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Q and A: Elanora finalist in Women in Tech awards

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Megan Cappelleri is nominated in the Infotech Outstanding Achievement Award of the [Women in Technology](#) awards, for women making a significant contribution to the growth and development of Queensland's ICT industry who serve as role models for others to aspire to, with 15 years or more experience.

Tell us about who you are and what you do?

- I am a Gold Coast local from Elanora, who has worked within the Information Management industry for over two decades. During this time I have delivered large multi-faceted information management projects one of which won an international award for Information Management in Orlando in 2014.
- I was engaged by Datacom in December 2015 to establish and lead our Enterprise Information Management practice. I am based out of our national office in Bundall on the Gold Coast.
- My job involves information management, information management technologies and their use in transforming organisations into modern technology based entities.



What impact do you hope your work will make on the world?

I am very passionate about my work. I have a genuine passion to make a difference to my industry and change the perception of information management from a back office, expensive overhead, to something that delivers great customer experience, business value and insight.

I love working with organisations that want to unlock the power of that information. Good information management enables so many benefits, such as greater business insight, real time collaboration, mobility, risk reduction and reduced cost to service. To achieve these benefits, I work with a number of technology vendors to implement solutions that solve our customers' problems, transform their business, improve their efficiency, and providing them with greater return on investment for our customers.

I hope that my work helps people understand the benefits of good information management and data capture so that the world can continue to learn and evolve.

Why do you love being in this field?

Information management is forever evolving; this keeps my thinking fresh. I am also not afraid to challenge the status quo. When I first started out I worked in a traditional records management roles, processing mail and filing files away. It's been such a journey to grow up in the industry and do really exciting projects with digital transformation, information security, solution integrations, social media and so on.

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Why is it so important for women in technology to have visible role models and mentors to look up to?

It is vital, especially in our field. I love that I get to mentor not only new women entering the ICT industry, but also those that have been working in traditional records and information management roles, helping them transition to the new way of doing things. This can sometimes be quite scary for people that have been working in a particular way for a long time. My work enables me to work with some many wonderful women that are experiencing change and career growth.

I think that it is important for women in technology to have visible role models and mentors; to let them know that hard work and determination can get you to where you need to be, but also to see that none of us are perfect – its ok to send your kids to school with tuck shop or send them off to sleep overs on a school night because you are travelling from time to time!

Women are typically collaborative, flexible and fabulous at multi-tasking. Women should seek mentorship from those that they admire; strong mentors can open the door to opportunity. Remember to pay it forward – become a mentor yourself one day.

Is there a lot of cool stuff in tech going on in the Gold Coast?

Yes there is. There are a number of exciting opportunities for those seeking work in technology.

What's next for you?

I am going to continue to develop and grow our Enterprise Information Management practice here at Datacom across all of our national and international regions. I have also agreed to some guest university lecturing opportunities and will continue on the speaker's circuit to advocate information management.

Outside of work, what are your hobbies and passions?

I am a Mum to a gorgeous 13 year old, Macie. I enjoy eating out and catching up with friends.

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