



## Women in Technology to grace the Gold Coast

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Tickets are selling fast for the inaugural Women in Technology (WiT) Gold Coast breakfast and networking event on 23 February with inspiring guest speaker Ms Linda O'Brien, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Information Services, Griffith University.

WiT was established in 1997 and is Queensland's leading technology and life sciences association for women.

WiT president Fiona Hayes said it is important for women in technology to be supported wherever they are based.

"We've really listened to our members and as a result we are strengthening our support, services and events for all of our members, including those based outside of Brisbane.

"We are thrilled to have Ms Linda O'Brien, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Information Services, Griffith University as our keynote speaker" Fiona said.

Ms O'Brien will speak about her career journey and her passion for using data to drive positive change. The event will follow a Q&A format with the audience invited to ask questions throughout the session.

The networking breakfast will be held from 7.30am-9am at G's Winebar Restaurant, Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus, Parklands Drive, Southport. Tickets are \$26.37 (excluding GST) for members and \$28.19 (excluding GST) for non-members.

All Gold Coast women and men working or interested in technology and life sciences are encouraged to attend.

To book go to: <http://wit.org.au/event-2111213>

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### **About Linda O'Brien**

As Pro Vice Chancellor Linda is a member of the University executive with responsibility for development and implementation of Griffith's information strategy and management of the University's information services; including the e-learning and e-research services, the Library and University-wide information and communication technology services, systems and infrastructure. Griffith, a university of almost 40,000 students, is uniquely positioned, providing all University scholarly information and technology services through a single division.

Linda has a Master of Public Administration, a Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Science and a Bachelor of Education, she also holds a Corporate Directors Diploma. Linda has substantial senior university management experience having worked in six Australian universities in a variety of roles

She has contributed to a number of state and national initiatives, including being member of the Research Expert Working Group developing the 2011 national Strategic Roadmap for Research Infrastructure and Chair of the Advisory Board for the Australian and New Zealand Horizon Report 2009.

### **What is WiT?**

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.

We are committed to:

- Developing a strong and sustainable network for members and supporters with industry
- Building mutually beneficial partnerships and relationships with government, academia and industry
- Being an inclusive organisation – we welcome both males and females
- Advocating for our members on relevant issues to advance the presence and status of women in technology and life sciences
- Providing development opportunities and adding value to our members.

Founded in 1997 with the support of just 10 women the association now has more than 3500 subscribers, members and affiliates.

To join WiT go to [www.wit.org.au](http://www.wit.org.au)