reckoned with. Your members right around the country, myself and all the female staff at AIST included, salute your strong advocacy, your commitment to improving opportunities for women in our industry and the great support you provide for our continued professional development, education and networking," Ms Scheerlinck said.

Central to WIS' mission to improve retirement outcomes for women is its Make Super Fair campaign, which involves five proposed reforms, including an annual super boost for qualifying low income earners.

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