



In this Edition: Events, Conferences & News Articles.

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Events

Growing a Local ICT Company Breakfast

10th February, 2006, 7:15am to 9:30am, WA Club, St Georges Tce, Perth.

You are invited to attend an interactive breakfast event which will present the opportunity to listen to and engage with a panel of three successful executives from local ICT industry companies which have grown in the difficult market conditions of recent years.

You'll also have the opportunity to meet AIIA's Canberra based Industry Development Manager, John Dean and discuss the new CollabIT program designed to help SMEs create joint ventures with industry colleagues and other industry groups. Member cost: \$35.00, Non Member cost: \$40.00

<http://www.aiia.com.au/i-cms.isp>

Networking Event Geelong

ACS-W cordially invites you to an informal networking event for anyone in the ICT industry.

Wednesday 1st March, at The Bended Elbow Hotel, Yarra St Geelong, (formerly Icon Hotel), 5.30 - 7.00 PM

No charge, Buy your own drinks.

[Please RSVP to linda.batson@acslink.net.au](mailto:linda.batson@acslink.net.au)

Networking Event: Identity Crime – Lose your money AND your Life!

Identity crime is growing exponentially. Yet it is barely acknowledged as a public threat. Its' effects are far reaching - being mostly immune to geography, race or religion. For the victim, the results can be devastating, including financially and in terms of reputation.

Free to all ACS Members and you can bring a non Member for free. Drinks & snacks provided.

Venue: Telstra Centre, 242 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Date: Wednesday 15 February, 2006, Time: 5.30pm - 8.30pm

[For more information and bookings: www.acs.org.au/vic](http://www.acs.org.au/vic)

Conference

9th Pacific Rim First Year in Higher Education Conference

The 2006 Conference continues to address the key challenges students face in their first year at university, and how to best equip them with the tools for academic and personal success.

The theme Engaging Students, focuses on ways to increase the engagement of students with their learning, their peers, and in their learning environments to ensure they can contribute to the world they inherit.

The conference will take place at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus from July 12-14, 2006 and offers a comprehensive program

www.fyhe.qut.edu.au.

Connecting Up 06

Hyatt Regency Adelaide on May 1 and 2

Our theme this time around will be Changing the World with Technology - the Digital Means to the Social End. Expressions of interest in presenting close on Friday 17 February.

Community Information Strategies Australia (CISA), National conference series, on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the community.

www.communIT.info/conference

Grace Hopper Celebration

The Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing 2006 is the sixth in a series of conferences designed to bring the research and career interests of women in computing to the forefront. Presenters are leaders in their respective fields, representing industrial, academic and government communities. Leading researchers present their current work, while special sessions focus on the role of women in today's technology fields.

Electronic submissions will be accepted beginning February 1, 2006.



http://www.gracehopper.org/call_for_participation.html

News

Geek sitcom 'airs' online

A new geeky British sitcom made its official debut online last week giving internet users worldwide a peek at the new comedy about a fictional IT department.

<http://newsletters.fairfax.com.au/cgi-bin/16/DM/y/exuq0FOr7z0Bnf0Janz0E1>

Measuring women in leadership.

Released at the Ministers Conference on the Status of Women, Measuring Women in Leadership provides an overview of the status of women in leadership positions in Australia.

<http://www.women.vic.gov.au/CA256EAE0012F311/Womens%20Policy/About+UsWorking+for+Women#news>

Postgraduate Scholarships 2006: For women in science, engineering, technology and construction

The Victorian Government, through the Department of Infrastructure

The scholarships, valued at \$10,000 each, will be awarded for one year full-time or two years part-time study. The winners of the scholarships will also be given the opportunity to undertake part-time work at DOI during the year, subject to study constraints.

View scholarship information.

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse:ID=ne5afnrh7d81#1>

Study: Women enjoy less free time than men.

While more free time sounds like a good thing for everyone, new research suggests it is a better deal for men than it is for women.

A study found that men who have more free time feel less rushed than men with less leisure time. But even when women have more time free from paid work and household tasks, they don't feel less rushed.

The results suggest that women - particularly mothers - may feel the pressures of childcare and housework even when they have time for relaxation, said Liana Sayer, co-author of the study and assistant professor of sociology at Ohio State.

<http://researchnews.osu.edu/archive/genrush.htm>

The Internet is for girls, too

A new report shows that while men continue to pounce more quickly and dive more deeply into new Internet technologies, women are starting to catch up in overall 'Net use.

"How Women and Men Use the Internet" is from the Pew Internet & American Life Project. It is based on a number of surveys taken throughout the year via the phone with a total of 6,400 or so people in the U.S. and shows how men's and women's use of the Internet has changed over time.

The project stems from the Pew Research Center, which describes itself as a "nonpartisan fact tank."

<http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/index.php?id=1208680052&eid=-108>

Women and Money

Last years Women and Money: Workshops for a financial fit future have proved popular and will be running again this year.

<http://www.women.vic.gov.au/CA256EAE0012F311/Womens%20Policy/About+UsWorking+for+Women#news>

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Salaries Stagnant for IT Workers"

eWeek (01/16/06) Vol. 23, No. 3, P. 27; Hines, Matt

IT salaries appear to have been flat during the fourth quarter of last year, according to the preliminary results of a survey of about 2,000 U.S. companies by research firm Janco Associates. The January 2006 IT Salary Survey reveals that the mean compensation for computer-industry professionals rose to \$74,636 in the last quarter of 2005, slightly up from \$69,579 during the final quarter of 2004.

read more at:

<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1759.1910440.00.asp?kc=EWRSS03119TX1K0000594>

Where Are the Women in IT?

Processor (01/20/06) Vol. 28, No. 3, P. 1; Chickowski, Ericka



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A lack of women in IT--and an even more pronounced lack of effort to enlist women in IT--spurred the creation of the National Center for Women in IT (NCWIT), an organization based out of the University of Colorado; NCWIT founder Lucy Sanders says the ultimate goal of the organization is to improve the recruitment of women into the IT field so much that NCWIT eventually becomes redundant.

read more at:

<http://www.processor.com/editorial/article.asp?Article=articles/p2803/30p03/30p03.asp&GUID=449CEE1CBCB746CD9B81992B175B34F9>

Women Desert IT in Droves

VNUNet (12/14/05); Thomson, Iain

Hudson UK reports that nearly two-thirds of women working in IT have left or are about to leave the field, with about 88 percent of women saying they disliked the nine-to-five routine, and 43 percent saying they did not expect to be working a full time nine-to-five routine by 2010.

More than half of the women surveyed say they are frustrated with the lack of flexible schedules, over three quarters are angry that they cannot work from home, and over half feel frustrated at the lack of career prospects for women in the industry. Employers know there is a problem, but many have been reluctant to come up with a solution.

<http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2147559/women-desert-droves>

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Thank- you!