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**At St Margaret's 1977-1981**

Rhyll Gardner is an accomplished and successful leader in corporate Australia. She is currently a non-executive director of start-ups, listed companies and not-for-profits in the areas of finance, education and social impact. She spent most of her 30 year executive career in financial services and has amassed numerous achievements across start-up enterprises, turning around problem businesses and building brands. Most recently she was CEO and Managing Director of Foresters Group, a finance and investment company.

After completing commerce and economic degrees at The University of Queensland, Rhyll worked for St George Bank for 20 years, growing to undertake numerous executive general management and leadership roles across distribution, marketing, risk and strategy, including running the Queensland operations for St George between 2005 and 2009. She was also Head of

Strategy and M&A for Bank of Queensland between 2012 and 2015 and was responsible for their \$440m acquisition in 2014.

Rhyll completed a Master of Applied Finance at Macquarie University in 1996 and an Executive MBA at INSEAD in 2011. She was awarded the Finsia Prize for Excellence in Financial Services in 2008 and was a finalist in the Telstra Businesswomen Awards in 2006.

Always a keen supporter of the arts and education, Rhyll has served on the Council of St Margaret's, the Development Committee of the Australian Chamber Orchestra and as a director on the boards of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Expressions Dance Company. As an advocate for diversity and inclusion in corporate Australia, she has always sought to support other women in business through encouragement, mentoring and sponsorship.