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Four of Australia's most promising public servants win Harvard scholarships

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The Harvard Club of Australia has announced the following recipients of the 2017/18 Sir James Wolfensohn Public Service Scholarship:

- Caroline Edwards, Deputy Secretary, Commonwealth Health and Aged Care, Department of Human Services
- Michael Outram, Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Kym Peake, Secretary, Victorian Department of Health and Human Services
- Selwyn Button, Assistant Director-General, State Schools – Indigenous Education, Queensland Department of Education and Training

The scholarships will allow Ms Edwards, Mr Outram, Ms Peake and Mr Button to undertake an executive education program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2017 or 2018.

With the support of the former chairman of the World Bank, Sir James Wolfensohn, the Harvard Club of Australia established the Wolfensohn Scholarship in 2012 to promote the development and delivery of good public policy. Each of the candidates was chosen on the basis of their potential to contribute to the benefit of Australian society.

The four recipients were chosen from a wide field of candidates, all nominated by a Commonwealth, state or territory department or agency head. A shortlist of candidates was interviewed by a panel of Harvard University alumni comprising Luke Woodward (Gilbert + Tobin), Nick Whitlam (Port Authority of NSW), Zeke Solomon (Allens) and Peter Thompson (the Australia and New Zealand School of Government).

In 2017/18 the scholarship has been generously supported by Sir James Wolfensohn, and other donors including Zeke Solomon, Luke Woodward, Lisa George and members of the HCA Queensland Chapter also contributed support for the scholarship to the Queensland recipient, Mr Button. Mr Button has also received a further scholarship from the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation which has allowed him to undertake an additional executive education program at the Kennedy School.

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