

ENTERPRISING WOMEN

share success stories

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LEFT: Air Vice-Marshall Margaret Staib, Commander Joint Logistics Australian Defence Force, encourages women to 'seek support and seize opportunities'.

CENTRE: Award-winning Canberra business woman Louise Curtis will share her experiences at the Women Chiefs of Enterprises International conference in Canberra this month.

RIGHT: Justine Back, owner of Back to Back Financial Planners, is one of several women from the Canberra region who will take a leading role at the WCEI conference.

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Do you know a child care or family day care educator who demonstrates passion and commitment in their work? Is there someone working with children and families who goes the extra mile? Do you know a volunteer who gives up their time to support the well being of children?

Why not celebrate their efforts and nominate them for an Award?

The ACT Children's Services Awards celebrate the hard work, professionalism and commitment of those working in the children's services sector in the ACT.

Go to www.actpsc.com.au for a nomination form and further information on the Awards night to be held on Friday 29 October 2010.

Fifteen women who have made it in their field will be converging on Parliament House this month to inspire and to share their success stories with hundreds of delegates.

The Women Chiefs of Enterprises International's annual conference has gathered an impressive line-up of enterprising women to speak at Parliament House on 16-17 September.

Among the group will be Louise Curtis, founder of internet gift business Lollypotz; Air Vice-Marshall Margaret Staib, Commander Joint Logistics Australian Defence Force; and Justine Back, owner of Back to Back Financial Planners, which is based in Young and has offices in Canberra.

Justine will be moderator of Forum One, while Louise will be keynote speaker, discussing her story of success.

'I'm honoured, as a local woman, to be involved with the calibre of women who are also

speaking,' Louise said.

'I'll be speaking about the growth of my business from home to international expansion and I'll be talking about the franchising sector as well and how I used that to expand my business.'

Louise said she will also offer advice to enterprising women based on her own experience.

'Work when you can, not when you should. You can mix business and family life.'

Air Vice-Marshall Margaret Staib agreed.

'Seek support and seize opportunities,' she said.

'You'd be surprised at what comes your way.'

Other locally-based speakers at the WCEI conference will include CSIRO's Dr Cath Foley and ACT Senator Kate Lundy.

Well-known Canberra business woman, Ondina Gregoric, has recently taken over the role of national president of WCEI.