

Adjunct Professor, Dr Catherine Ball is an award-winning, company director, bestselling author and futurist working across global projects where emerging technologies meet humanitarian, education and environmental needs.

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 and respect are core aspects of her chosen projects. As well as supporting Australian start-ups and leaders from all generations; Catherine is particularly passionate about social mobility and equity.

Catherine is proud to be an advisor to a broad range of enterprises and philanthropic organisations; i.e. an international advisory board member for the Schmidt Ocean Institute, and an XPRIZE visioneer and member of their Global Brains Trust. Catherine is also proud to be a member of Australia's Robotics Advisory Council.

Catherine holds a BSc Honours (Environmental Protection), a PhD (Spatial Ecology, Descriptive and Predictive Statistics) both from the University of Newcastle- upon-Tyne in the UK, and recently was awarded a DSc (Doctor of Science Honoris Causa) from Worcester Polytechnic in Massachusetts, USA.

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Awards and Honours:

2023	DSc (Honoris Causa) Worcester Polytechnic Institute
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