



Associate Professor, Dr Catherine Ball is an Academic at ANU's School of Cybernetics, bestselling author, futurist and visionary.

Associate Professor, Dr Catherine Ball is a scientific futurist, speaker, advisor, author, founder, executive producer, executive director and company director working across global projects where emerging technologies meet humanitarian, education and environmental needs. Catherine also likes to create businesses and champion movements, collaborate with peers, and advise game-changers.

Having been called a 'social architect', Catherine likes to connect people from different backgrounds across common themes. A champion of diversity and inclusion, Catherine believes we need points of difference to truly innovate and curate the changes we want to see in the world. Working to protect the natural environment and empowering all members of society through mutual education are core aspects of the projects Catherine chooses to spend her time and energy on. Catherine continues to support Australia as being the world leader in the advancement of ethically driven technological applications.

Catherine is the only Australian on the International Advisory Board of the Schmidt Ocean Institute, which follows her work as a judge on the Ocean Discovery XPrize.

Catherine's business ventures include the internationally renowned World of Drones and Robotics Congress, established in Brisbane in 2017 and the free community resources of World of Drones Education, established in 2018. She is also the curator and Director of the Futures Conference.

Catherine holds a BSc Honours (Environmental Protection) and a PhD (Spatial Ecology, Descriptive and Predictive Statistics) from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the United Kingdom. Catherine lives in Sydney with her husband and two sons.

**Awards and Honours:**

- 2020 Lord Mayor's Business Awards: Outstanding Micro Business Winner
- 2020 Analytics Insight Worlds 50 Most Renowned Women in Robotics Award
- 2018 Global Contribution to UAV Industry award from Shenzhen UAV Industry association
- 2017 AFR's BOSS Magazine True Leaders Game Changers
- 2017 Women in Leadership Awards – Finalist Innovation Category
- 2016 Financial Review & Westpac 100 Woman of Influence
- 2016 Top 25 Women in Robotics List
- 2016 Courier Mail QBM Magazine: 25 Influential Movers and Shakers of Queensland
- 2015 AFR's BOSS Magazine Young Executives of the Year Winner
- 2015 National Telstra Business Woman of the Year, Corporate and Private Award
- 2015 Queensland Telstra Business Women's Awards Winner
- 2015 Queensland Telstra Business Woman of the Year, Queensland Corporate and Private Awards Winner.
- 2015 Innovator of Influence at Innovation Week
- 2015 Courier Mail Q Magazine: Queensland 50 Best and Brightest