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# From the editor



Welcome to The STEM Wrap! Check out our wrap from the web below.

### But first, a few thoughts from our editor:

It's true that the COVID-19 pandemic is causing worldwide panic.

But it is also uncovering some of the best examples of human kindness and determination. Especially when it comes to the amazing women working in STEM.

Women's Agenda's **Jessie Tu** has penned a brilliant piece on some of the women leading the way on COVID-19 research.

**Professor Katherine Kedzierska** and her team at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity have spent years researching ways our bodies fight viruses. In the past few days, they have published research that can help the global community produce a vaccine. Read the piece on Women's Agenda <a href="here">here</a>

Many women in STEM are staying well connected during this time of social distancing through social media. It's wonderful to watch the interactions and the support people are sharing with each other.

Meanwhile 17-year-old climate activist **Greta Thunberg** summed up the situation well: "Solidarity, science and commonsense will get us through any crisis. Let's keep that in mind. #COVID19", she wrote on <u>Twitter</u>.

If you'd like to share something interesting that you're working on, please send me an email here.

Stay well.

### Jane Lindhe

#### LATEST HEADLINES ON WOMEN'S AGENDA

### Prof Katherine Kedzierska & team make world first discovery of COVID-19

As the world's leading medical experts work to create a COVID-19 vaccine, researchers at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity in Melbourne, lead by Professor Katherine Kedzierska, are making inroads on understanding and treating the virus.

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### Life as we know has changed. We need to do things differently.

Life as we know it has changed. It is impossible to know how, exactly, life in a post-coronavirus world will look but there is no doubt that it will not resemble life before this virus spread. Not for a long time, and, perhaps, not ever.

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### A letter to the PM from Australian doctors is circulating

An <u>Open Letter</u> from Australian doctors to the Prime Minister is circulating on social media as the number of <u>Coronavirus 19 (COVID19)</u> cases continues to spike in the country. It comes after the Prime Minister Scott Morrison <u>announced over the weekend a mandatory 14-day self-isolation</u> period, commencing at midnight on Sunday, for every person who arrives in Australia. <u>Read more +</u>

# STEM from around the web

# Australia is spending millions of dollars to get more women into science, but is it working?

STEM Ambassador for Women, Lisa Harvey-Smith, says organisations and individuals across the country have been trying to increase the participation of women and girls in STEM for years. We're spending millions on initiatives, but are they having a positive impact? "We don't know," she says, "Because most programs are not properly tested or evaluated."

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### Calling for more diversity in cyber tech careers

Australian cybersecurity company, CyberCX, has launched a scholarship fund and other initiatives to attract and promote women in industry careers. The company will fund 12 scholarships to support female students who enrol into an Australian university or TAFE cybersecurity program. The scholarship will include a paid internship at CyberCX. More info here

### The unique camps supporting indigenous women in STEM

The CSIRO Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy is backing young women with goals to work in STEM through a series of on-country camps and a ten-year-long program packed with practical support.

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### Marie Claire celebrates women stars of STEM

The world needs science, and science needs women. This month Marie Claire Australia is celebrating the powerhouse researchers awarded a L'Oréal–UNESCO For Women in Science Fellowship.

Marie Claire

### Why is gender equity so difficult in engineering?

Women comprise just 13 per cent of the engineering workforce. It's a statistic organisations like Engineering Australia want to understand better. Last year it gathered more than 300 engineers and surveyed them on the barriers of entry for women in engineering. Read more about some of its findings <a href="here">here</a>

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