

New Generation Indigenous Leaders for IWD

In celebration of International Women's Day, Future Women and Witchery are honouring new generation Indigenous leaders at an event on 5 March in Sydney.

Podcaster and author **Marlee Silva**; communications and engagement specialist **Shannan Dodson**; CEO of the Torres Strait Regional Authority **Leilani Bin-Juda**; and academic **Amy Thunig** will appear on a panel to celebrate their achievements and discuss issues affecting First Nations women. Carving out their own paths on the national stage, the panel were nominated by established Indigenous leaders: author **Dr Anita Heiss**; **Linda Burney MP**; Director of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, **Emily Hill**; and Industry Professor at Jumbunna Institute of Education and Research at UTS, **Nareen Young**.

The event will be hosted by Today's Entertainment Reporter and proud Gamilaroi Gomeri woman, **Brooke Boney**. AIEF Alum **Tanika Davis** will deliver an Acknowledgement of Country to open the event.

Future Women is a premium environment for women to connect, learn and lead. It is committed to speeding up the progress toward equality.



Founder and Managing Director **Helen McCabe** said while there's been growing support around International Women's Day there is still great inequality, especially amongst Indigenous Australians. "But there is also a bright future," she said. "When we launched Future Women we chose the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation as our charity partner and through the alignment, we have met dozens of impressive women who have graduated from the AIEF program. "As a result, we see International Women's Day as an opportunity to promote these exceptional young women and celebrate the positive roles they are playing and will continue to play," Ms McCabe said.

Ms McCabe said Future Women was proud to partner with fashion brand, Witchery, and thanked them for their support.



Witchery Managing Director **Simon Schofield** said, “Partnering with Future Women is a perfect brand alignment for us given our long history of using fashion to help women look and feel confident and we are very proud to play a role by dressing these inspiring Indigenous women this International Women’s Day.”

The event will be held at the Private Display Suite for Crown Residences at One Barangaroo, the residential component of Crown Resorts’ Crown Sydney development. The Barangaroo precinct is named after a powerful Cammeraygal woman, Barangaroo, who lived in the area at the time of early colonial settlement and is a key figure in local Aboriginal culture and community.

AIEF is proud to be supported by the Crown Foundation. Crown has an award-winning Indigenous Employment Program designed to make a positive impact on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. The program recently celebrated its tenth anniversary and has seen the facilitation of over 950 Indigenous employment opportunities.