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Flying scholarships help women get their wings

Four women passionate about pursuing a career in aviation are closer to that dream through financial support from Airservices Australia.

The four women pilots have won Airservices-sponsored Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) flight training scholarships valued at \$8000. The winners were announced at the AWPA National Conference Presentation Dinner in Launceston, Tasmania on 25 April.

The scholarships offer flight training opportunities by assisting the women with the costs of gaining proficiency at any level of flying, from the early stages of training through to a Commercial Pilots License.

Airservices Executive General Manager, Corporate and Industry Affairs, Mairi Barton congratulated the winners and encouraged them to continue to pursue a future career in aviation.

"Previous winners of these scholarships have gone on to accept flying positions in the industry after successfully achieving a commercial pilot license," Ms Barton said.

"We're proud to support the work of the AWPA as they help women learn to fly and we look forward to watching these women make their flying dreams a reality.

"Airservices is committed to supporting diversity within the workplace and promoting opportunities for women in aviation – these scholarships enable us to help women make an active contribution to the industry."

Recipients of the 2015 AWPA and Airservices Flight Training Scholarships are:

- Brooke Walsh, **Somerville, VIC**. Flight training at Peninsula Aero Club, Tyabb.
- Vanessa Whan, **Rutherford, NSW**. Flight training at Royal Newcastle Aero Club.
- Lucy Simkin, **Mooroopna, VIC**. Flight training at Secure Air Flight Training, Shepparton.
- Amelia Morton, **Bourkelands, NSW**. Flight training at Wagga Air Centre, Wagga Wagga.

The scholarship recipients were chosen from a field of applicants who had demonstrated an aptitude for flying, were a member of AWPA and were at least 15 years of age.

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