

ADM awards \$60,000 to Christian women

\$60,000 in funding awarded to women at ADM's Annual Funding Event

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Anglican Deaconess Ministries (ADM) has awarded \$60,000 in funding to support projects by Christian women at its second Annual Funding Event on 20 September 2017, held at ADM in Sydney.

At the event 18 finalists pitched their ideas to a judging panel and guests, across four project categories: Ministry & Mission, Mercy & Justice, Mental Health & Pastoral Care and Arts & Culture.

The projects ranged from those supporting people living with disability, trafficked women and at-risk mothers, to gospel music ministry.

"The calibre of projects this year was outstanding," said CEO of ADM, Dr Kate Harrison Brennan.

"Each finalist shared an innovative, well-structured and deeply thoughtful initiative, that has enormous potential to impact upon our society, our culture and the Church."

She continued: "The day was a celebration of Christian women and how they are using their God-given gifts to re-imagine the ways in which we connect with the community, address social problems and nurture faith."

At the conclusion of the event, the following awards were presented:

First place, overall, with a prize of \$25,000:

Dr Megan Best and Erica Yi for Empowering Ethics - providing research to equip the Church on emerging bioethical issues, including euthanasia, mental health, surrogacy, 'designer babies', etc.

First place in the Mission & Ministry category, with a prize of \$10,000:

Lisa Bateup for [CultureConnect](#) - a ministry of Interserve Australia, which aims to mobilise Australian Christians to reach out to their neighbours from Asia and the Arab world.

First place in the Mercy & Justice category, with a prize of \$10,000:

Penny Atwells for [lysha Inc](#) - providing sustainable, scalable and restorative supported accommodation in Christian households for women who have survived human trafficking.

First place in the Arts & Culture category, with a prize of \$10,000:

Olivia Chapman, Emu Youth (part of [Emu Music](#) Australia Inc) - equipping and encouraging young people with the good news of the gospel through song.

People's Choice Award, with a prize of \$5,000:

Jemma Nicoll, [KidsPace Code](#) - engaging with government, the education sector and the Arts, to bring solutions to the premature sexualisation, mental health and protection of children in dance education.

For further information, visit deaconessministries.org.au/annualfundingevent/

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