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WOMEN IN SEAFOOD AUSTRALASIA



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Seize the moment and take your professional development to the next level with the Turn the Tide Entrepreneurship and Leadership program.

The program consists of small groups of dynamic seafood women tackling pressing issues and effecting change in their communities and industry.

Participants will be inspired and guided by speakers, experts and influencers during the program and will work with likeminded women who are driven to take action. This 6-month program is online and culminates in a fabulous in person 3 day experience in Canberra. The program is free to WISA members (including travel and accommodation).

It's a one-of-a-kind opportunity designed to empower you, whether you're advancing individually or uplifting your workplace.

Don't believe us? Hear from some of our 2023 participants in this [short video](#).

APPLY HERE NOW!



AICD NOT-FOR-PROFIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 Not-For-Profit Scholarship program, offering a unique opportunity for NFP leaders across all states and territories.

Open to directors of small not-for-profit organisations with an annual income of \$2 million or less, as well as aspiring directors, executives, and senior managers within the NFP sector, this scholarship program aims to empower leaders with essential governance skills.

A total of 200 fully-funded places are available, providing access to the esteemed AICD Governance Foundations for NFP Directors course. The courses are run between August 2024 and June 2025, this course will equip participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complexities of governance within the NFP sector.

For more information click [here](#).

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REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CHILDCARE AT SEAFOOD DIRECTIONS 2024

Register your interest in free childcare at Seafood Directions 2024.

WISA believe that offering childcare will enable more women and men with children to benefit professionally from attending industry conferences. WISA is planning to provide onsite childcare at Seafood Direction in Hobart this year.

If enough interest is gained, WISA will proceed with providing free childcare at the conference.

Please follow the link [here](#) to register your interest.

AUSTRALIAN OYSTER SHUCKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia's Oyster Shucking Championships is one of the most unique races you will ever experience and it's not just the Australian titles at stake, the winner is invited to compete at the World Oyster Opening Championships in Ireland in September!

There is both a men's and women's competition and the organisers are committed to shining a light on the women that work in the industry. There are cash prizes and of course the coveted medals in play, but the winner overall gets to represent Australia at the World Championships in Galway, Ireland in September. Click on the links for more details on the [shucking competition](#) and to find the [application form](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE QUEENSLAND SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to the outstanding women who were finalists and winners at the recent Queensland Seafood Industry Awards!

WISA women flooded the nominations, and we could not be more ecstatic that the following 3 WISA women took the win in their respective categories!

Umar Nguyen Aka The Fish Girl - Promotion Award
Kate Lamason and husband Rowan owners of Little Tuna - Small Business Award
Sienna Green a third-generation net fisher - Young Achiever Award



KATE LAMASON
SMALL BUSINESS AWARD



UMAR NGUYEN
PROMOTION AWARD



SIENNA GREEN
YOUNG ACHIEVER

AGRIFUTURES RURAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR: KATE LAMASON



It has been an incredible start to the year for Kate Lamason who has been named the winner of the 2024 Queensland AgriFutures Rural Women's Award and winner of the Queensland Seafood Industry Small Business Award.

Kate's extensive work across the seafood industry, not-for-profit organisations and local government make her a deserving recipient. She is the co-founder of Little Tuna, Australia's first canned tuna company, delivering a sustainable and award-winning product and boosting the profile of the local tuna industry.

Kate will also commence as Programs Manager for WISA in April. Her role will involve the coordination and delivery of a number of initiatives including WISA activities at the upcoming Seafood Directions Conference.

ADELAIDE NETWORK EVENT 12 APRIL 2024

Join WISA and Stay Afloat for an industry event to build connection and resilience among the members and supporters of the South Australian Seafood Industry.

We would love to see you in Adelaide for a relaxed chat and to share some food. At this event, you will hear about the collaboration between WISA and Stay Afloat to get the industry moving for health and happiness, and at the same time spend some time with industry friends.

WISA and Stay Afloat are planning to get a seafood industry team to do the iconic Adelaide City to Bay <https://city-bay.org.au/>. The options suit everyone... You could opt for walking 3km or start training for the half marathon!

RSVP [here](#) to join us on 12th April. Everyone is welcome!



WELLBEING: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

WISA and Stay Afloat are collaborating in 2024 and 2025 to deliver in person workshops around Australia. We are seeking WISA members input into what topics you would be most interested in.

These workshops will be open and relevant to everyone but the team at Stay Afloat have focused on wellbeing topics that we hear women talking about all the time!

Take 2 mins to vote for your top topic and/or register your interest in participating [here](#).



SEAFOOD CAREERS LAUNCH: CALL OUT FOR INTERVIEWS

Seafoodcareers.com.au is a joint initiative of Seafood Industry Australia, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. Its purpose is to provide a platform and gateway for people to enter the seafood industry. To enhance the website SIA are requesting short interviews of you or your co-workers talking through what your workday looks like! We would love to see our members participate and showcase the amazing work women do in our industry.

If you need some ideas on what to chat about in your video, don't worry, we've got that covered! Check out the [interview guide](#) and let your creative juices flow. We've also got a couple of examples for you to watch for inspiration.

For more information visit the website [here](#)



BACKING FEMALE FOUNDERS: QUEENSLAND

The Backing Female Founders Program builds on the first phase of the Female Founders Program launched in May 2019, providing a suite of initiatives to grow and scale Queensland innovation businesses founded by women. To date nearly 2,000 female founders have benefited from the program.

The initiatives under the program assist female founders at various stages of the entrepreneurial lifecycle and address the barriers in the youth, startup, scaleup and global stages of the innovation pipeline. Each initiative aims to address one of the four key objectives of the program:

- Increasing investment to Female Founders
- Creating and supporting a pipeline of targeted female founded startups and scaleups
- Opening doors by ensuring female founders have access to corporate, government and business networks
- Showcasing female founders – you can't be what you can't see.

The program also collaborates with industry and government partners to deliver events, opportunities and resources to support women to continue their business journey and develop into thriving Innovation Driven Enterprises.

For more information visit the website [here](#)

WOMEN IN SEAFOOD MONTHLY LUNCHEONS WITH SEAFOOD INDUSTRY TASMANIA

If you are in Tasmania great news! We are excited to be hosting a regular, "Woman in Seafood" monthly event at The Brick Factory, Hobart thanks to our partners at [Seafood Industry Tasmania](#).

Our next lunch is Thursday 18th April. This is a perfect opportunity to relax, share some laughs, swap stories, and connect with the other women in the seafood industry in Tasmania!

Visit our [event calendar](#) to RSVP or check out future dates!

