

Avis 2018 Scholarship winner gala

NOW in its 22nd year, Avis Budget Group hosted the Avis Scholarship Awards evening last Tue at the Park Hyatt Sydney, where Jo Patton from TravelManagers in NSW's Ulladulla was announced as the 2018 winner.

"We'd like to offer another huge congratulations to Jo, and a very big thank you to all those across the Pacific that applied, as well as thank our major sponsor Qantas for their support," said Avis Budget Group Managing Director Tom Mooney.

"There were many brilliant entries and we've been thrilled to read through so many applications illustrating some fantastic contributions to the industry," he said.

"We look forward to continuing to develop our unique program, and to further encourage and develop excellence and innovation in driving outstanding customer journeys."

The Scholarship is valued at over \$40,000, and will provide Patton with international travel to Singapore to attend the 2019 WIT Conference, professional guidance and access to education and training opportunities with organisations such as the Cruise Lines International Association Australasia.

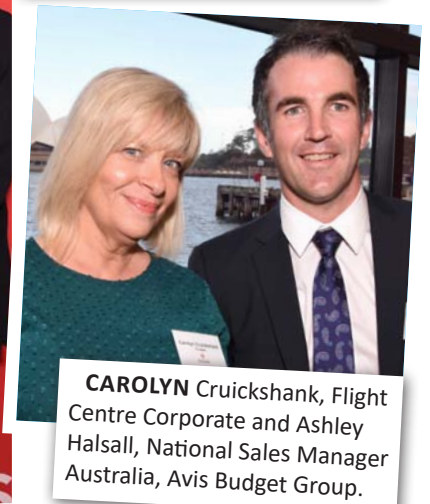
Patton started with TravelManagers just under two years ago and impressed the judges with her combination of travel and craft to create "Crafty Adventures", a service specialising in cruises and tours with a crafty focus.



ROBYN Sinfield, the 1997 inaugural Scholarship winner from Home Travel Company, with Barry Mayo, House of Travel.



TOM Mooney, Managing Director of Avis Budget Group Pacific with the four Scholarship finalists; Cei Creighton, Mobile Travel Agents; Carolyn Cruickshank, Flight Centre Corporate; Krystle Tse, Traveledge; and Jo Patton, TravelManagers; also with Ian Jones, Commercial Director of Avis Budget Pacific.



CAROLYN Cruickshank, Flight Centre Corporate and Ashley Halsall, National Sales Manager Australia, Avis Budget Group.



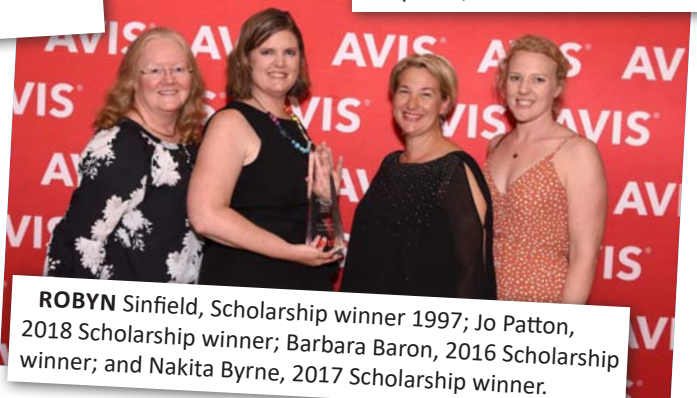
CAROLYN Cruickshank, Flight Centre Corporate; Ashley Halsall, National Sales Manager Australia, Avis Budget Group; and Ian Jones, Commercial Director of Avis Budget Pacific.



IAN Jones, Commercial Director of Avis Budget Pacific and Trish Shepherd, Ensemble Travel.



JO PATTON, 2018 scholarship winner; and Svet Momirovska, Manager Travel Sales - Pacific at Avis Budget Group Australia.



ROBYN Sinfield, Scholarship winner 1997; Jo Patton, 2018 Scholarship winner; Barbara Baron, 2016 Scholarship winner; and Nakita Byrne, 2017 Scholarship winner.