

Associate Professor Leila Cuttle - Life Sciences Research Award



A/Prof Cuttle is head of the burns and trauma laboratory at the Centre for Children's Health Research in Brisbane and an NHMRC CDF Research Fellow who is conducting world-leading research to provide better treatment and health outcomes for children with burn injuries. Her work has changed policy and clinical practice internationally (Australia, New Zealand and the UK) for burn first aid treatment. She has also led translational research for: the rigorous assessment of novel wound healing therapies, strategies to reduce pain/anxiety for distressing medical procedures, and developing evidenced-based guidelines for burn prevention legislation. Her research is nationally and internationally competitive and her publications (career total of 64 papers, 42% as first or last author) are highly cited (H-index=23). In the last 5 years she has obtained over \$1million in grant funding (34% is Category 1). She is passionate about supporting and developing the next generation of scientists and researchers and has supervised research students from clinical, laboratory and public health backgrounds to deliver their own translational improvements to health care and policy. She engages widely, with: clinicians, health professionals, patients, students and the community and frequently provides expert advice to organisations, the media, and to the public.

South Brisbane

Super Retail Group - Employer of Choice Award Corporate

Super Retail Group



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Lawnton

Rebecca McIntosh - ICT Professional Award



On completion of Rebecca's Bachelor of Business majoring in Communications and a Master of Arts in Digital Media she was employed as manager of state-wide marketing incorporating both mainstream and Indigenous services at a not for profit disability and health advisory service. As part of her role she developed Indigenous health worker training materials and a website in consultation with health workers and the Indigenous Liaison Officer. Rebecca was involved in supporting an innovative health project which informed the development of a joint paper she presented at the World Health Promotion and Education Conference in Paris in 2001. Rebecca moved to Scotland to coordinate an innovative National Scottish Executive initiative for young people across a local authority area. She was responsible for establishing a youth brand, local structures to enable young people to be represented and have a voice as well as delivering a new 'smart card'. As International Manager of Eurodesk UK, a European Commission funded initiative Rebecca managed the UK's intranet with partners across the country and represented the UK on the European executive committee. Rebecca subsequently returned to Australia and spent 8 years as a Career Advisor at the University of Queensland. During maternity leave with her second baby she was accepted into the ilab Accelerator's Germinate program to build a childcare waitlisting app called Daycare Decisions and received the Brisbane City Council Budding Entrepreneur Award. Rebecca utilized her knowledge of both startups and career development to host training sessions for Career Advisors in collaboration with startups as well as building a series of tools to support young people adopt a 'lean' approach to a career strategy which has been presented at the WiT Stem Ed Day in 2015 and the National Association of Graduate Career Advisory Services Annual Conference. As ilab UQ moved into the University of Queensland Rebecca was appointed Community Manager to manage the accelerator program, build a brand for the accelerator within UQ and continue engagement with ilab's external startup network. Rebecca introduced an intern program connecting over 75 startups with 200 UQ students to date and provided training sessions at FireStation 101 and the Precinct in collaboration with the Office of the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur to support startups recruit and hire university interns. Rebecca has recently launched a website and podcast called Pop Perceptions to highlight people not represented in careers across age, ability, ethnicity and gender. She has an unwavering passion to assist young people in accessing opportunities in startups and organisations that can foster the development of an entrepreneurial skill set to prepare them for the future of work.

Yeronga

Dr Sue Keay - ICT Outstanding Achievement Award



Recognised as Superstar of STEM by Science & Technology Australia, Sue is a trained scientist with highly developed business skills, who runs the world's first robotic vision research centre. She has been working across sectors to identify how Australia can build a successful robotics industry, publishing Australia's first Robotics Roadmap this year. With a PhD in Earth Sciences, Sue escaped the lab to move into research management and commercialisation where she has demonstrated national leadership, directing and ensuring impact from multidisciplinary R&D programs spanning engineering, physical and social sciences. She is completing her MBA with UQ Business School, working with the Wharton Business School (UPenn) on an international consulting project in public cloud adoption and cybersecurity. With interests in entrepreneurship and disruptive technologies, she judges for the James Dyson Awards and the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes. A graduate of the Australian Institute of

Company Directors, Sue serves on the Board of the CRC for Optimising Resource Extraction and the Advisory Board of Brisbane.AI. She acts as a role model for women in ICT through numerous speaking engagements, as a Superstar of STEM, esteemed IMNIS mentor and is working with the AnitaB.org foundation to bring the Grace Hopper Celebration to Australia.

Fig Tree Pocket

Simone Joyce – Entrepreneurial Startup Award



I have operated at many ends of the digital industry and corporate spectrum - from locally and internationally seed-funded startup founder in Brisbane and Dubai, to Operations Manager of an Australian Franchise, to Chief Strategy Officer of a cross-border digital payments company. Through my consultancy partnership, I have had the privilege of providing advice on digital business growth, commercial model and structure to a range of large enterprise and SME clients. An accomplished business leader and public speaker, in 2014 I was recognized as a finalist in the national Rexona Business

Women's Forum, have been awarded the Rivercity Labs CUA sponsored entrepreneur program in 2015 and been accepted into UQ's germinate program and Dubai's Turn8 Accelerator program. I am currently co-founder and managing director of a digital payments company poised to bring payment solutions to the auto industry and attack problems endemic to the direct debit industry. I very much enjoy to advising and mentoring other nascent business leaders.

Ashgrove (same Electorate as Kate Jones)

Dr Roisin McMahon – LS Rising Star Award



Dr Roisin McMahon is a scientist, feminist and lover of sparkly shoes. A biochemist and Early Career Research Leader at the Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery, Roisin's research passion is investigating new antimicrobial drug targets and identifying chemicals to block their activity. Antibiotic resistance is a growing health crisis, undermining our ability to do routine medical procedures like hip replacements and Caesarean sections, and threatening a return to death from common infections. Roisin's

research seeks to disrupt the ability of bacteria to assemble the weapons that they need to cause disease. Roisin is a versatile science communicator and committed to championing better equity and diversity in STEM. As a result, she was selected as a 2017 Science & Technology Australia Superstar of STEM. She enjoys building and supporting diverse and connected communities of scientists via roles as Deputy Chair of the Australian Academy of Science's Early and Mid-Career Researcher Forum Executive, convenor of the Brisbane node of the STEMMinist Book Club and as an organiser for the medical focused hackathon HealthHack. Reflecting her keen interest in the intersection between research and policy, Roisin has recently been awarded an Australian Science Policy Fellowship in the Australian Government Department of Health.

West End

Peta Ellis - ICT Outstanding Achievement Award



Peta Ellis is the CEO of River City Labs (RCL) in Brisbane and one of the country's most renowned startup ecosystem connectors. As an anchor tenant in the 5000 sqm Precinct in Fortitude Valley's historic TCB Building, Peta has led the growth of RCL as a key enabler of innovation and entrepreneurialism in Queensland. With one-fifth of Australia's startups now based in Queensland (15.4% in Brisbane and 5.6% in other Queensland locations), it is now the country's second most popular location for innovative businesses. Much of this burgeoning industry's growth can be attributed to Peta's tireless work to grow and scale RCL into a center of excellence that links metropolitan and regional startups with the government, corporate and investor community. Today, RCL hosts 200 events annually and hosts more than 150 entrepreneur members has worked with more than 500 alumni tech startup founders. Outside of her CEO duties, Peta volunteers her time to raise the profile and visibility of the Queensland startup ecosystem through mentoring, speaking engagements, and event facilitation. She is a strong advocate of female founders and parent-friendly workspaces, and recently co-founded Peak Performance Persona, a 30-day online program that supports and optimizes the peak mental performance and transitional journeys of founders.

Dilhara Sivalingam - ICT Professional Award



Dilhara Sivalingam is the Contract Manager for Optus Networks, Queensland. She was the lead negotiator and Contract Manager for the Commonwealth Games 2018, and earned the Optus Beyond Optus Award titled Create Connections in 2018, for negotiating and winning the rights for a second-tier telecom organisation to stage a Commonwealth Games for the first time in Games history, with the Commonwealth Games Federation. Dilhara also won the sole rights to provide public WIFI to spectators at all venues for the first time in Games history and won the right to broadcast, voice and data to over 1.5 billion people across 77 countries on one network, also for the first time in Games history. The GC2018 Games contract and technology is now the blueprint for all future Commonwealth Games and possibly all future Olympics. When she is not on graveyard shifts in front of her computer, Dilhara spends her time immersing herself in diversity initiatives at Optus, career coaching under privileged teenager in Queensland and teaches first generation migrant children to read and write English, so that they can pass primary school. Dilhara's next project is to write a memoir of her life across 3 continents and become a life coach.

Highgate Hill

Associate Professor Jyotsna Batra - Life Sciences Research Award



A/Prof Batra is an NHMRC Career Development Fellow and Group Leader at the Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre-Queensland, QUT. She has studied Biochemistry towards a Master's degree and obtained a PhD in Biotechnology working on the genetic complexity of the hereditary disorders. Dr Batra is leading a research group working on molecular genetics of prostate cancer. Her current research focus is to identify cancer risk-associated genetic variants and to understand their molecular consequences on cancer aetiology and progression. She aims to develop better biomarker to detect cancer early and to identify genetic biomarkers which can distinguish slow growing disease from very aggressive disease at an early stage,

so that better decision on therapeutic interventions can be made. A/Prof Batra has contributed to >120 research articles, including that in high impact journals such as Nature Genetics and Cancer Discovery. Dr Batra has received several poster and oral presentation awards for her research work including a recent Cure Cancer Australia Researcher of the Year award. She has also been a finalist for the prestigious ASMR Awards and Women in Technology (WiT) Rising Star Award. She is currently funded by NHMRC project grant, Cancer Australia PdCCRS Young Investigator and Cancer Council Queensland funding.

Moorooka

Associate Professor Chamindie Punyadeera - Life Sciences Research Award



A/Prof. Punyadeera has had a hybrid research career working in industry as well as in academia. She has worked at Philips Electronics in the Netherlands and has been instrumental in developing Philips Mini-care I-20 for cardiac disease detection. She has also contributed to the development of an integrated platform to detect nucleic acids (Idylla™) platform commercialised by Biocartis NV (Belgium). She is a globally acknowledged pioneer in salivary diagnostics. She is a consultant to Oasis Diagnostics®, USA and FLUIDS iQ™, Montreal, Canada. She has delivered plenary, keynote lecturers, and currently serve on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Oral Oncology. She leads a world-class saliva research laboratory at QUT, 12 researchers focusing on developing novel non-invasive diagnostic tools to detect heart disease and head and neck cancers early, linking oral health to systemic diseases. She is the convenor of the inaugural saliva conference in Australasia in 2016 and currently organising the second conference. She has >80 publications, 4 invited book chapters, cited 2533 times. She has also produced 15 PCT applications and has licensed salivary test for oral cancer to MDxHealth (USA). Her team is also develops prognostic assays to identify patients likely to develop recurrences using circulating tumour cells. She has partnered with Clearbridge Biomedics in translating this prognostic assay into clinical practice.

Moggill

Dr Tanya Smith - Life Sciences Research Award



Dr. Tanya Smith is an Associate Professor in the Australian Research Centre for Human Evolution at Griffith University. She has previously held a professorship at Harvard University and fellowships at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Associate Professor Smith explores the evolution and development of the human dentition. Teeth preserve remarkably faithful records of daily growth and infant diet - as well as stress experienced during birth - for millions of years. Her research has helped to identify the origins of a fundamental human adaptation: the costly yet advantageous shift from a “live fast and die young” strategy to the “live slow and grow old” strategy that has helped to

make us one of the most successful mammals on the planet. Associate Professor Smith's multidisciplinary research has been funded by the US National Science Foundation and published in *Nature* and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*. It has been highlighted in the *New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Nature*, *Science*, *Smithsonian*, and *Discovery* magazines, as well as through American, Australian, British, Canadian, French, and German broadcast media.

West End

From Applicant: Should there be any wiggle room on the PR I know my publisher would be *delighted* if you could mention my forthcoming MIT Press popular science book, *The Tales Teeth Tell* (details here, including a short video: <http://www.dranyamsmith.com/book/>). We're planning a public book launch event in November but the date has yet to be announced. Also I'm being featured in the Q&A spot in *The Weekend Australian Magazine* on September 8th.

MaxwellPlus – Small Business Employer of Choice Award



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Maxwell Plus is a Brisbane Startup applying artificial intelligence (AI) to the analysis of medical data. We look at medical imaging, blood and genomics to help find early signs of breast, prostate and lung cancer as well as neurodegenerative disease. Our AI assists clinicians in analysing their data and patients in understanding their health and making better decisions.

Katie Richards - Entrepreneurial Award Established



Katie Richards is an entrepreneur, educator, innovator and enabler. In 2013, Katie set about founding Virtual Legal, an Australian online law firm, now also in New Zealand and opening in the UK in December 2018. In August 2018, Katie will be launching the Law On Earth platform which is a world first public self service advice platform providing legal, financial, business and personal advice to customers for approximately 15% of the usual cost of engaging advisors. The platform has thousands of videos, ebooks and guides which are free for public use and the entire system is geotagged to ensure only the relevant laws are applied, correct advisors are suggested and documents are created for that customer's location. The AI chatbot (with voice recognition) then guides the customer through the platform using cognitive learning and mood sensing. Customers can set up companies, formally verify their ID using facial recognition technology and book a recorded 20 minute call with an advisor. The advisor writes notes to the customer during the call and this is encrypted so only the customer can open the advice which protects legal privilege and confidentiality. The customer answers questions in the platform to create the right document as the system creates the correct clauses for their situation and location, which the advisor can amend. The system uses the same algorithm of question answer to create the Human Guide which provide a simple explanation on each clause in the agreement. This means the 80% of the population who need business, property, wills and state planning or family law help, finally have access they can afford no matter where they live.

Newfarm

Griffith University - Employer of Choice Corporate Award



Griffith University was created to be a different kind of university—challenging conventions, responding to trends and pioneering solutions through innovative teaching and research. Its' high quality degrees are specifically designed to prepare students for the future, and are developed in consultation with industry, based on cutting-edge research, and taught by Australia's most awarded teachers. Since its beginning, Griffith has been deeply connected to the Asian region, environmentally aware, open to the community and industry focused. Always ahead of its time, Griffith introduced Australia's first degrees in a range of important areas, including modern Asian studies and environmental science. It is a recognised leader in online education, and has offered award-winning online programs for nearly 20 years. At

Griffith, students benefit from an extensive network of industry partners to gain the skills and confidence that employers want. Ranking in the top three percent of universities worldwide, Griffith offers degrees in: business and government; criminology and law; education; engineering and information technology; environment, planning and architecture; medicine; dentistry; paramedicine, nursing, midwifery and allied health; humanities and languages; music; science and aviation; and visual and creative arts. It hosts 50,000 students across five campuses in South East Queensland.

Mt Gravatt

Courtney Haley - ICT Young Achiever Award



I am 23 years old and graduated from Electrical Engineering at the end of 2017. In the final year of my university studies, I completed my undergraduate thesis in the area of machine learning, and this inspired me to pursue a career in Data Analytics. I am currently working as part of the Applications, Data and Analytics team at MOQdigital. The breadth of skills in this team has encouraged me to develop skills outside the initial realm of experience from my university studies, enabling me to deliver complete end-to-end data analytics solutions for a range of clients. I balance my Data Analyst role with competing at a high level in the sport of CrossFit. I have recently qualified to compete at the CrossFit Games in

Madison, WI in August (effectively the 'world championships' of CrossFit, at which the top 40 qualifying athletes worldwide are invited to compete). I also have a background in competitive gymnastics (having represented Australia) and have been heavily involved in both the gymnastics and CrossFit communities over the years as a coach, judge, and mentor to younger athletes.

Sherwood

Catherine Kim - Young Achiever Award



Many people have childhood aspirations of becoming a marine biologist and I feel very lucky to be living that dream. I attended a science and technology high school where I had early exposure to research trawling for ctenophores, or comb jellies, in the Chesapeake Bay. From there, I attended Cornell University and spent a field semester in Hawai'i where I did my first coral surveys. These field experiences ultimately led me to an internship at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration office in Honolulu. After graduation, I worked for Professor Drew Harvell managing a grant and working on several research projects. My big push

for graduate school was to go to the west coast and my arrival to Australia as a postgrad was serendipitous; however, the international experience has been richer in more ways than I ever could have imagined. I utilized all my previous experiences and forged new critical relationships in focusing my PhD thesis on the coral reefs of Timor-Leste. As a finishing PhD, I aim to continue working in Timor-Leste to have a positive impact on the conservation of coral reefs for the people who rely on them.

Jennifer Mulligan – Established Entrepreneurial Award



I was born in 1965 raised and educated in Brisbane. At age 15, Junior Certificate in hand I decided I knew enough and left home. In 1984 I flew to New York with a 1 way ticket, a contact for a nanny job and \$500. I loved it, thrived, stayed 6 years, completed my high school equivalency at night school in Chinatown, started a Textile Technology diploma at the Fashion Institute of Technology. By 1989, deciding I liked academia, I sat the Scholastic Aptitude Test with plans to move to Arizona and study Politics. In 1990 Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and the butterfly affect resulted in me back in Australia. I worked a series of jobs and started my BA in Humanities at Griffith University. In 1993 my daughter arrived and as a single Mum decided it was time to get 'serious'. In 1995, while working for Incitec, I was seconded onto a software project, 'spotted' as talent by the HSE Manager and assigned to the ICI Safety, Health & Environment (SHE) system project. In 1998, Santos who were implementing the same ICI system asked me to join them and lead the development of their SHE software system. I started to realise the power of technology in enabling systems to protect people and the planet. I was totally hooked. In 2001 I left Santos to become an independent software systems consultant. Within a few years I joined forces with developer extraordinaire Don Smy, established Systar Pty Ltd and embarked on what was to become a 14 year journey to develop our Corporate Social Responsibility platform, iSystain.

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Carla Wall – Small Business Employer of Choice Award



Construction Industry Solutions (COINS) provides enterprise software to the Australian construction industry specialising in commercial and civil construction, property development, service

management and plant and equipment management. COINS has provided business software and services for more than 30 years across the globe and 22 years in Australia. COINS Australia supports more than 1,500 users with some of the largest customers in civil engineering and property development such as Laing O'Rourke, Downer Engineering and Watpac. In the past year, the company has seen a 22 percent increase in new business and secured one of the largest ERP solution deals available in the Australian market, moving from a loss-making entity to a profitable, sustainable and viable business. Locally the team successfully led the design and development of the Business Planning and Forecasting module, from concept to completion, which is now a key solution component of the COINS global product offering.

Eight Mile Plains

Amanda Winslett - ICT Rising Star Award



Amanda Winslett is an ICT professional who is currently leading ICT portfolio management at the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Amanda has oversight of TMR's ICT portfolio that has an annual budget of \$50 million; provides strategic advice to the portfolio board; and leads a team of portfolio specialists. Amanda leads the implementation of consistent portfolio management practices, including governance frameworks, policies and procedures to promote successful delivery of ICT and ICT-enabled initiatives. Having completed her Bachelor of Business degree, Amanda initially entered TMR as a business support officer, where she progressed her career to the position of Executive Officer to the Chief Information Officer. Throughout five years in the Executive Officer role, she led a team of business professionals to deliver strategic outcomes for the Information Technology Branch. Last year, Amanda transitioned her

skills into the field of ICT portfolio management where she has implemented reform to maximise return on ICT investments. Amanda is a driven individual who thrives on continuous improvement and collaboration across multi-layer business areas. Amanda has become a trusted adviser to TMR's most senior executives and ICT professionals within the portfolio field.

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Karolina Pilarczyk - ICT Rising Star Award



Karolina is an experienced Scrum Master and Agile Coach. During seven intensive years of work in IT, Karolina has gained comprehensive experience in the entire software development cycle. She has worked as a Product Owner, Project Manager, and Scrum Master. This experience across these roles has to lead to her developing a deeper and broader experience and perspective of software and its development cycle. She has developed a common understanding of the needs and requirements of both technical staff and wider organizational stakeholders. Karolina understands that developing software engineering teams is about 'people over process' and her core focus is about helping

people within organizations understand important life skills, such as:

- Creative and critical thinking;
- Effective communication;
- Agility using Scrum and Kanban;
- Software development concepts;
- Lean Business.

Over the past five years, Karolina has undertaken and completed specialized technology training, including:

- Scaled Professional Scrum;
- Professional Scrum Master;
- Agile Project Management;
- Professional Scrum Product Owner.

She is an energized individual who really enjoys going to work every day primarily because of the challenging opportunities and the people that she works with. She has the ability to consistently 'think outside the box', while at the same time following through with her ideas in a practical manner to ensure that optimizing organization bottom line is always her main focus. Always learning! - is her Motto!. In her private life, she is a mother of 7-year-old son, Teodor. In her free time, she loves flying - is a private pilot and loves ultra running trials.

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Dr Laura Bray – LS Rising Star Award



Dr Laura Bray is a research fellow and Deputy Director of the Centre in Regenerative Medicine at QUT. She graduated with first class honours in Biomedical Science followed by a PhD at QUT. At the end of 2012, Dr Bray was awarded the inaugural Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Postdoctoral Award (awarded to only one woman in Australia), which she accepted and joined the group of Professor Carsten Werner at the Leibniz Institute for Polymer Research in Dresden, Germany. After 3 years working in Dresden, from 2013-2016, Dr Bray received a National Breast Cancer Foundation Postdoctoral

Fellowship and a Cure Cancer Australia project grant and moved her research to the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation at the Queensland University of Technology in Australia in March 2016. Through the use of state of the art matrix engineering techniques, her work has led to a number of significant advances in knowledge in the area of 3D tissue engineering and culture techniques. Her work has helped to clarify the potential role of the matrix environment in 3D cell cultivation and has provided new insights into mimicking the natural tissue environment in vitro.

Dr Linda Gallo – LS Rising Star Award



Dr Linda Gallo - NHMRC/Heart Foundation Early Career Fellow, Mater Research, The University of Queensland. I completed my PhD in 2013 at the Department of Physiology, The University of Melbourne on prenatal factors that program high blood pressure and kidney disease in adulthood. In 2013, I was awarded a Heart Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship to relocate to Brisbane to work at Mater Research and study new therapies for kidney disease in diabetes. In 2015, I was awarded another Heart Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship as well as the prestigious NHMRC Peter Doherty Fellowship. In 2016, I accepted a joint position between Mater Research and School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Queensland to establish my research program in complications associated with diabetes. This includes supervision of Honours and PhD students. To date, I have published 28 peer-reviewed papers and 1 book chapter with a h-index of 14. I have been awarded numerous travel and best speaker awards and research funding from Diabetes Australia (2015, 2016, 2018), University of Queensland (2017), and Mater Research (2018). Further to my research, I play an active role in undergraduate teaching and initiatives relating to equity in research and the professional development of early career researchers.

Greenslopes

Nyree McKenzie – Start Up Entrepreneurial Award



Nyree McKenzie is the founder and CEO of Bidhive, an early stage start up SaaS platform established in 2017 that is disrupting the \$15 trillion global bidding/tendering industry. Aligned to international best practice standards, Bidhive has been developed for organisations seeking to improve their bid management processes and work-winning behaviours. In her role Nyree leads a team of seven, comprised of engineers, designers and industry specialists. She recently completed the River City Labs Accelerator, powered by MuruD and prior to that was a recipient of the CUA sponsored accelerator program at River City Labs and a winner of the Lord Mayor's

Budding Entrepreneur's Program grant. She is also actively involved in the start-up community, bid management industry and QUT Fostering Executive Women program. Additionally, Nyree is also the Managing Director of Thought Bubble, a bid management and strategic communications consultancy that was established in 2003. The business now has a team located across two continents and a client portfolio spanning corporate, government and NGOs. Nyree's individual and company achievements in the business development field, in particular her track record in securing significant contracts through open tender for her clients, have been recognised with numerous international awards. Nyree holds a Master of Business (marketing) and a Bachelor of Business (public relations) and was the recipient of the QUT Dean's Award for Excellence and the QUT Fostering Executive Women international scholarship to Harvard Business School. She is also a trained RAAF Specialist Reserve (RAAFSR) in the field of operational public affairs.

Ashgrove

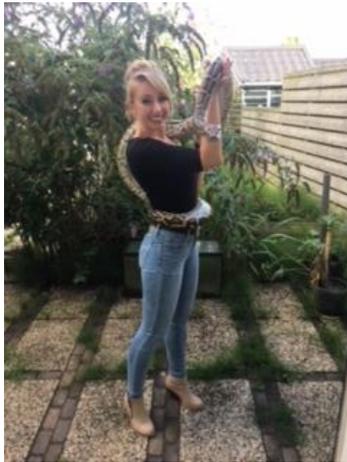
Dr Leigh Ellen Potter - ICT Professional Award



Leigh Ellen Potter is a senior lecturer within the School of ICT at Griffith University, and Director of the IDEA Lab (Innovative Design and Emerging Applications). Her work in academia is strengthened by her experience working in the IT industry. She is passionate about people's interaction with technology and ultimately how people (and businesses) can get the best results from technology. Through both her research and her industry work, Dr Potter has specialised in user experience, usability analysis and evaluation, and business analysis. She explores the application of emerging technologies within business and communities, and manages projects applying emerging technologies including virtual and augmented reality in novel situations for the support of society and people. Current projects are

using augmented and virtual reality, wearable technology, innovative interaction devices, and gamification for improving and transforming the customer experience. In her teaching practice, Leigh Ellen works to mentor tertiary students from their first year experience in Human Computer Interaction through their transition towards industry in their final year Work Integrated Learning projects. She also guides and supports research students with an academic career focus.

Jordan Debono – LS Young Achiever Award



I grew up in rural Northern NSW and moved to Brisbane in 2011 to begin my BSc degree at the University of Queensland (UQ), after completing high school in 2009 and a year abroad as a Rotary Exchange student in Germany in 2010. I completed my BSc degree in July 2014 and an additional honours degree in July 2015 focusing on evolutionary biology. From there I took some time off and worked in rural outback QLD as a Jillaroo, volunteered for the RSPCA, worked as a venomous snake handler, continued working as a swim teacher and pool lifeguard, and came back to begin my PhD in snake venom evolution in April 2016 at UQ. I was awarded in 2016 the APA Scholarship after receiving first class honours. I have since been awarded the QLD Women in STEM People's Choice Award 2017, presented my research at several international conferences including ISTH Berlin, Venoms symposium Oxford University and IST China. I have authored a total of 13 publications and was awarded earlier this year the 'Faculty of Science PhD Future Superstar Award for UQ'. I have also presented my research on an episode of 'Scope TV', 4ZZZ digital, UQ Change Makers and ABC Brisbane Radio.

Yeronga

Amanda Miotto - ICT Professional Award



Amanda Miotto is an eResearch Senior Analyst and Software Developer for Griffith University. She started off in the field of BioInformatics and learnt to appreciate the beauty of science before discovering the joys of coding. She is heavily involved in Software Carpentry, Hacky Hours and Research Bazaar, and has worked on platforms around HPC, microscopy, scientific database portals; as well as engagement with research groups highlighting relevant upcoming technologies.

Brisbane City

Associate Professor Allison Pettit - Life Sciences Outstanding Achievement Award



Associate Prof Pettit is an ARC Future Fellow leading the Bones and Immunology Research Group and Director of Biomedical Research at Mater Research Institute-UQ. She has led basic biological discoveries in macrophage participation in bone and bone marrow biology and translated these into improved understanding macrophage contributions to bone repair, bone disease, cancer metastasis in bone, and haematopoietic (blood cell) stem cell transplantation. She has published over 65 original scientific publications (with over 3100 citations) including numerous publications ranked in the top 1% for their field and a Web of Science highly cited paper. She has also been invited to present at both

national and international meetings and has won numerous awards, fellowships and grants. She has a strong track record of training high quality postgraduate students with many receiving numerous accolades throughout their candidatures. She has also provided outstanding leadership and mentoring throughout her career including conceptualization and development of a grant scheme targeted at improving the competitiveness of strong performing female researchers and championing fellowship schemes for early and mid-career researchers. She serves on many institute and organisational level committees and is also currently a Director of the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Research Society Council.

Professor Mia Woodruff - Life Sciences Research Award



Prof Mia Woodruff is the acting Director of the Herston Biofabrication Institute and leads the Biofabrication and Tissue Morphology Group. She attained her PhD in 2006, has published over 70 papers and is CI on over \$4 million in research grants. She is an expert in bone tissue engineering with extensive experience in biomaterial scaffold fabrication techniques and pre-clinical models and has built a world-leading histology laboratory. She is the recipient of a QUT Vice Chancellor's Research Fellowship and ARC APD Fellowship. Mia was awarded second place (highly commended) as Queensland's Women in Technology "Rising Star" in 2012 and a finalist for the Biotech researcher award in 2013 and 2015. She was also the winner of the Queensland Young Tall Poppy Science Award in 2013 and in 2014 was recognised in Qweekend's Queensland 50 Best and Brightest. Most recently, in 2017 Mia was awarded the Rose-Anne Kelso Commemorative Award for her "endeavours, passion and dedication to the health and life sciences industry". Mia's is a passionate science communicator and her exciting vision is of a future where the fabrication of patient-specific replacement tissue and organs is safe, cost-effective and routine. This dream drives her fascinating research to advance the high-tech sciences of tissue engineering and Biofabrication and she is currently leading her most exciting project to date: The establishment of a world first institute in Biofabrication, in partnership with Metro North Hospital and Health Services.

Dr Felicity Davis – Life Sciences Rising Star Award



Dr Davis believes that the key to unlocking the mysteries of breast cancer lies in our understanding of normal breast development. Her research seeks to understand the cellular hierarchy in the breast and the pathways that regulate breast stem cells. These cells are believed to be the cell-of-origin of many breast cancers and are linked to treatment-resistance. Thus, a greater understanding of molecular and phenotypic profiles of these cells—that is, the way they "look" and "behave"—has important implications for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer. Dr Davis also studies the unique capacity of the breast to sustain multiple cycles of pregnancy and lactation, a remarkable feat of repetitive regeneration. She hopes that a greater understanding of the processes governing growth, death and regeneration under physiological conditions will help to identify new strategies for curbing the

uncontrolled growth, death-resistance and regeneration that is characteristic of many breast cancers. Felicity completed her PhD in 2012, before performing postdoctoral research at the NIH and Cambridge University. She is a University Medalist, NHMRC-Fellow and a passionate advocate for women in science. She has published 21 articles in high-quality journals, including Nature Communications and PNAS, which have been cited over 900 times.

West End

Virtual Legal - Employer of Choice Small Business Award



Virtual Legal is an online law firm based in Brisbane which services all of Australia and also New Zealand, providing property, business, family law, wills and estate planning legal services to clients without ever meeting them. The company is a pioneer in legal tech and will soon launch a public self-service legal platform so that all advisors can work from home or wherever they choose, for much better pay rates than they are currently receiving working for other firms. The customers are also provided extraordinary flexibility in how they can get advice and assistance without the price tag. In August 2018, Virtual Legal will be launching the Law On Earth platform which is a world first public self service advice platform providing legal, financial, business and personal advice to customers for approximately 15% of the usual cost of engaging advisors. The platform has thousands of videos, ebooks and guides which are free for public use and the entire system is geotagged to ensure only the relevant laws are applied, correct advisors are suggested and documents are created for that customer's location. The AI chatbot (with voice recognition) then guides the customer through the platform using cognitive learning and mood sensing. Customers can set up companies, formally verify their ID using facial recognition technology and book a recorded 20 minute call with an advisor. The advisor writes notes to the customer during the call and this is encrypted so only the customer can open the advice which protects legal privilege and confidentiality. The customer answers questions in the platform to create the right document as the system creates the correct clauses for their situation and location, which the advisor can amend. The system uses the same algorithm of question answer to create the Human Guide which provide a simple explanation on each clause in the agreement. This means the 80% of the population who need business, property, wills and state planning or family law help, finally have access they can afford no matter where they live.

Brisbane City

Erin van der Veer - ICT Rising Star Award



Erin van der Veer is a digital transformation professional and advocate in the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). Erin first joined TMR as a procurement graduate in 2010 after graduating from Griffith University with a Bachelor of Business degree. Over the last eight years Erin has been involved in a number of ICT transformational projects. In 2016 Erin was one of the foundation members of the Digital Program, first in the role of Manager (Digital Maturity) and in 2017 moved into the newly created role of Manager (Digital Capability). In this role Erin is leading the digital capability uplift of staff across TMR with the current capabilities of focus being; Agile, Lean, Design Thinking and Customer Journey Mapping. For the 2017/18

financial year Erin oversaw the delivery of over 50 events, reaching over 1,000 staff. Erin has gone onto to gain qualifications and skills in procurement and a number of digital capabilities that support a human-centred design approach that enables the best technical outcome for customers and users.

Enoggera

Sandra Slater - ICT Outstanding Achievement Award



As Chief Information Officer for the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), Sandra leads a team of more than 400 staff and contractors. She is currently responsible for delivering a significant Information and Communication Technology (ICT) program to improve customer experience and deliver better digital business outcomes for the department. Sandra has proudly dedicated her 28 year career to TMR, working predominantly in ICT roles. She has led the development of ICT strategies and solutions, teamed with delivery of many large-scale business and ICT change projects. Sandra is an experienced ICT executive across all elements of ICT planning, delivery, operations and governance, maintaining strong engagements with customers, stakeholders, vendors and industry. She is passionate about leading Information Technology Branch (ITB) to become an agile organisation with a strong customer focus, delivering innovative ICT and digital solutions and driving outstanding performance in partnership with key TMR stakeholders and external vendors. As a proud champion of gender diversity in technical professions, Sandra participates in multiple mentoring programs, and creates opportunities in the workplace including the recent establishment of the first Women's Lean-in-Circle in ITB.

Carina

PwC - Employer of Choice Corporate Award



We're a network of firms in 157 countries with more than 223,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, advisory and tax services. As the needs of PwC's clients and stakeholders have changed, so has PwC. We try and look at the world through the eyes of clients. Anticipating and listening to their needs, helping them to solve problems and to capitalise on the opportunities that new technologies and an increasingly interconnected world brings. As a people business, PwC's purpose, culture and values are at the heart of everything we do. Around the world, clients are focused on growth, driving value for stakeholders while navigating an increasingly complex world and managing risk. We're working to help them: become digital organisations and use technology to drive solutions transform the way they work to create new value manage risks, including cyber create, execute and realise results from mergers, acquisitions and other deals develop and drive value from people strategies navigate the complex legal and regulatory landscape ahead with confidence make informed decisions and operate effectively within capital markets, tax and economic systems. To deliver solutions for clients and help them tackle these challenges, we work with them using a mix of capabilities from all our lines of business. We're increasingly embedding technology across the PwC network and digitising our delivery to become a truly digital organisation.

Brisbane City

Naomi Paxton – Life Sciences Young Achiever Award



Naomi Paxton is a full-time PhD student and researcher at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in the area of biofabrication, developing tissue engineering structures fabricated using advanced 3D printing techniques. Specifically, Naomi works in the highly multidisciplinary Biofabrication and Tissue Morphology group, led by Professor Mia Woodruff, to fabricate complex, patient-specific scaffolds for bone regeneration. With a background in physics, she has completed the Dual International Masters degree in biofabrication between QUT and the University of Würzburg, Germany, from which she has published 3 peer-reviewed publications and presented at numerous conferences and workshops. Naomi has recently been awarded the national Campus Travel & Virgin Australia Women in STEM Travel Grant, as well as the CSIRO Alumni Scholarship in Physics, to support her international research and collaborations. Naomi is a passionate science communicator and STEM ambassador for two high school engagement programs, giving regular invited addresses at high school events and public showcases including two TED talks. In addition, Naomi's service record includes active participation on university committees and volunteering for community outreach events. She also has extensive teaching experience as a lecturer and demonstrator for undergraduate courses, STEM workshop facilitator and private tutor.

Alex Moss – Entrepreneurial Start Up Award



2018 Young Space Leader Global Aerospace Summit 2018 Top 4 Tech Innovators Komatsu 2017 Best Pitch Ribbit Health Informatics 2017 Richard Branson's Worldwide Top 10 Technology Startups Extreme Tech Challenge 2016 NASA Space Apps Global Best Use of Hardware Alex is founding CEO & Head Designer of Canaria Technologies: an elite NASA award-winning hardware startup creating predictive biometric monitoring equipment for use in astronaut training and the resources sector. Having designed the original proof of concept in 2016, she is now commercialising the Canaria Earpiece, a real-time medical-grade wearable powered by machine learning which can predict cognitive fatigue, for use in the Australian mining, oil and gas industries. Alex is a designer with a background in business management. Former business strategist Daniel Hunt Fine Art, Tanya Baxter Contemporary, founding CEO of The Court art dealership, CEO & Editor-In-Chief M2 Magazine. Creative director for global ad campaigns Philip Treacy, Le Roni with features in Italian Vogue. Graduated Courtauld Institute 2014 specialising in Design Psychology. Guest Lecturer Hult Business School; Panel Critic Bartlett School of Architecture.

Yadan Luo - ICT Young Achiever Award



Yadan Luo is currently a PhD candidate in School of ITEE, The University of Queensland. She received her BSc degree from Yingcai Honors College of University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), and her PhD in Computer Science from School of ITEE, The University of Queensland (UQ). Her research interests mainly include multimedia indexing and search, Computer Vision & Deep Learning.