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

This newsletter is brought to you by the Australian ACM-W Ambassador Dr Catherine Lang. It is also available at [www.ozwit.org](http://www.ozwit.org). Copy and paste URL's in to your browser to link to articles.

### **Events & Conferences**

#### **OzWIT2009 "Australian Celebration of Women in IT"**

Mark your diaries:

The 11th OzWIT conference will be held at the Monash University Caulfield on December 1, 2009. An exciting program of presentations, panels and workshops will interest women in ALL areas of ICT. A call for presentation and panels is at: [www.ozwit.org](http://www.ozwit.org)

For more information contact the Conference co-chairs:

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OzWIT is sponsored by **ACS-W; ACM-W; MMV; Google** and **VicICTfor Women**

#### **VicWIC Dinner is BACK!**

Come along to chat and network in a relaxed comfortable environment. Bring a friend.

Date: 28th August

Location: Nelson's Restaurant, 231 Nelson Place Williamstown

Time: 7 for 7.30pm

More information will be forthcoming from Dr Jo Caldwell email: [jojo@deakin.edu.au](mailto:jojo@deakin.edu.au)

#### **Career Planning Workshop (Vic ICT for Women)**

3 interesting topics will be presented: 'Returning to the Workforce after Maternity Leave' - Kaylene O'Brien, Partner Consulting - DeloitteTouche Tohmatsu 'Managing Your ICT Career' - Megan Weir, Head of Business Technology Partnership Services - ANZ 'How Women Interview Differently to Men' - Deb Kwasnicki. Facilitated by Nikki Harkin - Talent2 International Ltd.

Breakfast will be served prior to the workshop commencing.

**Date:** Thursday 10th September, 2009

**Time:** 7:10 am to 9:00 am

**Where:** 'Emirates House', Level 1, 257 Collins St Melbourne

**Cost:** Members - Vic ICT for Women members; ACS & PMI Melbourne Chapter : **\$25**  
Non-Members: **\$30**

R.S.V.P. no later than **18th August**. More information at: [enquiries@vicictforwomen.com.au](mailto:enquiries@vicictforwomen.com.au)

To send a message or submission to the Newsletter for the next edition email  
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Thank-you!



### **News & Items of Interest**

#### **i4d (Information for Development) is dedicating the September 2009 issue to 'Gender and ICTs'**

The upcoming special issue of i4d on 'Gender and ICTs' will look into the following sub-topics:

1. Is there really an I4D gender divide? Anecdotes versus evidence
2. Technology Trailblazers – Articles that highlight significant women's contribution to regional or global development through ICTs .
3. New Approaches to engaging women in the creative process of I4D
4. Digital Natives – How young boys and girls approach technology.
5. Lessons from the field – Documenting the project strategies that were formulated and implemented with a gender perspective but were not successful.

For more details regarding manuscript types and format, refer to [http://www.i4donline.net/Editorial/Editorial\\_Guidelines.asp](http://www.i4donline.net/Editorial/Editorial_Guidelines.asp). Submission deadline is 15 August 2009. E-mail all submissions to [subir@csdms.in](mailto:subir@csdms.in)

#### **New online resources from the Association of Women Educators**

Many excellent gender and education resources have been developed, and the arguments and directions for change have been well articulated. One of the greatest obstacles for all of us is time.

This resource provides an accessible outline of issues and approaches linked to selected key readings and professional learning and teaching resources.

It also gives an e-life to sections of the excellent training module *Piecing it together – understanding the social construction of gender* (Education Queensland 1996) and provides a scaffold for findings from the AWE Leading Social Change project research.

Information and resources available at: [www.awe.asn.au/project\\_leading\\_social\\_change](http://www.awe.asn.au/project_leading_social_change) or e-mail Maria Delaney, Leading Social Change Project Officer [delaneymt@gmail.com](mailto:delaneymt@gmail.com)

#### **ACS survey of Generation Z**

ACS recently conducted a survey to which 1820 Australian and New Zealanders aged 12 to 18 (Generation Z) ranked their preferred careers and quizzed them on their perceptions of various industries.

The survey suggests that ICT careers have become the number one choice for teenagers – over graphic design, acting, fashion, animation and gaming.

See the summary [http://www.armnet.com.au/article/312671/ict\\_careers\\_top\\_choice\\_generation\\_z?rid=-100](http://www.armnet.com.au/article/312671/ict_careers_top_choice_generation_z?rid=-100)

But the survey attracted some interesting comment from teenagers which is worth having a quick look at the bottom of this story.