



## DREAM BIG PROJECT TOUR



**Jessica Kahl,**  
IPWEAQ Ambassador

**A total of 130 girls participated in the 2017 Dream Big Project Tour throughout Queensland to inspire female school students to consider a career in engineering. The Dream Big Events were ran at the CQUniversity Rockhampton Gladstone, Bundaberg and Mackay Campuses by Jessica Kahl and Abby Caolan. The events featured presentations from female engineers and activities such as structure building, open channel flow, LED circuits and a Future City Build Workshop with Mayor Margaret Strelow and Greg Williamson.**

We have gained significant insights into our future generation's aspirations and how they want to be approached about an engineering career path. Having strong role models who explain their journey and activities which are practically engaging creating lasting impressions on students. Some girls personally thanked

us at the end of the event for opening their eyes to new opportunities for their career. It was incredibly rewarding to create moments which lit up their eyes with passion and ambition.

Female experiences and perspectives inject fresh and new ideas into workplaces and often complement the male leadership style. The contribution of equal genders naturally allows workplaces to make better decisions.

Thank you to all of our Guest Speakers, Staff, volunteers and amazing supporters throughout our journey. Team work makes the dreams work; and there are so many students with new ambitions in engineering because of you! Not all superheroes wear capes; but this week our engineers did! Keep dreaming big!

*The Dream Big Project is an initiative of IPWEAQ's*

*Ambassador, Jessica Kahl. It is designed to provide female students in Years 10 to 12 with an opportunity to develop their understanding of what it is to be an engineer and the rewarding job prospects on offer.*

*IPWEAQ is proud to be associated with the Dream Big Project which has - for two consecutive years - been awarded the CQ University Opal Award for Engaged Service Learning and Excellence and received a High Commendation from Engineers Australia in their 2015 Gender Diversity Awards.*

