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Friday 21 April 2017 - 8:45 am to 12 Noon
Pullman Brisbane, King George Square, Brisbane CBD

Meet our five eminent guest presenters



Professor Suzanne Miller - Panel Chair

Suzanne commenced as CEO and Director of the Queensland Museum Network in 2013. Since 2013 the Queensland Museum (QM) has increased its visitations by 70% becoming the most visited museum in Australia, with the network attracting over 2 million visitors in 2015/16. In 2016, while continuing as Queensland Museum CEO and Director, Suzanne was appointed to the role of Queensland Chief Scientist. In this role Suzanne is responsible for science policy development and implementation, and for ensuring science and innovation increasingly meet Queensland's economic challenges. Previous positions include Director of the South Australia Museum, Lecturer in Earth Sciences at the University of Aberdeen and the Open University, Geologist with the British Antarctic Survey, Researcher for BBC Science programming, and Geochemist with the Institute of Offshore Petroleum Engineering, Heriot Watt University/Conoco Philips.



Professor Ian Frazer AC

Professor Fraser is a clinician scientist, trained as a clinical immunologist in Scotland. As a professor at the University of Queensland, he leads a research group working at the Translational Research Institute (TRI) in Brisbane, Australia on the immunobiology of epithelial cancers. He is recognised as co-inventor of the technology enabling the HPV vaccines, currently used worldwide to help prevent cervical cancer. He heads a biotechnology company, Admedus Vaccines, working on new vaccine technologies, and is a board member of several companies and not for profit organisations. He is current president of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and was "Australian of the Year" in 2006. In 2008 he was recipient of the Prime Minister's Prize for Science, and recipient of the Balzan Prize and in 2012 was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of London. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2012.



Dr Catherin Bull AM, MLArch (Melbourne), DrDes (Harvard),
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Catherin is Emeritus Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Melbourne and Adjunct Professor at the Queensland Institute of Technology (QUT). She has led national and international consultancies in landscape architecture and urban design, served as a Commissioner in the Land and Environment Court of NSW and at the University of Melbourne, the Elisabeth Murdoch Professor of Landscape Architecture. She has published 2 books, over 50 papers and chaired the OECD Global Science Forum *Effective Modelling of Urban Systems to address Climate Change and Sustainability*, co-authoring its report in 2011. As an advocate for better quality city planning and design she has served on juries, planning and design review panels and boards nationally. She was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in June 2008 in recognition of her contribution to landscape architecture and urban design and is currently a board member of Building Queensland and chair of South Bank Corporation in Brisbane.



Distinguished Professor James Dale AO FTSE, BSc
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Distinguished Professor James Dale was the foundation Director for the Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities (CTCB) at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). He has been involved in biotechnology research for more than 30 years with current specific interests in the biofortification of bananas, and the development of disease resistance in genetically modified bananas. He has published more than 120 research papers, reviews and book chapters and 9 granted patents or patent applications. James is leading two major international projects funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to develop biofortified and disease resistant bananas for East Africa and in 2012 this was expanded to include into India. The “Golden Bananas” were recognized as one of the top 25 inventions of 2014 by TIME magazine. In June 2004, Professor Dale was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to agricultural biotechnology. In 2015, he was made a “Queensland Great”.



Li Cunxin

Li has had a long and diverse career as an internationally acclaimed dancer. He was appointed as Queensland Ballet’s fifth Artistic Director in July 2012. Following his performing career, Li worked in the finance industry as a senior manager at Bell Potter, one of the largest stockbroking firms in Australia. Until his appointment as the Artistic Director of Queensland Ballet, Li sat on the board of The Australian Ballet from 2005 and the Bionics Institute. In 2003, Li published his international best-selling *Autobiography, “Mao’s Last Dancer”*, which has received numerous awards and was adapted as a feature film in 2009. Li was Queensland’s *Australian of the Year 2014*. Li has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Australian Catholic University (2008) and by Griffith University (2016) for his contribution to dance and literature.