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## **In this Edition: Events, Conferences, & News.**

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### **Events & Conferences**

#### **International Women's Day Breakfast**

Vic ICT for Women & ACS invite you a networking breakfast to celebrate 'International Women's Day' (International Women's Day is on Sunday 8 March). **Marilyn Ross**, Sergeant at Multimedia, Victoria Police, will be our informative and entertaining speaker. **'Technology on the Beat'** - does TV's use of technology in police shows reflect reality? All are welcome and we look forward to welcoming you at the breakfast! **Thursday 5 March, 2009** 7.00am for 7.30am - 9.00am River Room 3, Crown Entertainment, Complex, 8 Whiteman Street, Southbank Cost: \$35 ACS and VIC ICT Members - \$25 ACS and VIC ICT student members - \$45 non members

**Bookings:** Are essential, and places strictly limited. Register early to avoid disappointment via <http://www.vicictforwomen.com.au/> OR <https://www.acs.org.au/vic/>

#### **VicWIC dinner demise?**

We have been overwhelmed by silence since the last newsletter and are inclined to conclude that we have reached the end of the life span of our VicWIC dinners. If indeed we are wrong, and you would like the dinner to continue (late April, early May?). Please e-mail Barbara [bhurst@swin.edu.au](mailto:bhurst@swin.edu.au) OR Jo [jojo@deakin.edu.au](mailto:jojo@deakin.edu.au)

#### **Computer Building Workshop (run by women for women)**

Duana Stanley has volunteered to run this event, hosted by VicICTforWomen to be held at ACS premises The Teahouse in Melbourne on Saturday March 21st. Initial interest in attending was high, but if you would like to put your name on a waiting list, contact enquiries@vicictforwomen.com.au or call Di Indrans ph:0488 545 040

#### **OzWIT 2009: Striving to improve equity and diversity in IT**

The 11th OzWIT conference will be held at the Deakin University Burwood on November 30 and December 1, 2009. Mark your diaries. The OzWIT conference will precede the Australasian Conference in Information Systems (ACIS) to be held at Monash University. Delegates are encouraged to consider combining the two conferences. More information forthcoming [www.ozwit.org](http://www.ozwit.org) or contact the Conference organizers: Dr. Annemeike Craig [acraig@deakin.edu.au](mailto:acraig@deakin.edu.au) Assoc.Prof. Julie Fisher [Julie.fisher@infotech.monash.edu.au](mailto:Julie.fisher@infotech.monash.edu.au) or Dr Catherine Lang [clang@swin.edu.au](mailto:clang@swin.edu.au)

### **News & Opportunities**

#### **APAI PhD Scholarship Opportunity**

A prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC)-funded PhD scholarship is now available in an exciting new project : **“Digital Divas: Designing approaches to enthuse girls’ interest in ICT studies and ICT careers”** The PhD student will be under the supervision of Assoc Prof. Helen Forgasz (Monash University) and Dr Catherine Lang (Swinburne University). P.t.o.

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**Thank- you!**



The stipend for the scholarship 2009 is \$26,140 per annum (tax free). The scholarship is available from June 2009 for up to 3 years of PhD studies. Interested candidates should make contact Assoc Prof. Helen Forgasz [Helen.Forgasz@education.monash.edu.au](mailto:Helen.Forgasz@education.monash.edu.au)

### **SMART SMEs – Market Validation Program**

Smart SMEs - Market Validation Program (MVP) is a \$28 million grants program, a key part of the Victorian Government's third wave of investment in innovation outlined in Innovation: Victoria's Future. The MVP was launched on 19 February. You can get more information at [mvp@diird.vic.gov.au](mailto:mvp@diird.vic.gov.au)

## **ACM**

### **ACM President awarded DAME in Queen's New Year Honours**

Wendy has been a champion of Women in Computing for many years. An interview with her in MP3 format is available to listen to online at [http://www.stephenibaraki.com/audio/Wendy\\_Hall.mp3](http://www.stephenibaraki.com/audio/Wendy_Hall.mp3). Included are her thoughts on: the three top challenges facing our field today; the need for professionalism in IT; the burgeoning markets for technology in China and India; the future for business and IT professionals; personal career management, among many other points. Selected excerpts from the interview, as well as additional background, are available at: <http://www.acm.org/membership/hallinterview>.

### **Every IT Woman NEEDS a Peer Network: Here's Why**

Computerworld (02/02/09) Farnsley, Gail

Most of us already know this. Gail says joining formal groups enables professionals and students to meet amazing and accomplished women and to learn from some of the top female IT professionals. More informal networking groups also are available that offer an opportunity for a more open forum to discuss whatever is on members' minds. Read more at:

<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=careers&articleId=332052>

### **Women in IT Still Hit Glass Ceiling**

ITPro (02/19/09) Knights, Miya

A recent UK survey found that 58 percent of women believe that being a woman makes it harder to succeed in an IT career, and 55 percent believe they do not earn as much as men in similar jobs. Many survey respondents said that women are held to a higher standard than male IT workers, and skills that would be considered excellent in men are expected skills in women. Women also experience greater pressure to overachieve, affecting their work-life balance. Read more on this at:

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/609927/analysis-women-in-it-still-hit-glass-ceiling>