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A Message from our Presidents

Wow what a month so far! On 1st September we held our WiT Awards Gala Dinner where Queensland's talented tech women and successful science professionals joined 385 friends, family and VIPs to celebrate the 2017 WiT Award finalists and our 20 year Anniversary at the Royal International Convention Centre.

It was a huge honour to have The Hon Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy & Minister for Small Business present our Entrepreneurial Established Award sponsored by Queensland Government. Judges were unable to choose between the finalists which saw two remarkable women recognised. Bernadette Hyland and Dr Carrie Hillyard are pioneers, challenging perceptions, pushing boundaries, driving innovation and achieving excellence.

We were also excited to have Shark Tank investor, River City Labs Founder and newly appointed Queensland Chief Entrepreneur, Steve Baxter present the Entrepreneurial Start-up Award to Faith Rees, Co-Founder and CEO of SixPivot. Faith has a long standing history in the IT industry spanning 18 years and a string of reputable awards to her name. Faith has built a respected, rewarding business and acknowledges that her journey hasn't always been easy.

Data#3 took out the coveted Corporate Employer of Choice category for their commitment to equality, flexible working conditions professional development and innovative approaches to engaging and rewarding staff. All our winners and finalists can be viewed here

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Thank you to everyone who attended the awards and supported our fabulously talented women in technology. View photos from the evening here.

FOUNDING MEMBERS HELP CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

We were honoured to host some of our founding members at our 2017 WiT Awards to help celebrate our 20 year anniversary. In the beginning with had the support of just 10 women: Sonja Bernhardt, Jenny Beresford, Anne McGill, Carolyn Hill, Bernadette Hyland, Liz Manning, Yvonne Packbier, Joanne Sherman, Glenda Stone (formerly Slingsby) and Ann Uldridge. Later joined by Sonya Trau (formerly D'Aoust) and Jeanette McLeod. Ann-Marie Birkhill and Carrie Hillyard joined later to start the first Life Sciences Chapter. These brave 10+ women have grown to more than 5 thousand members and affiliates and the founding members should be proud of the foundations they laid for such an amazing organisation, their spirits live on. (pictured l-r Bernadette Hyland, Sonja Bernhardt & Glenda Stone. Ann Uldridge with Sonja Bernhardt)

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WiT WELCOMES A NEW TREASURER

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to our Treasurer, Michelle Cheong. Michelle has been involved with WiT for a number of years now, firstly in the role of Secretary and then moving into the Treasurer role. We are happy though to keep Michelle in the WiT group a part of our newly established Business Development Committee and look forward to her continued invaluable contribution to WiT.

We do however welcome Di Su to our Board as our new Treasurer. Di is a resilient, outcome-driven and stakeholder-oriented leader with over a decade of experience in finance, risk, governance and project management. A firm believer in team value and culture, Di wholeheartedly supports inclusion, diversity, continuous learning and challenging the status quo. She is very passionate about empowering, supporting and celebrating women. Welcome Di!

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