

WiT March E-News

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WiT Monthly Newsletter-March 2015

What's On in 2015 for WiT!

The WiT Team have hit the ground running!

With major planning activity over the holiday period, 2015 is shaping up to be our biggest year yet!

The WiT 2015 [Board Readiness™](#) Program commenced early this month with a record number of participants. Clearly demonstrating increased interest from women in taking on Board roles, this can only support women across the board.



Our [breakfast series for both Life Science and ICT](#) will run again in 2015 and we have locked in some truly inspiring tech industry women, to share with you their career journey and provide helpful tips and hints on how to develop your career path.

Back by popular demand is our [Perfect Pitch Workshop](#) with Jen Burrows. This interactive workshop (part of our [Step Up Program](#)) focuses on construction & delivery of a winning presentation and tips & tricks to get your butterflies flying in formation & working for you. **There's always the 5 Minute Phobia Cure if you're convinced you're beyond help!**

And don't miss our [2015 Annual General Meeting](#). Whether a current member, new to the organisation or considering membership, it's a great opportunity to meet new contacts or spend quality time with friends, colleagues & members who are always keen to share ideas, challenges, expertise and business cards.

This is just a snippet of events and programs WiT has to offer in

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[31 March 2015 - Life Sciences Breakfast with Lynne Griffiths](#)

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2015. We look forward to partnering with you on your career journey and hope to see you at a [WiT Event](#) very soon!



Other great news we have welcomed this year is the news that our previous Vice President, Jane Fitzpatrick is excitedly anticipating the birth of her first baby.

We are all so happy for you Jane and can't wait to see the pictures of the new addition!

Tour of Hear and Say facility with Dimity Dornan

Our WiT Life Sciences Chapter recently organised an amazing tour for WiT Members, of the newly built Hear and Say facility at Ashgrove founded by Dimity Dornan AO.



(pictured left to right: Emma Rushbrooke & Dimity Dornan from Hear & Say, Mathilde Desselle & Ann Uldridge from WiT, Julie Decker from Cochlear and Trudie Dowell from Hear & Say)

The evening was a great success and we would like to thank Hear & Say and Cochlear for their sponsorship and support and for educating us on the amazing work being done at [Hear and Say](#).

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Thank you to Inspiring Queensland for your great article on the recent tour.

[Read article](#)

WiT Scholarships Coming Soon!

WiT is truly committed to expanding opportunities for women in technology industries and as the organisation grows we want to invest more and more back into you.

Amongst other initiatives in 2015 we are about to announce details of our new WiT Scholarship Scheme.

Finer details are in the pipeline and will be released very soon. We will be offering one Junior Scholarship and one Re-instate Employment Scholarship, both to include WiT Membership.

More details coming very soon

WiT Annual Survey

Please take a few moments out of your busy day to complete our Annual Survey.



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2015 Annual Survey



The results of the survey help us to ensure we are on the right track with the services we bring you and to continually improve.

**Everyone who completes the survey goes into the draw to win
A FREE TICKET TO THE 2015 WiT
AWARDS!**

Your Help is Needed



WiT is gearing up for a big 2015. With plenty of events and programs planned, we need volunteers to assist.

This is a great introduction to WiT and an opportunity to give something back to the community, whilst building your brand profile.

Please call Michelle Cheong on 3023 1054 for more information or email secretariat@wit.org.au.

Member Success Story!

Huge congratulations to Phia Damsma, owner of Sonokids and Winner of our 2012 Professional Award. Phia has been awarded a technology development grant to become an 'AMP Tomorrow Maker'.



From more than 5000 applicants across Australia, 47 projects were selected for a personal grant & the judges selected Phia's work, which aims to improve computer technology skills in young children who are blind, for equal opportunities.

Phia's grant will be used to expand Sonokids' existing Ballyland educational software for PC into a complete educational program. This will be done through creation of new resources, such as accessible interactive iBooks & an accessible App for iPad.

"The whole purpose of this technology is to enable young children who are blind to learn & play together with other children, with or without a disability".

Other Articles

[Employer of Choice for Gender Equality](#)

[Are you an educator passionate about engaging](#)

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[IT sector in dire need of more women](#)

[Seven Actionable Strategies for Advancing Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine](#)

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Other Events

[Upcoming Ausbiotech Events](#)

[Upcoming Life Science Queensland Events](#)

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Grants, Awards & Scholarships

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