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2017 Women in Technology Awards winners shimmer and shine

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Queensland's talented tech women and successful science professionals joined 385 friends, family and VIPs to celebrate the 2017 WiT Award finalists and winners at the gala awards dinner on Friday 1 September at the Royal International Convention Centre in Brisbane.

Mrs Kristy Simpkin Co-President of WiT said the prestigious WiT annual awards now in their 20th year are about celebrating women who are leaders and experts in their fields, succeeding in traditionally male dominated technology and life science industries.

The entrepreneurial established award, presented by Hon Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy, Minister for Small Business saw two remarkable women recognised.

"The panel were blown away by Bernadette Hyland and Dr Carrie Hillyard, and could not choose between them.

"Carrie and Bernadette are pioneers, challenging perceptions, pushing boundaries, driving innovation and achieving excellence" Kristy said.

Dr Carrie Hillyard is currently an Angel investor and Chairman of Fitgenes and FizzioFit and Deputy Chairman of the Mater Medical Research Institute. She has commercialised products from laboratory bench to market and is an inventor of a number of patented technologies including a novel two minute test technology, which was applied to HIV and Hepatitis B.

Bernadette, who was a founder member of WiT, has over 20 years' experience deploying enterprise data solutions in financial services, healthcare and federal governments in Australia and the U.S.

"I would say that I owe a great deal to sheer tenacity. It's about not stopping when people say, 'you cannot do that'" said Bernadette.

Shark Tank investor and River City Labs Founder Steve Baxter presented 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.

"I'm a driven individual demonstrated by achievements from being out of home at 15 and supporting myself as a teenager to complete high school and then university - often working multiple jobs to support myself financially and to enable me to achieve my goals." Faith said.

Data#3 took out the coveted corporate employer of choice for their commitment to equality, flexible working conditions professional development and innovative approaches to engaging and rewarding staff.

Sponsors and supporters include the Queensland Government, Queensland University of Technology, The University of Queensland, QUT ihbi, Griffith University, PwC, Amazon Web Services, River City Labs, Brisbane Marketing, Australian Computer Society & Flight Centre.

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Winners and WiT Co-Presidents Dr Alison Rice and Mrs Kristy Simpkin are available for interviews. Full list of finalists and bios provided below

What is WiT?

Advance | Connect | Empower

WiT is the peak industry body for women in technology and life sciences within Queensland. WiT's vision is to advance, connect and empower women in technology and life sciences. WiT empowers, develops and celebrates women in technology and life sciences via relevant events, mentoring, programs, awards and networks. Founded in 1997 with the support of just 10 women WiT is now a strong network of more than 5150 subscribers, members and affiliates. WiT runs events, mentoring, programs and awards.

- ✓ Board Readiness – gaining the skills needed in the boardroom
- ✓ Mentoring – one-on-one support and guidance
- ✓ Step Up Program – getting ahead, moving up in your career

For more information go to www.wit.org.au

2017 WiT Awards: our winners (bios on following pages)

Employer of Choice Corporate Award

Data#3

Employer of Choice Small Business Award

Mater Research

ICT Young Achiever Award

Chelsea Edmonds – Asia Pacific Regional Executive Officer, Robogals

ICT Rising Star Award

Jiwon Kim – Lecturer, The University of Queensland

Jess Bond (highly commended) – ServiceNow Business Analyst, Data#3

ICT Professional Award

Kate Jurd - Principal Medical Education Officer, Toowoomba Hospital

ICT Outstanding Award

Bernadette Hyland – Founder & CEO, 3 Round Stones Inc.

Life Sciences Young Achiever Award

Dr Arabella Young – PhD Student, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

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Kirsty Short - NHMRC CJ Martin Early Career Fellow, The University of Queensland

Life Sciences Research Leader Award

Katherine Andrews - Head, Tropical Parasitology Lab, Griffith University

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Faith Rees – CEO & Co-Founder, SixPivot

Employer of Choice Corporate Award sponsored by

For the corporate employer with >200 employees demonstrating commitment to providing an outstanding working environment for women.



Data#3 Limited (DTL) is an ASX listed company that has spent the last 40 years providing market-leading business technology solutions in a Hybrid IT environment. These solutions range from on-premise to outsourced and to cloud, across a wide range of industries throughout Australia and Asia Pacific. Headquartered in Brisbane, we have offices, data centres, and configuration and warehousing facilities in operation across Australia. The Data#3 business, structure and technology solutions are all designed to help customers meet their business objectives. We consult with our customers to help them design, deploy and manage business technology solutions. We understand that one business technology solution does not apply to every customer situation and Data#3 has developed a unique process for creating choice. Through Data#3's Technology Consumption Model, customers are able to explore the options available to acquire and deploy our solutions. Combined with our expertise and the unique way of creating options, we work within a Solutions Framework that defines our approach to meeting customer objectives and sets us apart from our competitors. Customers choose Data#3 for our Business Technology solutions, the options we offer in a Hybrid IT environment and most importantly, the way we do things.

Employer of Choice Small Business Award sponsored by



For the small to medium business employer with <200 employees demonstrating commitment to providing an outstanding working environment for women.



Mater Research is a recognised leader in medical research. Now with nearly 200 laboratory and clinical researchers, our bench to bedside philosophy means we work across Mater Health's hospitals and health services, and the world-class Translational Research Institute (TRI). We are committed to working closely with Mater Health, Mater Education and our growing network of partners to turn scientific discovery into the best possible treatment, care, and outcomes for patients and our broader community. At Mater, research has been evident and rich in implementation from the beginning, 1906. Since 1998 when Mater Research became an independent institute collaborations have only strengthened and after years of working closely with clinicians and delivering on our bench to bedside philosophy, we've built a reputation for excellence both locally and globally in mothers', babies' and women's health, cancer biology and care, neurosciences and cognitive health, chronic disease biology and care, and optimising acute care. We are a proud founding partner of the TRI, working together with The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute, Queensland University of Technology's Institute

of Health and Biomedical Innovation, and the Princess Alexandra Hospital's Centres for Health Research to build a world-class facility supporting medical research translation into clinical practice.

SixPivot

SixPivot is a cloud-first innovator. A software development and strategic management company who work primarily with Independent software vendors to expedite their software products to commercialisation. SixPivot develop their own products such as Cloud Ctrl that are enablers for customers in an evolving digital market place. Cloud Ctrl is a multi-cloud service management platform and software tool that acts as a brokering service, dashboard and management portal to enable organisations to manage subscriptions, services and make informed decisions to manage public cloud providers. Cloud Ctrl offers a comprehensive individualised billing management engine to enable organisations to allocate and bill consumption internally and to their customers.



ICT Young Achiever Award sponsored by

For women in university or new to the industry in a graduate position (up to 2 years in) making a significant contribution to the growth and development their team and organisation.

Chelsea Edmonds – Asia Pacific Regional Executive Officer, Robogals

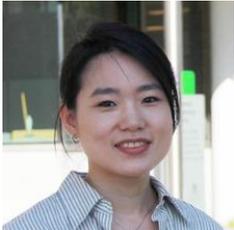


Chelsea is currently in her final semester of a dual degree in software engineering and mathematics at the University of Queensland and achieves consistent high results across her academic work, including a thesis in the area of software engineering formal methods. In 2017, she was selected as a GradConnection Top100 Future Leader and awarded the Deloitte Software Engineering Future Leader prize. Throughout her time at university, Chelsea was heavily involved in the UQ community – through roles such as an academic tutor, women in engineering student leader and UQ student mentor and ambassador. She has also gained industry experience as a software engineer working at companies such as Boeing Australia and RGB Assurance. Chelsea is passionate about STEM, diversity and education, and creating positive change, which has led to her involvement in many different volunteering activities including Robogals. Robogals is an international, primarily student run volunteering organisation aiming to encourage girls to study engineering and related fields. As the current AP Regional Executive Officer for the organisation, Chelsea leads the Asia Pacific regional team to support the 15 chapters in the region and deliver and develop regional strategy & nation-wide initiatives.

ICT Rising Star Award sponsored by

For women with 3-7 years' experience making a significant contribution to the growth and development of their teams and organisation.

Jiwon Kim – Lecturer, The University of Queensland - WINNER



Dr Jiwon Kim is an early career researcher in the field of transportation engineering and currently holds the position of Lecturer in the School of Civil Engineering, the University of Queensland. She joined UQ in 2014 after receiving a PhD from Northwestern University (U.S.). With several years of research experience in intelligent transport systems and previous professional experience in the building and construction industry, Jiwon's research focuses on generating insights from massive collections of urban mobility data and developing solutions to transport-related challenges in our cities. She applies emerging data mining and machine intelligence technologies to mine complex human mobility patterns and develops methods to reduce traffic congestion and prevent incidents.

Jiwon provides technical advice to the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads on road operations and incident management. She is currently leading several multidisciplinary research projects involving national and international collaborations. Jiwon has published over 35 peer-reviewed journal and conference papers and won three best paper awards from Transportation Research Board (TRB) of the National Academy of Sciences. She is a member of the TRB Transportation Network Modeling Committee and an editorial board member of International Journal of Transportation Science and Technology. Within UQ, Jiwon is a member of the Teaching and Learning committee and School Executive Committee and a mentor of the Icarus undergraduate engagement program in the School of Civil Engineering. She is actively participating in student-industry engagement activities by mentoring students with industry-based, student-led projects to benefit local and global industry partners and boost student interest and experience in interdisciplinary real-world projects.

Jess Bond – Team Leader, Data#3 (HIGHLY COMMENDED)



Jess Bond is a passionate and ambitious young woman who has worked in Managed Services and Service Delivery since 2012. Coming from a technical and operational background within internal IT Support Teams, Jess made the career change into Managed Services where she has achieved rewarding results for a number of customers. Jess's most recent engagement as a Team Leader and Business Analyst within one of Data#3's longest standing engagements, Queensland Health, has seen her recognised within both Data#3 and Queensland Health for innovation. In 2015 Jess was personally engaged within eHealth Queensland's ReCreate Project to stand up a new 1.5 level

Service Desk Team with the goal of standardising, optimising and automating a number of service calls across the state. This project was recognised for its success in 2016 as a winner of the eHealth Award for Innovation, an achievement that wouldn't have been possible without Jess's dedication and passion for service delivery. Jess continues to progress her career, working with several mentors within Data#3 to further develop herself personally and professionally. Her ambition is to be a leader of effective change within the IT Industry, and to revolutionise the cultures within Managed Services and Service Delivery.



ICT Professional Award sponsored by

For women with 7-15 years' experience making a significant contribution to the growth and development of their teams and organisation.

Kate Jurd - Principal Medical Education Officer, Toowoomba Hospital



Kate has experience and expertise in the development and delivery of eLearning and blended learning solutions. Kate is passionate about improving learning experiences through emerging technologies and innovative learning design. Kate has been working for the past 12 years in post graduate medical education at a regional hospital in Queensland, Australia. She has introduced a number of online training programs and e-learning initiatives to enhance the education of junior doctors and to support senior clinicians in their supervision, teaching and assessment roles. Kate joined the Rural Clinical School, School of Medicine, University of Queensland in 2013 to provide leadership in the development of technology enhanced teaching and learning strategies to improve the delivery of learning and assessment through Phase 2 of the MBBS/MD program. Kate work's with academic staff, subject matter experts and clinical teachers to conceptualise, design and develop resources and online content that generates active learning and student engagement. Kate frequently speaks at conferences on blended learning, technology enhanced learning, learning and assessment design and the flipped classroom.



ICT Outstanding Achievement Award sponsored by

For women with more than 7 years but less than 15 years industry experience making a significant contribution to the growth and development of their teams and organisation

Bernadette Hyland – Founder & CEO, 3 Round Stones Inc.



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Life Science Young Achiever Award

Women in Life Science who are pre-award (final year of or awaiting award of PhD) making a significant contribution to the growth and development their team and organisation.

Arabella Young – PhD Student, QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute



After completing a Bachelor of Biotechnology with Honours at the University of Tasmania, majoring in plant science and biochemistry, I relocated to Queensland to embark on a research project in the innovative area of cancer immunotherapy. Joining the Immunology in Cancer and Infection laboratory at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, led by Professor Mark Smyth, my PhD research identified preclinical evidence for targeting immunosuppressive adenosine either alone or in therapeutic combinations with clinically approved immunotherapies and targeted therapies to improve an immune response against cancer. These findings have important implications for adenosine-related therapeutic strategies as they reach clinical utility in the cancer setting. During my PhD, I authored 15 publications, 4 first or co-first author primary research articles and 2 first author reviews, and was selected to give 4 oral presentations at international conferences. I initiated both national and international collaborations, in areas ranging from antibody mechanisms of action, to melanoma treatment response and understanding NK cell biology, with both academic and industry partners. This is indicative of my broad knowledge of the tumour immunology field and adaptability to manage multiple projects to fruition. Finally, I generated significant community interest in cancer immunotherapy research from both school and community groups.



Life Science Rising Star Award

Women with less than 7 years postdoctoral experience making a significant contribution to the growth and development their team and organisation.

Kirsty Short - NHMRC CJ Martin Early Career Fellow, The University of Queensland



I completed my PhD in 2013 at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Melbourne on viral-bacterial co-infections. In 2013 I was also awarded the highly prestigious NHMRC CJ Martin Early Career Fellowship to relocate to the Netherlands to work in the Department of Virosciences at Erasmus Medical Centre on severe influenza virus infections. At the end of 2015, I moved to the School of Biomedical Science at the University of Queensland to establish my investigate the role of host co-morbidities (obesity, asthma and diabetes) on severe flu infections. To date, I have published 31 peer-reviewed papers (including those in the prestigious journals Nature Immunology, Lancet Journal of Infectious Diseases and eLife) and 1 book chapter. My papers have been cited >930 times and I have an h-index of 16. I have been awarded numerous prizes and grants for my research and I also play an active role in science communication (see <https://drkirstyshort.wordpress.com/>).

Life Science Research Leader



Research Leader with greater than 7 years' postdoctoral experience, making a recognized contribution to the field of life sciences research and development (either through their own organisation, or other activities).

Katherine Andrews - Head, Tropical Parasitology Lab, Griffith University



Professor Kathy Andrews leads the Tropical Parasitology laboratory at the Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery (GRIDD), Griffith University. Her work focuses on the discovery of new drugs for malaria. Kathy obtained her PhD in 1998 from Griffith University, followed by postdoctoral work on a malaria vaccine project at the QIMR. In 1998, Kathy was awarded a prestigious von Humboldt Fellowship to work on pregnancy malaria at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Kathy returned to the QIMR in 2003, developing a research program focused on malaria drug discovery. During that time, she was the Executive Officer of the Griffith Medical Research College (2006-2009) and recipient of the

Queensland Premiers Award for Medical Research. In 2009, Kathy returned to Griffith University as an ARC Future Fellow. Kathy is committed to contributing to the scientific discipline and is a past Director of the ASMR and Executive Council member of the Australian Society for Parasitology. She is currently a Griffith HDR Convenor and member of the GRIDD Leadership Team. Kathy has published >80 papers and supervised more than 20 PhD and Honours students. In 2016, Kathy started the “That’s RAD! Science” project to inspire in children an interest in the exciting worlds of STEM.



Life Sciences Outstanding Achievement Award

For women with more than 15 years’ experience making a significant contribution to the growth and development of Queensland’s Life Sciences industry who serve as role models for others to aspire to.

Carrie Hillyard – Chairman, Fitgenes



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Professor Colleen Nelson - Professor and Chair Prostate Cancer, QUT; Director Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre, Institute of Health & Biomedical Innovation QUT



Professor Nelson is recognised as a leader in programmatic translational prostate cancer research and for strategic development of international collaborative research Centres and networks accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries into clinical and commercial applications. She founded and directs the Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre-Queensland, where she leads 80 transdisciplinary Faculty and researchers. Prof Nelson has made significant contributions to prostate cancer translational research, specifically in characterising androgen action, identifying novel potential therapeutic targets; their validation and translation into the clinic. Her greatest impact has been on androgen targeted therapies and uncovering mechanisms underlying castrate resistant prostate cancer. Over her career she has been awarded more than \$214M in international funding, and has organised, chaired, and presented at numerous international meetings and holds executive positions on prostate cancer advisory boards and committees. Prof Nelson has 21 international patents, 7 book chapters, 150 peer-reviewed publications, >200 conference abstracts, >7,000 citations and an H Index of 45 derived from > 20 years of prostate cancer expertise. She has been an invited speaker at 118 national and international conferences including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Endocrine Society, European Association of Urology, ASCO-Genitourinary Cancers Symposium, American Society of Andrology, UK Prostate Cancer Forum, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Australian Society of Medical Research, Pfizer Oncology Forum, Discovery Science & Biotechnology Australia, World Microarray Congress and World Prostate Cancer Congress.

Professor Neena Mitter - Professor, Theme Leader Agricultural Nanotechnology, The University of Queensland



Prof Neena Mitter at Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, the University of Queensland (UQ) is one of Queensland's leading biotechnologists, having been involved in molecular biology and biotechnology in Australia and India for over 20 years. She has won prestigious awards like Women in Technology Queensland Biotechnologist Award, Queensland International Fellowship and Young Scientist Award by the Prime Minister of India. She is internationally recognised for her leadership in innovative, cross-functional research and exceptional industry engagement to address global challenges of agriculture and food security. She leads a passionate, motivated and impactful research group of 22 staff and students to deliver global innovations at UQ, namely ' Non-GM and Non-toxic BioClay spray for crop protection', 'Single dose- shelf stable Nanovaccines for animal health and "Clonal propagation of avocado using plant stem cells". These are ground breaking platform technologies impacting agricultural production, environmental sustainability and socio-economic dynamics of farming community. Her high quality research has merited 40 publications in the last 5 years even within the landscape of commercial confidentiality. She is actively championing Ag-Nano innovations establishing UQ and Queensland as front-runners in providing global leadership for a better tomorrow.



Sue Wickenden Established Entrepreneurial Award

For outstanding women whose vision, leadership and initiative have established their own enterprise.

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Sue Wickenden Start Up Entrepreneurial Award

For outstanding women whose vision, leadership and initiative have newly created their own enterprise.

Faith Rees – CEO & Co-Founder, SixPivot



Faith is the co-founder and CEO of SixPivot and Cloud Ctrl and non-Executive Director for Dilignet and Diverse City Careers. Faith started SixPivot 2 years ago and during that time won the ARN Female ICT Entrepreneur of the Year 2016, ARN StartUp of the Year 2016, the Anthill Cool Company StartUp of the Year Award 2016 and the Anthill Smart100 in 2017. Faith has worked in the Australian IT industry for the past 18 years across a variety of roles from sales and marketing to general management, director and chief operating officer roles including holding board director roles. Throughout her years in the ICT industry Faith has worked for both small and large IT companies providing services to SME, government and global organisations. Much of her last 10 years in the industry has been involved in software development. Faith is a strong believer in giving back to the community and has volunteered her time across various IT associations. Through her role as an advocate for the IT industry, Faith serves on a number of government and industry committees. She is currently a Fellow member of the Australian Institute of Management and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.