

MEDIA RELEASE

Top Award for ATN Chair for the Advancement of Women

The Chair of the **Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN)** and Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology, Sydney, Professor Ross Milbourne, has been recognised as a National leader at the forefront of driving change for a more equitable workplace.

Professor Milbourne is the 2009 recipient of the prestigious Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace (EOWA) award - **Leading CEO for the Advancement of Women.**

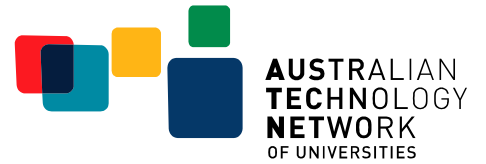
The award recognises A Chief Executive who:

- Leads by example through personal commitment;
- Drives management accountability for action;
- Creates an inclusive workplace culture;
- Goes the extra mile for the advancement of women; and
- Delivers improved outcomes for women and the business.

Professor Milbourne is a long time advocate of diversity in the workplace both at his own university and also in supporting the ATN's national Women's Executive Development (WEXDEV) initiative.

The ATN WEXDEV program is a dynamic and strategic career development program designed for senior women on the academic and general staffs of the five ATN universities. The program is a response to the continued under-representation of women at senior levels in higher education, a situation Australia shares with the international university community

ATN Executive Director, Vicki Thomson, said the accolade is an exemplar for not just higher education but



for Australian business.

“Universities are large employers and Vice Chancellors are responsible for managing large budgets. The ATN has long recognised the valuable contribution women make to organisations and their capacity to take on leadership roles at all levels. It makes good business sense to “grow your own””.

All ATN universities have been granted EOWA Employer of Choice for Women status.

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