

# Women in chemistry

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Carol Robinson



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The Australian Academy of Science invites those with an interest in women in chemistry to join science broadcaster Robyn Williams for an afternoon discussion with senior women in international science, to celebrate the International Year of Chemistry.

To be held at Parliament House in Canberra, participants will hear about the scientists' lives, work and passions, and have the opportunity to ask questions in an interactive forum-style session.

**Robyn Williams** is a science journalist, broadcaster and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. He presents Radio National's *Science Show*, *Ockham's Razor* and *In Conversation*. Robyn graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in England, and has conducted countless interviews with scientists on ABC TV on programs such as *Quantum* and *Catalyst*, narrated the *Nature of Australia* series and appeared in *World Safari* with David Attenborough.



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**Professor Carol Robinson** is an internationally-renowned chemist who started her career in a pharmaceutical company and is now Royal Society Research Professor and Dr Lee's Professor Chemistry at the University of Oxford. She is visiting Australia soon after winning one of the most prestigious medals for chemistry in the world, the Royal Society Davy Medal, for her ground-breaking use of mass spectrometry which has led to an entirely new field of enquiry. She will speak about her journey to becoming a world-renowned chemist.

**Professor Margaret Sheil** is an accomplished chemist and Chief Executive of the Australian Research Council. Professor Sheil is a member of the Prime Minister's Science Innovation and Engineering Council and the National Research Infrastructure Council. As well as sharing insights into her own scientific career, Professor Sheil will speak about women in chemistry: personal, historical and future perspectives.

**Professor Suzanne Cory** is President of the Australian Academy of Science and one of Australia's most distinguished scientists. A medical researcher with a passion for encouraging women to pursue careers in science, she will share her first-hand experience of the inspiration and advancement in knowledge that can arise from collaborating across scientific disciplines.

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The Theatre, Parliament House, Canberra

This event is free and open to the public.  
RSVPs are essential, to Eleanor Paynter at  
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