

## WOMEN'S WEEK 2020

# Talking Women Business Leaders Participants

## SPEAKERS



### The Hon. Bronnie Taylor, MLC

For 20 years prior to her election, Bronnie was a registered nurse, specialising in cancer care and palliative care. Her work in these fields saw her become one of the first McGrath Foundation Breast Care nurses, and then on to become the Director of Cancer Services in the Southern NSW Local Health District. Her political journey is one of an 'accidental activist', becoming involved in politics only due to her frustrations with the 'system' and its implications for regional patients. Bronnie served as the Deputy Mayor of the Cooma-Monaro Shire and became involved in the National Party, before being elected to the Legislative Council in 2015. In August 2016 Bronnie was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW and Regional Communications. In January 2017, she became Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW. She is passionately committed to our rural and regional communities, and in particular about health and education outcomes, local government and agriculture. After the 2019 State election, Bronnie was appointment Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women. Bronnie is married with 2 daughters and is part of a family farming operation at Nimmitabel.



### Dr Catriona Wallace

Based between the US and Australia, Dr Catriona Wallace is the Founder & Executive Director of Artificial Intelligence company Flamingo Ai, provider of Machine Learning technologies. Flamingo Ai is the second only woman led business ever to list on the Australian Stock Exchange. Catriona has been recognised as the Most Influential Woman in Business & Entrepreneurship (AFR) and as one of the country's most eminent scientists by the Royal Institution of Australia.

With a dedicated passion for encouraging more women to pursue careers in technology, Catriona is leading by example. She has a PhD in Organizational Behaviour and is a published author and analyst. Catriona's links with business schools around the world allow her to share international practice and case studies, and as such brings a strong evidence-based approach to her speaking topics.

Catriona, an Adjunct Professor at the Australian Graduate School of Management, UNSW, is also a philanthropist, human rights activist and mother of five.



### Deanne Stewart

Deanne Stewart joined First State Super as Chief Executive Officer in 2018. As one of Australia's largest super funds, Deanne has led First State Super's drive to be a 'Force for Good' through its responsible investment philosophy and focus on providing its members with the best guidance and advice for retirement. In the past 12 months Deanne has led the integration of First State Super's financial planning business StatePlus and successful merger discussions with Victoria super fund VicSuper.

In 2019, Deanne was also honoured as a Workplace Gender Equality Agency Pay Equity Ambassador. An experienced financial services industry leader, Deanne is passionate in her belief that a strong culture and clearly defined purpose drives business success.

Before joining First State Super, Deanne was Chief Executive Officer of MetLife Australia. Before this she held senior roles within BT Financial Group including as General Manager for Superannuation, Marketing and Direct Channels. Deanne has more than 25 years' leadership experience in financial services in superannuation, wealth and insurance sectors in Australia and internationally. This includes time as Managing Director with Merrill Lynch Investment Management in New York, and as an Engagement Manager with McKinsey and Company in London. Deanne is a graduate from the University of NSW with a degree in Commerce (Finance and Marketing). Deanne also holds an MBA from the Yale School of Management in the United States as a Fulbright Scholar.



### **Kylie Fuller - Telstra**



An organisational Development Leader with over 20 years experience in a range of industries, Kylie's passion is creating opportunities where diverse talent thrives. Kylie started her Human Resources career in the Telecommunications industry before joining Lendlease and then The Reserve Bank of Australia. In 2017 Kylie joined Telstra marking a return to Telecommunications, to take on a senior role in Talent and Organisational Effectiveness. As the mother of two University students, Kylie is also driven by a personal mission to make the leaders and the workplaces of the future more inclusive and effective.



### **Mary Mulcahy - Director, Education and Outreach, CSIRO**

As Director of CSIRO's Education and Outreach team Mary Mulcahy leads a team of over 100 people all around Australia who deliver high quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education programs for teachers, students and the community. She has been in her current role since February 2015. For the 15 years prior to that she held senior communication roles in CSIRO and tertiary education providers. Prior to moving into mainstream communication roles, she managed outreach education centres for universities and experiential learning centres. These roles allowed her to travel and work in all Australian states and territories as well as New Zealand and Malaysia. She has also worked as a high school teacher and freshwater ecologist. Mary has an honours degree in science from the University of Tasmania and a Graduate Diploma in Science Communication from ANU.

## **FACILITATOR**



### **Melanie Brown - McKinsey & Company**

Melanie is an Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company where she focuses on bringing global best practice and insights to the Australian public sector, including in health, justice and education. She previously provided strategic policy and media advice to Ministers in the Australian Government, including on domestic violence policy, women's workforce participation and women's economic empowerment. Melanie is a lawyer admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW and formerly worked at King & Wood Mallesons. She has Bachelor degrees in International Studies and Law from the University of Sydney and is currently completing a Master of Laws at the University of Melbourne.