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Marie Coleman has been announced as a winner in The Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards for 2014.

Marie has been recognised in the Diversity category for her contribution as Chair of the Social Policy Committee of the National Foundation for Australian Women (NFAW).

"I am delighted that two NFAW members - Georgie Somerset and myself - are represented among the finalists this year, this recognises the quality of the NFAW input to the community and to the public policy debate. NFAW, with its partners in the women's sector, continues to argue the case for business and Government actions to reduce the gender wage gap - which has increased rather than decreased in recent times".

Now in its third year, the 100 Women of Influence Awards celebrate outstanding women from a wide variety of sectors across Australia. There are ten categories: Board/Management, Public Policy, Young Leader, Social Enterprise and Not-for-profit, Philanthropy, Global Influence, Innovation, Local/Regional Community, Diversity and Business Enterprise. Entrants into the awards were assessed by a panel of esteemed judges and have been recognised based on their outstanding ability to demonstrate vision, leadership, innovation and action in and beyond their fields.

Gail Kelly, Westpac Group Chief Executive Officer said, "The breadth and calibre of our 100 Women of Influence for 2014 is remarkable.

"It is such a privilege to be able to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions these women are making to Australia. The 2014 winners will join the now 300 strong, prestigious alumni of these awards.

"With over 40% of leadership roles at Westpac filled by females, I am fortunate to be surrounded by inspirational women every day. We are blessed to have such great numbers of influential women doing incredible things in many industries and organisations right across Australia.

Fairfax Media CEO Greg Hywood said: "This year's 100 Women of Influence join a growing movement that is changing our society for the better in a myriad of ways. Thanks and congratulations to everyone for the contribution they are making.

"Many of this year's finalists were nominated by men. It's a powerful development to see men wholeheartedly supporting women across all the categories. In order to move the dial, more men need to step up and take an active interest, alongside women, in addressing gender equality."

On Wednesday 22 October, a gala event will be held at Sydney's Town Hall to celebrate these women and the significant impact that each has made within their chosen field. The ten category winners and overall winner for the year will also be announced on the evening.

For further information please visit: [www.100womenofinfluence.com.au](http://www.100womenofinfluence.com.au).

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