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A Message from our Presidents

Well 2018 begins and February is on us already! We hope you all had a happy and safe New Year and we look forward to supporting you in 2018.

We have some exciting events already in action for 2018 but get in quick as they are booking out quickly. We are lucky enough to have Tracey Spicer and the ladies from Outspoken Women running an evening session [Stand Up and Speak Out](#) but be quick as there are only 8 tickets remaining for this one.

We are also proudly partnering with the ACS (Australian Computer Society) this month to bring you [Empowering a Healthy Future through the intersection of people, technology & science](#). The panel conversation will look to cover a broad mix of this topic, plus skillsets that are currently missing to enable delivery of digital healthcare in the future.

Last Wednesday we launched our 2018 WiT Board Readiness program. The Program is offered in a small group format. The application process is competitive and based on an assessment of the applicant's skills and experience along with their suitability to take on Board roles in the near future. Designed for women who have the desire to apply their personal and professional skills to becoming a successful Board Director.



We are excited to host a very keen and enthusiastic group for our 2018 intake and look forward to taking this journey with them!

Kristy Simpkin & Alison Rice

WiT Presidents



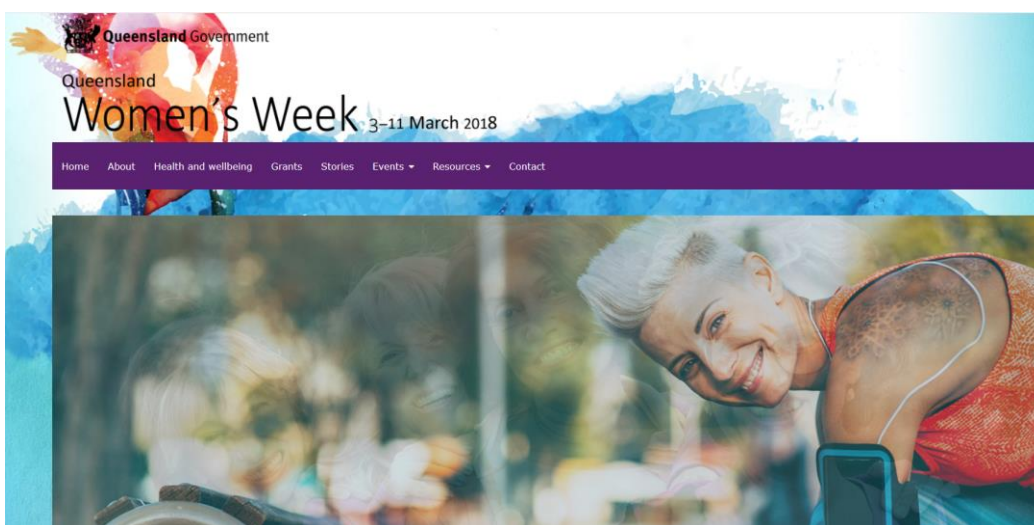
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ADVANCE: [How to be more assertive at work when that's not your personality](#)

CONNECT: [Join our WIT LinkedIn Group to connect with like minded women](#)

EMPOWER: [Attend our Outspoken Women event on 27 February](#)



QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S WEEK 2018

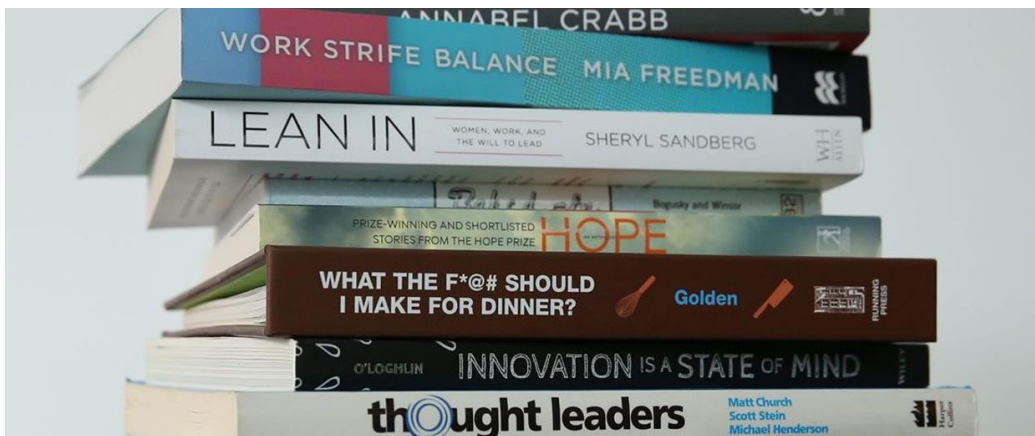
The 2018 theme is 'Celebrate wellbeing. Everybody wins', which recognises that women's wellbeing has benefits for families, children and the entire community.

More than \$150,000 in grants have now been awarded to organisations across Queensland to help them mark the week, with events ranging from mental health first aid training in Cairns, a colour run in Cloncurry, to activities focussed on more green time and less screen time in Brisbane.

The Queensland Women's Week grants program is being run through a partnership between the Queensland Government and YWCA Queensland.

Visit the Queensland Women's Week website to register your event or to locate an activity in your community. Updates to the website will also include opportunities to order and download promotional materials.

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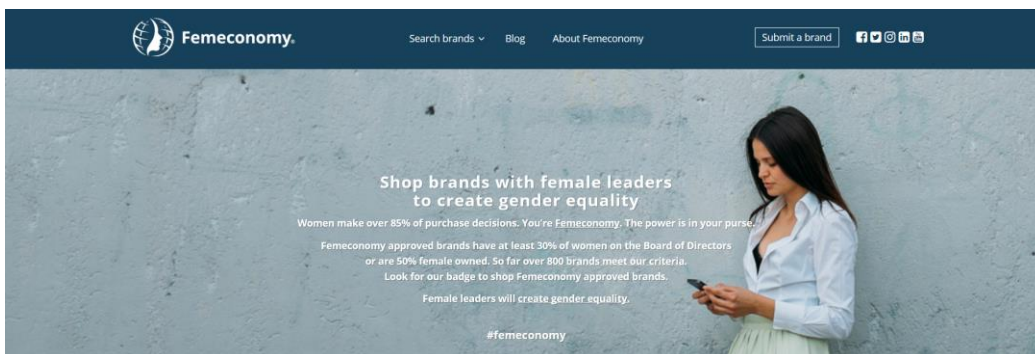


DCC JOBS BLOG - THE MYTH OF WORK LIFE BALANCE

These days, everyone is totally obsessed with achieving this mythical state of work life balance. At work, it's something that's repeated over and over, and it's usually code for, "I want to spend less time at work." Blogs give advice on shortcuts to having it all and social media is flooded with glamorous mothers giving tips on throwing dinners for 50 while effortlessly running high-profile jobs.

Don't be sucked in. Work life balance is harder to find than unicorns because the demands on women to juggle work and family life are at an all-time high. In her 2017 book 'Work Strife Balance', Mamamia founder Mia Freedman talks about the pressure cooker environment to have it all, at work, at home, on social media, in the mirror—and she's right.

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FEMECONOMY - FEMALE LEADER CONVERSATIONS eBOOK

[Femeconomy's](#) community is rich with exceptional female leaders from a range of cultural and social backgrounds, and who represent many industries. Femeconomy's ebook, Female Leader Conversations shares 11 women's stories.

Maree McPherson helps our regional sisters shatter glass ceilings. Sharon Kinchela and Chris Figg from Ngilyani are advancing our collective understanding of Australia's rich Aboriginal heritage. Div Pillay from MindTribes is helping women from culturally diverse backgrounds to progress. Trina Hockley and Annette Kimmitt champion women, supporting other women to leadership. Lutfiye Tahseen shares how and why she completed three degrees whilst having children. Sheena Ireland gives us important insights on how to work with Government and Deanna Varga provides practical advice on how to gain a Board Directorship position. Enjoy!

[Download the eBook here](#)



PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE - OPENING SOON

Nominations for the 2018 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are opening on **21 February 2018!** Do you know or work with a humble science hero, promising early- or mid-career researcher or someone forging their way along the innovation trail that you would like to see celebrated on the national stage? Help them get the recognition they deserve by nominating them for the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science.

Past recipients include Professor Jenny Graves AO for her pioneering investigations of the genetics of sex, and Associate Professor Kerrie Wilson for her work optimising the global allocation of scarce conservation resources.

This year the Prize for New Innovators has also been amended to better acknowledge Australia's innovators for their contributions. Spread the word to your colleagues and friends so they can help in the search for the 2018 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science recipients.

[**More Information**](#)

AVAILABLE GRANTS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Gartner - Data & Analytics Summit 2018

WiT are proud to be supporting partner of the Gartner Data & Analytics Summit 2018. To survive and thrive in the digital era, now is the time to drive data and analytics into the core of your business and scale outward to every employee, customer, supplier and partner. Understand how the Gartner Data & Analytics Summit in Sydney can help you achieve success in 2018! [Read more.....](#)

2018 CSIRO Synthetic Biology Future Science Fellowships

The CSIRO Synthetic Biology Future Science Platform announced the opening of the second round of CSIRO Synthetic Biology Future Science Fellowships which aims to attract outstanding national and international early-career post-doctoral researchers to expand Australian research capacity in synthetic biology. A key element of the SynBio FSP is establishment of a collaborative community of practice extending across CSIRO and Australia more broadly, and linking into international efforts in the field. Research projects must demonstrate an ability to build Australian capacity in synthetic biology. [Read more.....](#)

IT Management Program at Cisco Live 7-9th March 2018 in Melbourne

Designed by IT Leaders, for IT leaders. Cisco's CIO, Julie Canepa, will be hosting the program with a focus on 'Enabling your secure digital business'. The sessions include keynote presentations, Q&A's, Fireside chats, and power talks. There is ample opportunity to network and we will have sessions dedicated to improving your leadership skills, improving culture, and

investing in the skills of tomorrow. We have SVP's from Cisco presenting along with external motivational speakers. [Read more.....](#)

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