

Women in STEM – Speaker Questionnaire

1. What is your position title?

Director – Kalgoorlie-Boulder Mining Innovation Hub

2. What precisely do you do? What are the duties/functions/responsibilities of your job?

Work with a variety of stakeholders to solve problems and create solutions.

Early days but we are working to create collaboration across the mining sector in the WA Goldfields.

3. What is a typical day like?

No such thing! Sometimes I'm heading to Perth or the east coast, other times I might be heading to a mine site for a day or more, and other days I'm in Kalgoorlie at the hub and meeting with mining companies, researchers and METS companies. Often there are networking events or technical sessions to attend after work.

4. What projects have you worked on that have been particularly interesting?

Reopening mines, creating new teams, helping operations to make change and survive through difficult times.

5. What skills or talents are most essential to be effective in your job?

A good sense of humour. An open mind. A sense of adventure.

6. What was your entry-level job title and functions?

I started in mining before I did any studies. I worked my way through a number of jobs starting as Assay Clerk, then Survey Assistant, Surveyor, and Pit Supervisor before going back to study mining engineering. When I graduated my first job was working underground doing my 'underground time' in a small gold mine. My next job was as a Drill and Blast Engineer underground.



7. What kind of hours do you normally work?

Varies considerably as to where I am, but there is a fair bit of flexibility about where you work from so sometimes I work from home or a café, as well as in the office or on the road.

8. What kinds of problems do you deal with?

Multi-million dollar step change type problems through to small changes that can make things work better.

9. What do you do if you can't solve a problem on your own?

Reach out to colleagues, METS contacts, researchers, the list goes on.

10. To what extent do you interact with customers/clients?

That's totally what my job is about!

11. Which other departments, functional units, or levels of the hierarchy do you regularly interact with?

I deal with people from all levels of organisations. It's important to be able to talk to people in their own language – you might not discuss the same topic in the same way with a CEO as with an operator.

12. How much flexibility do you have in determining how you perform your job?

Lots of flexibility. There's room to experiment and try different ways of doing things – always looking for improvement.

13. Is your work primarily individual or predominately in groups or teams?

Both, but with a variety of teams – large and small.

14. What do you like about working in this job?

Making a difference to people, society, our community.

