

FOR LEADING FEMINIST CHANGES
IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

A LEADERSHIP AWARD

Chris Ronalds played a pivotal role in the creation of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* and the *Affirmative Action Act 1986*, which have transformed the rights and lives of Australian women.

She is active on behalf of Indigenous women, and was instrumental in establishing the Indigenous Barristers' Trust – THE MUM SHIRL FUND – which provides financial assistance to Indigenous barristers, lawyers and law students.

The report of her review of sexual harassment and sex discrimination in the NSW Police Force was released in 2007, and its recommendations were adopted by all Australian police forces.

She has tirelessly and relentlessly sought to break down the barriers for women in the workplace and in community, through her professional work, and her community *pro bono* activities.

Through her publications, particularly in anti-discrimination, her committee membership, her mentoring and her work as a Senior Counsel, Chris Ronalds has proved an outstanding feminist leader in the legal profession.



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