



# Women in AI Awards 2023

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### Wendy Simpson

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Chairman | Wengeo Group Pty Ltd

An experienced entrepreneur and Non-Executive Director, Wendy Simpson is a pioneer in driving innovation and change. Wendy has more than 20 years' experience in judging business and professional awards. She has held key leadership roles across across a number of traditionally male dominated industries, including airfreight, telecommunications, advanced manufacturing engineering and property development. She has been a tireless advocate for women in business at all levels and for the advancement of female entrepreneurs.

Wendy is a 3-time finalist in Telstra Businesswomen's Awards, having been nominated by QBE Insurance, Alcatel and Westpac. In 2006 she was a finalist in the Shanghai Business Women of the Year awards. In 2013 Wendy received an Order of Australia Medal for her service to the community through a range of women's and youth organisations. That same year she was inducted into the Australian Businesswomen's Hall of Fame and featured as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence in the Australian Financial Review.



### Camille Goldstone-Henry

CEO and Co-Founder | Xylo Systems

Camille Goldstone-Henry is a wildlife scientist, data advocate, environment activist and Kamilaroi woman. Inspired by her conservation work with endangered species around the world, spanning from Tasmanian devils to sea turtles, she co-founder Xylo Systems, a biodiversity tech platform making it easier for organisations to measure and track biodiversity impact.

Camille's work has been recognised with numerous awards, including Women in AI trailblazer AND AI in Climate winner 2022, Australian Women's Weekly Woman of the Future 2021 winner, and NSW Young Woman of the Year finalist 2022. Her passion for wildlife, tech, equality, and the environment drive her to implement innovative solutions like Xylo Systems to help protect our planet and its inhabitans.



## Lee Hickin

Director National Chief Technology Officer | Microsoft ANZ

Lee Hickin has 30 years' experience in the IT industry. Driven by the potential for positive and responsible innovation in areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing and Mixed Reality technologies, Lee has worked across Asia, the UK and Australia. Before joining Microsoft, Lee led the Internet of Things business development team for Amazon Web Services in Asia Pacific. Earlier in his career, he was a CISSP security architect with RSA Security and Tivoli. As the National Chief Technology Officer, Lee advises government and critical infrastructure organisations on digital strategy and the economic, innovation and social impact of cloud scale technology.

Lee also heads the Microsoft's Office of Responsible AI for Australia and guides organisations through the mechanisms and culture needed to embrace responsible AI implementation. Lee believes in the potential of AI to help build a brighter and more inclusive future, and is a regular speaker on cloud technology, innovation culture and digital trust. He sits on the NSW Government Artificial Intelligence Review Committee, where he provides strategic advice to guide technological decision-making and is a member of the Department of Industry's Federal committee for the national AI Action plan.



## Ana Cammaroto

Chief Information Officer

| Personal Banking and Digital, National Australia Bank

Anastasia Cammaroto was appointed as NAB's Chief Information Officer, Personal Banking and Digital, in March 2021 and is responsible for the end-to-end technology delivery that ensures we serve our customers well. Along with oversight of the development of NAB's core digital channels and shared digital platforms, Ana also leads key technology teams across Home Ownership, Personal & Everyday Banking and Retail, Direct & Operations.

Ana is a passionate advocate for addressing the gender imbalance in technology and driving growth in STEM skills across Australia. She was named as one of Australia's Top 50 CIO's in 2016 and in 2018 was selected as Woman of Influence for her work in amplifying STEM confidence and experiences in both students and adults. In 2022 Ana was awarded the Women in Banking & Finance Award for contributions to the industry across her career. Outside of work Ana is a proud mother to three children and is a lifelong music and pop culture enthusiast.



### Rita Arrigo

#### Strategic Engagement Manager | National AI Centre CSIRO

A passionate believer in the ways AI, XR and the Metaverse can reinvent our digital lives to 3D immersive experiences. As a natural storyteller excited by the opportunities the tech world brings, she can translate complex technical ideas across the 'IT divide' to those less tech-minded, an enthusiastic advocate and sought-after speaker for many years on all things innovation and digital. Rita is now the Digital Innovation lead at Frazer-Nash Consultancy an innovative systems, engineering and technology consultancy. Previously at Deputy Director at RMIT CIAIRI - Centre for Industrial AI Research and Innovation, and as Chief Digital Advisor at Microsoft working with the private and public sector to enable new technologies including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Mixed Reality (MR) and Digital Twin to sectors including health, transport, energy, education, retail and urban planning, customer engagement and environmental stewardship.

She has a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering and Computing from Monash University as well as qualifications in Marketing (Monash University), Artificial Intelligence (Microsoft INSEAD AI Business School), Design Thinking (Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford), and Design Thinking Essentials (Luma Institute).



### Dan Jermyn

#### Chief Decision Scientist | Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Dan Jermyn is an experienced leader in both technology and analytics, with an established record of building award-winning, global teams in digital, big data and customer decisioning. Dan joined the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in 2017, where he has responsibility for ensuring they harness specialisms in AI, data science, experimentation, and behavioural economics to drive decisions that help improve the financial wellbeing of CBA's customers and communities.

After gaining master's degrees from both Oxford University and Cardiff University, Dan first plied his trade as a strategy consultant and then Head of Analytics for an agency in the UK, where he led engagements with a host of major corporate and governmental organizations. He followed this up by co-founding a successful digital technology start-up. Dan joined CBA from the Royal Bank of Scotland, where he held various roles including Head of Digital Analytics and Head of Big Data & Innovation.



## Professor Karin Verspoor

Executive Dean

| School of Computing Technologies, RMIT University

Professor Karin Verspoor is Executive Dean of the School of Computing Technologies at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Digital Health, and a 2021 “Brilliant Woman in Digital Health”. She was also selected as a finalist in the Women in AI Australia/New Zealand Awards 2022 for “AI in Innovation”.

Karin is passionate about using data and AI to improve health outcomes for people. Her work has a specific emphasis on the use of natural language processing to transform unstructured data in biomedicine into actionable information, including from both clinical and scientific publications. Karin held previous posts as Director of Health Technologies and Deputy Head of the School of Computing and Information Systems at the University of Melbourne, as the Scientific Director of Health and Life Sciences at NICTA Victoria Research Laboratory, at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She also spent 5 years in technology start-ups during the US Tech bubble, where she helped design an early artificial intelligence system.



## Professor Eun-Jung Holden

Director | UWA Data Institute

Leader | Centre for Data-driven Geoscience,

School of Earth Sciences - The University of Western Australia

Professor Eun-Jung Holden from The University of Western Australia (UWA) is the Director of UWA Data Institute and the leader of Centre for Data-driven Geoscience (CDG) at UWA. Her expertise spans the boundaries of computational science and geoscience and links academia and industry. She works closely with the resource industry to develop innovative and deployable data science solutions. Her team’s research outcomes are disseminated to global end-users through the commercialisation of three geodata analytics software products; and their recent research resulted in three industry-driven patent applications that are based on applying machine learning to augment the interpretation of diverse types of data used for mining. Professor Holden’s team won the UWA Vice Chancellor Award in Impact and Innovation in 2015. She was a winner of the Women in Technology in WA (WiTWA) Tech [+] 20 Awards in 2019; and the winner of the AI in Mining category of Women in AI Awards Australia and New Zealand, 2022.



## Dr Muneera Bano

Diversity and Inclusion in AI Researcher | CSIRO's Data61  
 Superstar of STEM, Science & Technology Australia  
 Winner Under-40 Most Influential Asian-Australian Leader 2019  
 Pakistan Foreign Office Honour Awardee 2021  
 – Under 40 Leaders in Science and Innovation

Dr Muneera Bano works for CSIRO's Data61 within Diversity and Inclusion in AI. A passionate advocate for women in STEM, Muneera was announced as the 'Most Influential Asian-Australian Under 40' in 2019. A 'Superstar of STEM 2019' and member of the 'Equity, Diversity and Inclusion' committee of Science and Technology Australia, in 2021, Muneera was recognized by the Government of Pakistan Foreign Minister's Honour List as under-40 Pakistani-Australian leader in 'Science and Innovation' for her leadership and advocacy in diversity and inclusion in STEM in Australia.

Muneera graduated from the University of Technology Sydney in 2015 with a Ph.D. in Software Engineering. She specializes in socio-technical domains of software engineering focusing on human-centered technologies. She was the recipient of Schlumberger's 'Faculty For The Future Award' for Women in STEM (2014 and 2015). Muneera was named as a finalist for 'Google Australia's Anita Borg Award for Women in Computer Science', Asia-Pacific 2015, and won the 'Distinguished Research Paper Award' at International Requirements Engineering Conference 2018. Muneera was offered Fellowship for 'Cultural Diversity and Leadership' at Sydney University's Business School in November 2019. She was selected for 'Pathways to Politics' by Melbourne University's School of Government to complete the leadership program in 2021.



## Dr Ying Yang

Assistant Commissioner of Data Science | Australian Taxation Office

Dr Ying Yang is an award-winning senior data scientist at the cutting edge of information technology and computer science. Ying is in charge of the data science capability of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), leading one of the Australian Public Sector's largest data science teams of over 100 data scientists. Ying and her team deliver trusted data science service and expert advice to the full business spectrum across the ATO, supporting the government and the Australian community. Their work is of very large scale and high impact, is renowned for innovation and excellence, and has won many awards.



## Aurelie Jacquet

Independent Consultant on Responsible AI  
Principal Research Consultant | CSIRO Data61  
Responsible AI and expert | OECD expert Group on AI Risk  
Chair | Standards Australia AI Committee

Aurelie Jacquet is an independent consultant who advises ASX 20 companies on the responsible implementation of AI. She also works as Principal Research Consultant on Responsible AI for CSIRO-DATA61, she is a member of the NSW Government AI Committee and the co-chair of ACS' AI Ethics Committee. She also leads global initiatives for the implementation of Responsible AI. To cite a few, she is

- the chair of the standards committee representing Australia at the international standards (ISO) on AI;
- the co-chair of the first accredited global certification program for AI developed by the Responsible AI Institute for the World Economic Forum; and
- an expert on AI Classification and Risk for the OECD.ai Group

In 2021, she was also appointed by the European Commission as an expert as part of their international outreach initiative, which helps promote the EU's vision on sustainable and trustworthy AI. Also in 2021, she won the Australia-New Zealand Women in AI in Law Award, she was recognised by Women in AI Ethics (WAIE) as one of the 100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics globally, and the Responsible AI Institute Leadership Award.



## Chris Howard

Technical Leader Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning  
| Amazon Web Services, Asia Pacific & Japan

Chris Howard is the AWS technical leader for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning across Asia Pacific and Japan. He is responsible for a team of deep specialists, building and deploying AI/ML powered solutions on the AWS cloud. Chris is also responsible for co-leading the development and roll-out of AWS Ratio™ – the AWS Responsible AI Framework, and actively works with customers globally to share best-practice on how to deploy AWS AI & ML services in a responsible way. Chris is a Chartered Fellow of the British Computer Society and a contributing member of the IEEE Standards Projects for Algorithmic Bias (P7003) and Recommended Practice for Organizational Governance of AI (P2863).



## Sarang Park

@IAmSciComm Manager | Fudan University

Sarang Park is the curator of the hosts spotlighted on the science communication. Since 2018, she has been building an international science communication network dedicated to disseminating skills and experience needed by students and scientists to engage with the public.

Currently a medical student at Shanghai Medical College, Fudan University, China, she also holds a degree in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and Jacobs University Bremen, Germany.



## Jas Chambers

Chair & Co-founder | Ocean Decade Australia

Jas Chambers works at the intersection of science and technology, governance, policy, international diplomacy, and operations, working collaboratively and in complex stakeholder environments. Jas Chambers is Chair and a Co-founder of Ocean Decade Australia, a not-for-profit charitable organisation that is connecting Australia's ocean stakeholders through new and novel approaches to bring about national change and improvement in our approach to ocean management, stewardship, and use. Jas is committed to learning and sharing knowledge about the Sustainable Development Goals, and SDG14 – Life below Water. Jas has worked in Australian higher education and government in senior and executive leadership roles across STEM operations and organisational transformation, communications, and international science diplomacy including with United Nations Specialized Agencies and the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, representing Australia. Jas' style is welcoming, highly collaborative and inclusive, dedicated to integrity, quality and transparency and cultivates innovation. Jas is a graduate of marine science, psychology, communication and business, and serves as Secretary to Science & Technology Australia, Chair of the Sydney Institute for Marine Science Foundation and Board Director of the Grok Academy.



## Hilary O'Connor

Vice President of Channel Partnerships | Soul Machines

Hilary O'Connor is a keen technology advocate and evangelist with a passion for innovation, and a wealth of experience in the tech industry. She joined Soul Machines over 4 years ago, where she built and oversees their global channel partnerships program. Prior to this she was at Google where she worked within their Cloud technologies business as Customer Engineering Lead, after having spent close to a decade at Microsoft, predominantly as Lead Technology Strategist. She has previously held consulting and, earlier on in her career, development roles, with companies such as Cap Gemini, Deloitte and Datacom.



## Professor Enrico Coiera

PhD, MBBS, FAAHMS, FACMI, FAIDH

Director | Centre for Health Informatics,

Australian Institute of Health Innovation

Director | NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Digital Health

Director | Australian Alliance for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

Professor Enrico Coiera is Foundation Professor in Medical Informatics, Macquarie University. Trained in medicine with a computer science PhD in Artificial Intelligence (AI), he has a research background in industry and academia, with a strong international research reputation. Professor Coiera spent 10 years at the prestigious Hewlett-Packard Research Laboratories, Bristol, UK.

Professor Coiera is Lead Investigator on the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Digital Health and holds a NHMRC Leadership Investigator grant. In 2015, he was awarded the François Grémy Award by the International Medical Informatics Association and was named the Australian Field Leader in Medical Informatics in 2021. In 2017, he was one of ~100 scientists worldwide elected as a Foundation Member of the International Academy of Health Sciences Informatics. Professor Coiera was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences in 2018, and a Member of the International Academy of Quality and Safety in Healthcare in 2020. He founded and leads the Australian Alliance for AI in Healthcare. His textbook *Guide to Health Informatics* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition is widely used internationally. He has >350 publications, >21,000 citations in Google Scholar.



## Dr Ramona Vijeyarasa

Senior Lecturer and Juris Doctor Program Head  
| Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney

Ramona Vijeyarasa is the Chief Investigator behind the Gender Legislative Index, a tool designed to promote the enactment of legislation that works more effectively to improve women's lives. Her work innovatively combines law, engineering and data science to reinvigorate decades-long debates about the law's role in addressing gender inequality. A Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney where she is also the Juris Doctor Program Head, Dr Vijeyarasa brought to UTS a decade of experience working in civil society as a women's rights activist. In 2022, Ramona received the 2022 Woman in Artificial Intelligence Award for the Law Category and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up for the Women in AI Innovator of the Year. These accolades join grants and awards from the American Society of International Law, the Women's Leadership Institute Australia, New York University, the Australian Academy of the Social Sciences, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Letten Foundation and Young Academy of Norway. Her latest book, *The Woman President: Leadership, Law and Legacy for Women Based on Experiences from South and Southeast Asia* was published by Oxford University Press in July 2022.



## Dr Allan McCay

Deputy Director | The Sydney Institute of Criminology  
Academic Fellow | The University of Sydney Law School

Formerly a commercial litigator, Dr McCay was named by Australasian Lawyer as one of the most influential lawyers of 2021 for his work on neurotechnology and the law. He is the author of numerous academic and other publications, and his first coedited book *Free Will and the Law: New Perspectives* is published by Routledge and his second, *Neurointerventions and the Law: Regulating Human Mental Capacity* is published by Oxford University Press.

He was commissioned by the Law Society of England and Wales to write the report *Neurotechnology, law and the legal profession*, which was published in August 2022. This world-first consideration of brain-computer interfaces and other forms of neurotechnology was reported by media sources around the world in over 20 countries, including reports from the BBC and The Times.



## Peter Gavin

GM, Data & Analytics | ANZ Bank New Zealand'

Peter Gavin has over 20 years' experience working in Data & Analytics across a number of sectors and has extensive experience leading data transformation, analytics, strategy and delivery teams.



## Fathia Tayib

Privacy Risk and Compliance Analyst | Wesfarmers OneDigital  
Google Responsible Innovation Fellow 2022

Fathia Tayib is a Privacy Risk and Compliance Analyst at Wesfarmers OneDigital. Over the course of her career, she has held positions in mining, banking, energy and retail. She is a passionate advocate for cultural diversity in corporate Australia. She is an active member of tech communities such as Black Women in AI, ForHumanity, and Blacks in Technology Australia.

Fathia was the only Australian to be selected for the inaugural Responsible Innovation Fellowship at Google earlier this year. As part of the fellowship, the participants studied social harms, ethical tools/resources, and AI safety, culminating with a case study presentation to the wider Responsible Innovation team. As an advocate of ethical technologies, she seeks to ensure that AI does not create or exacerbate inequities and harms for communities of colour worldwide.



## Professor Toby Walsh

Chief Scientist | UNSW AI Institute

Toby Walsh is an ARC Laureate Fellow and Scientia Professor of AI at UNSW and CSIRO's Data61. He is Chief Scientist of UNSW.AI, UNSW's new AI Institute. He is a strong advocate for limits to ensure AI is used to improve our lives, having spoken at the UN, and to heads of state, parliamentary bodies, company boards and many others on this topic. This advocacy has led to him being "banned indefinitely" from Russia. He is a Fellow of the Australia Academy of Science, and was named on the international "Who's Who in AI" list of influencers. He has written three books on AI for a general audience, the most recent is "Machines Behaving Badly: the morality of AI".



## Professor Joanna Batstone

Director | Monash Data Futures Institute

Professor Joanna Batstone, PhD, is a leading global expert on AI, data analytics and technology. She has more than 20 years' experience in top executive roles in the USA, Europe and Australia, helping universities, companies and government use technology to meet their goals.

Joanna is the inaugural Director of Monash Data Futures Institute at Monash University, supporting government, companies and organisations in using AI, data analytics and insights to help with COVID recovery and develop governance and policy for social good. She is building a global reputation for the institute's ground-breaking work, along with a digital ecosystem to foster collaborative research with industry engagement. Responsible for data science and AI across the university, Joanna is passionate about the benefits of AI driving major change for social good.

Joanna joined Monash after a range of technical and business leadership roles in IBM's Research and development laboratories, including work with IBM Watson.



## Jannat Maqbool

Principal Advisor | Ecosystem Advisory

Jannat is an Australian born Punjabi and mother of three based in the Waikato, New Zealand. She is a CPA and former CIO with a Masters in Digital Business and is actively engaged in the New Zealand technology ecosystem. With a focus on leveraging technology in innovative ways to benefit people and planet, Jannat is a Principal Advisor across Asia Pacific with Ecosystem, a technology research firm based in Singapore.



## Michelle Alarcon

President | Analytics Association of the Philippines

President | Z-Lift Solutions

Co-founder | For The Women Foundation

Michelle Alarcon currently serves as the Head of Learning at For The Women (FTW) Foundation. An analytics practitioner with over 25 years of experience, she founded analytics consulting firm Z-Lift Solutions in 2013 to enable companies with their analytics needs. In the same year, Michelle organized the tech community R Users Group of the Philippines for aspiring practitioners using open source tools. In March 2022, Michelle was elected as President of the Analytics Association of the Philippines (AAP).



## Kylie Ahern

CEO and Founder | STEM Matters

Publisher and Editor In Chief | The Brilliant

Kylie is an award-winning science and environment publisher. In 2004, after 10 years working across media titles in the UK and Australia, she co-founded Cosmos Magazine and built it to be the number one science magazine and website nationally. COSMOS was a game-changer for the science sector in Australia. Prior to the launch 99% of science magazine sales were to imported titles. It created the science publishing category in Australia and helped build the profile of hundreds of Australian scientists. After selling her equity in COSMOS, she helped establish the Nature Publishing Group team in the Australian and NZ market.

In 2016 Kylie founded STEM Matters which has quickly become Australian's leading agency for engagement, communications and content for the STEM sector. In 2020, Kylie founded The Brilliant – an online publication showcasing the work of extraordinary people and institutions that have magnified the impact of their research and innovations.



## Marzida Mohd Noor

Independent Non-Executive Director | Affin Bank Group

Marzida Mohd has extensive experience in leading IT business transformation, IT strategy, management and operations, and programme management. Marzida has held various leadership and management roles at Malaysia Airlines and Shell which provided her with the exposure to stakeholder and business environment in a global landscape.

Marzida is currently an Independent Non-Executive Director of Affin Bank Group and Heriot-Watt University Malaysia. She is the Chair of the Affin Bank Group Board IT Committee responsible for overseeing the IT and Business Transformation agenda underpinned by a digital transformation strategy focusing on four priorities: reinventing the consumer journey, leveraging on the power of data, redefining the operating model and building a digital driven organisation and culture. Marzida is also a member of the Bank's Group Board Nomination and Remuneration Committee. She is an active working member of the 30% Club Malaysia whose mission is to promote gender balance on Boards and C-Suites.



**Sara Cole Stratton**  
**Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kahu**

**Founder | Māori Lab**

My law degree, in Aotearoa, NZ, unconsciously taught me about the law's inherent biases, creating systemic, institutional bias which favours those that have the power to create them. Our legal system didn't much represent me as Māori or as a woman. My solution then was we need more Māori creating the legal system. I was shocked many years later, that whilst researching digital tech broadly, AI specifically, for my Master's at Tech Future's Lab, that nothing much had changed. Big tech companies were owned and run by similar demographics, with Artificial Intelligence relying on data collated, analysed and deployed by them. The same analogue biases were occurring, but digital tech had the possibility of magnifying that bias exponentially.

The solution? As an Indigenous AI and equitable inclusion advisor, it's simply about ensuring Māori, and all voices, including the planet, are included in the creation, right through to deployment and after-care, of AI, of systems in organisations. Helping organisations understand the why, then the how to. Only this can give us the 360 view of potential impacts. The impact? Trusted, responsible, representative government, business, digital technology, for a flourishing people and the planet.



**Sharmistha Chatterjee**

**Senior Manager, Data Science | Publicis Sapient**

Sharmistha Chatterjee is a Data Science Evangelist with vast professional experience in the field of Machine Learning and Cloud applications. She is currently working as a Senior Manager of Data Sciences at Publicis Sapient. She leads the digital transformation of clients across industry verticals ranging from Retail, Media, Travel and Hospitality, Advertising, IOT, and Telecom.

She has demonstrated proven experience in doing AI research and implementing scalable AI solutions for enterprises, leading to revenue upliftment of several million dollars. In this process, she tries to bridge the gap between theory and practice. She is a multi-award winning data scientist and an international speaker and also has been invited as a guest speaker at several conferences. She is also a Google Developer Expert in Machine Learning and Google Cloud. Her other community contributions include active blogging (in platforms [hackernoon.com](https://hackernoon.com), [datasciencecentral.com](https://datasciencecentral.com), [techairesearch.com](https://techairesearch.com)).



## Marina Yastreboff

**President | Australasian Society for Computers & Law**  
**Senior IP Counsel | The University of New South Wales**

Marina Yastreboff is an award-winning lawyer and senior lawyer at the University of New South Wales (one of Australia's leading Universities), championing the translation of leading research and the education of future generations of AI professionals. She is President of the Australasian Society for Computers & Law, a multidisciplinary think tank driven to co-design a sustainable and responsible future at the intersection of law, technology, and society, through open education, executive leadership and policy development. Marina also serves on several advisory boards, including the International Federation of Computer and Law Associations, International Association of Privacy Professionals, and UNSW Allens Hub for Technology, Law and Innovation. A strong advocate for the UN Sustainable Development Goals, inclusion, the rule of law and transformational education.



## Anita Eglitis

**Macroeconomist, tech entrepreneur and tech investor**  
**Director | Techseeder.com**

Anita is a tech entrepreneur and investor with a background in macroeconomics, finance and government. She is deeply interested in the application of AI to fields such as health, finance, law, clean energy, robotics and the arts - especially purposeful applications with positive social impact. Currently she manages several portfolios of global tech stocks and is collaborating on future ventures with an AI focus.

Anita commenced her career in macroeconomics with the Commonwealth Treasury before pivoting into senior executive roles in strategy, investment banking, VC and infrastructure. As a courageous and visionary leader with a resolute commitment to integrity and transparency, she has led ground-breaking reforms to governance and reporting in the public and private sectors. Her passion for data and tech for good impelled her to become co-founder and CEO of egrants.com, a radically innovative start-up contracted to manage almost AUD1bn of Federal government grant programs, especially during the GFC. These were Australia's first egovernment Software-as-a-Service contracts and achieved unprecedented levels of efficiency, integrity and transparency. Anita's academic background includes an MA in economics from Cambridge University and tertiary/postgraduate studies in science, philosophy, law and engineering.



## Lydia Hsiao-Mei Lin

CEO | Taiwan Artificial Intelligence Association (TAIA)  
 Board director | INWES APNN – Society of Taiwan Women  
 in Science and Technology (TWiST)  
 Women Techmakers Scholar

Lydia Hsiao-Mei Lin is currently the CEO of the Taiwan Artificial Intelligence Association, providing digital transformation consulting and solutions for enterprises. Technology entrepreneur Lin Hsiao-Mei is known for winning the Microsoft Imagine Cup (2011) global final champion. Additionally, she is a committee member of Google Anita Borg Scholars Alumni (2014), now known as the Women Techmakers. Hsiao-Mei invented an intelligent evacuation system to upgrade the fire protection industry. Her start-up, HEX Safety Inc., includes research and commercialization of Active Dynamic Signage Systems (ADSS). Today, the innovative product ADSS has passed traditional fire codes and sold and deployed in many real buildings. ADSS also won the iF Design Award (2016), leading the fire industry to upgrade to the IOT era. In 2017, she received the Top Ten Outstanding Young Women Award (2017).



## Vy Nguyen

Chief Growth Officer | CIO Vietnam  
 Country Manager | Cloud Kinetics, Vietnam

I am an innovative, enthusiastic & positive person who has extensive experience in managing and leading various kinds of projects in the IT Industry for many years. Apart from managing an international cloud consulting company, Cloud Kinetics, as my full-time job, I am also the Chief Growth Officer at CIO Vietnam Community, the biggest IT community in Vietnam, with more than 8,000 members and dedicated to building and developing a community for leaders and managers in IT industry, and for those who wish to become leaders and become a future IT managers.

I am also an active social and equality activist since my return to Vietnam in 2014. I led Enablecode for 5 years, a tech social enterprise that focuses on employment of people with disabilities in the IT industry. Similarly, I co-ran the Gender Equality Across Industry (GEAI) project and involved in Women's Empowerment Club, which are funded by the American Embassy; our main focus is to bring gender balance, diversity and inclusion in the workplace.



## Syeda Hossain

### Senior Software Engineer | Alex Solutions Bangladesh

I have been in the technology industry for more than 11 years and currently working as a Senior Software Engineer. Prior to that I have completed my honours degree in Computer Science and Engineering from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. I have a wide range of experience working with Java echo system and industrial frameworks, such as, Struts, Spring MVC, Spring boot applications, EJB, Microservices, Docker and AWS.

My AI initiatives helped people with intellectual disabilities, making ethical changes to their lives and to Hospital and Medications management systems. I have worked with the requirement analysis, development and implementation of intelligent ERP solutions for fashion industries. Most recently, I have been working with the Enterprise Data Management Platform that supports the world's largest data catalog which was born with a desire to develop a solution to complex industry challenges in enterprise data management.



## Dr Rahil Garnavi

### Senior Technical Staff Member, Master Inventor, Data & AI Lead | IBM Australia

Dr Rahil Garnavi is a Senior Technical Staff Member and an Associate Partner in IBM Australia, an Adjunct Associate Professor and a member of Research Advisory Committee in Centre for New Energy Transition at Federation University. Rahil is a thought leader who draws on her 17 years of experience in world-class R&D, translating AI technologies into the commercial world to solve complex problems. She comes with extensive experience in setting strategy, building and managing high performing multidisciplinary teams, establishing trusted partnerships across organisations nationally and globally.

Rahil co-authored over 60 refereed publications and holds over 50 patents. She was selected as a finalist for the Women Leading Tech Awards 2022, and as a finalist for Women in AI Awards (AI in Healthcare) 2021 Australia New Zealand. IBM awarded Rahil twice the title of Master Inventor, and recognised her with an Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, and an Eminence R&D Excellence Award for her technical leadership in AI. Rahil received her B.Sc. in software engineering in 2003, her M.Sc. in artificial intelligence in 2005, and her Ph.D. from the University of Melbourne in 2011. Rahil is a strong advocate of Responsible and Ethical use of Technology and AI, and her work and ideas have been featured in different media outlets, such as ABC News, Australian Financial Review, CNN, and The Committee for Economic Development of Australia.



## Professor Wonhee Choe

Artificial Intelligence Master Program

| Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea

From the fall of 2022, she is a professor at Ewha Womans University in the artificial intelligence convergence field. From 2021 to the summer of 2022, she serves as an expert member of the Metaverse Industry Headquarters at the National IT Industry Promotion Agency (NIPA). Previously, she worked for SAIT, DMC Research Center and Wireless Division at Samsung Electronics for 20 years and left over 100 patents and 20 papers.

Prior to her PhD (2016) in cognitive science, she received her bachelor's (1998) and master's degrees (2000) in electrical engineering.



## Phanish Puranam

Roland Berger Chaired Professor of Strategy and

Organisation Design | INSEAD

Phanish Puranam is research as an organizational scientist focuses on how organizations work, and how we can make them work better. His current work focuses on different ways in which algorithms relate to organizations, in their roles as tools (e.g., machine learning applied to organizational data), as team members (e.g., human-AI collaboration) and templates for organizing (e.g. blockchain, metaverse). Phanish obtained his PhD at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 2001, and was on the faculty of London Business School till 2012.



## Dr Olivia Cant

Research Fellow

Institute of health And Sport

| Victoria University and Tennis Australia

Olivia Cant is a postdoctoral research fellow within the Institute of Health and Sport at Victoria University and Tennis Australia. Her work is primarily in sports analytics, using ball and player tracking data to generate insights into player performance. Olivia completed her PhD in 2021 with Victoria University and Tennis Australia. Her PhD utilised modern technology to investigate the effects of shot characteristics on aspects of on-court hitting performance in professional tennis.



## Bianca Nogrady

Freelance Science Journalist

Founding President | Science Journalists Association of Australia

Bianca Nogrady is an award-winning freelance science journalist and author based in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, Australia, who is yet to meet a piece of science she doesn't find fascinating.

Bianca writes regularly about science, medicine, the environment and technology for outlets including Nature, the Guardian, The Scientist, The Saturday Paper and WIRED UK, and her work has appeared in The Atlantic, Undark, MIT Technology Review, the BMJ, Australian Geographic and Scientific American. She is the author of Climate Change: How We Can Get To Carbon Zero, The End: The Human Experience Of Death, editor of the 2019 and 2015 Best Australian Science Writing, and co-author of The Sixth Wave: How To Succeed In A Resource-Limited World. Bianca is founding president of the Science Journalists Association of Australia, an organisation which champions and supports science journalists and science journalism in Australia.



## Dr Puangrat Kaewlom

Professor in Environmental Engineering

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Dr Puangrat Kaewlom is currently a Professor of Environmental Engineering, Chiang Mai University. She has her B.Eng degree in Industrial Engineering from Chiang Mai University, Thailand, in 1990, her M. Eng degree in Environmental Engineering from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, in 1994, and her Ph.D. degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Texas in 2002.

Dr Kaewlom has been the principal investigator of several research projects, funded by competitive research grants. Her current research is involving the impact of micro-pollutants (mainly on pesticides, heavy metals, and nanoparticles) on ecosystem, and the technology research and development to remove the micro-pollutants from the contaminated environment. As, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become an important area to tackle most environmental sustainability issues, her current works are greatly involved with integrating Artificial intelligence (AI) and remote sensing imagery in monitoring changes in land use, vegetation such as biodiversity, water and soil management. She has several supported research grants from Thailand government agencies and international grants such as International Foundation for Science (Sweden), Newton Fund-Royal Academy of Engineering (UK), ERASMUS+, and collaborative support from National Science Foundation (NSF) and U.S. Department of Energy.



## Koo Ping Shung

### President and Co-founder | AI Professionals Association

Koo Ping Shung has more than 18 years of relevant experience in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. His experience spans a wide variety of industries in how data is being used. His experience also spans throughout the data value chain, from data collection, data management, and data governance through to the insights & machine learning model implementation. He is an instructor in various prestigious institutions such as NUS, SMU, and ESSEC, a strong vote of confidence in his knowledge and experience of the field. He is Data Science & Artificial Intelligence advisor to businesses and startups and has mentored many individuals. His strong passion also translated to him co-founding DataScience SG, one of the largest interest groups in the region. One of his many current roles is President of AI Professionals Association setting up professional accreditation process of the Chartered AI Engineer and a start-up mentor. He graduated with an Economics degree, minor in Finance from NUS, and holds an MBA from the University of Adelaide.



## Emma Naji

### Media Suite and AI Advisory

Emma has worked in emerging technologies for over 25 years after gaining a 1st class in computer science. Her career has spanned the early days of voice recognition, co-founding one of the first commercially successful drone companies in the UK, multiple AI start-ups in New Zealand and as the Executive Director of the AI Forum she worked to nurture the AI sector and the National AI Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand.

Emma is a huge believer in the potential of AI to solve some of our most pressing social, health and environmental problems, and believes we must embrace the opportunity it offers safely and boldly.

At Media Suite, Emma is working with the team to help take the first steps into AI. Media Suite is tackling some big environmental challenges across Government with the development of clever technology and it is only natural that AI and data becomes part of the solution.

Emma has previously served as an expert member for the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), and the OECD network of experts (ONE.AI) and has worked with the World Economic Forum Reimagining regulation in the age of AI.



## Lee Constable

### STEM Edu-tainer

Lee Constable is a science communicator and TV/online presenter who works at the intersect of science and society. Lee is best known for hosting science and technology childrens TV show, Scope (Network 10, 2016-2020) and authoring children's book, 'How to Save the Whole Stinkin' Planet'. With a background in science, social science and the arts, Lee's work on- and off-screen focuses on reaching audiences in innovative ways through media and entertainment. In 2021 Lee partnered with QLD AI Hub and Brisbane Street Art Festival to deliver an AI-focused installment of live street art event that she founded called 'Co-Lab: Science Meets Street Art'. As well as a freelance career presenting and producing content that makes audiences laugh while they learn, you will also see Lee presenting TikToks and Instagram reels for The Conversation Australia/NewZealand. You can find Lee constantly babbling on all social media platforms as @Constababble.



## Glen Willoughby

Managing Director | Front Line Diagnostic Ltd

IT / AI Advisor | NASA-JPL, California

Chief Information | Officer Singularity Group, California

Chief Executive | Nilo Ltd

Glen Willoughby is a global technology executive having held roles in a range of sectors, Manufacturing, Hospital and Health, Civil Engineering and Services, Space Exploration and Technology Innovation sectors. Glen currently leads a waste repurposing technology company Nilo (Auckland NZ), is the Chief Information Officer at Singularity University/Group (Silicon Valley CA) and Digital Innovation Advisor at NASA JPL (Pasadena CA). In addition, he has founded Frontline Diagnostics Ltd developing Artificial Intelligence tools to combat breast cancer - in collaboration with Amazon Web Services, Health New Zealand, Victoria University and The Radiology Group (TRG).

He holds an MBA from Waikato University and is an Adj. Research Fellow at Victoria University, Faculty of Health.

In 2021 Glen established, in cooperation with NASA JPL and NZ Space Agency, a scholarship for New Zealand Post Graduate technology and physics students to intern at NASA JPL - The Alex J Willoughby NASA JPL Fellowship.

Married to Kirsty, Glen is a father of three and after ten years still struggling to learn the guitar. He recently joint NZIoD in 2022.



### Justin Strharsky

Founder and Director | Humyn.ai

Using the power of technical communities, I've helped more than 30 \$5-15BN companies to achieve \$MMs in efficiency, sustainability, and innovation gains, and have built 3 businesses in the process. Now I'm building a global community of AI creators. If the last 10 years were defined by the explosion of data we generate, then the next 10 will be about giving people the power to put this data to use with collective, augmented intelligence. That's why I co-founded Humyn.ai - we are giving every business the power to solve challenges with data science, and every AI creator opportunities to do great work that makes an impact.



### Sandy Antipas

Business Development Manager | ASI Solutions, New Zealand

Tech education specialist

Sandy Antipas came to NZ with his parents as they immigrated to build a new life. Sandy as a parent today with two beautiful children has taken what he's seen from his parents and has put into his practice the building of a "better" future with his children.

Sandy's first career was as a student, then as a media broadcaster. Sandy won various media awards and lead many Radio Surveys to be one of the most successful Wellington radio personalities by having the #1 Rated show in the same afternoon drive slot on two different stations.

Sandy then targeted technology as the industry to be in and Sandy moved from using the microphone, to using the microchip as his bread and butter. Multinationals Canon, Sharp and IBM Sandy now shares his skills with ASI NZ. Communication skills are essential in effective story telling, and IT companies were bad at it.

Sandy is always looking out to do things "better" and that includes his skills and his knowledge of current tool sets. You will often see Sandy talking about "better" technologies or demonstrating them online.