

2024 SA Women of the Year Finalists



Space whiz Sarah Cannard. Picture: Keryn Stevens

Dr Sarah Cannard

Lead Engineer AROSE Trailblazer Lunar Rover, Nova Systems | Industry Director at SmartSat CRC | Chair of Aurora Space Cluster.

It's a long way from country SA to taking the lead on the Lunar Rover program, but Sarah Cannard's story is one of shooting for the stars. As a child in Berri and Murray Bridge, she dreamed of space. Today, she's playing a pivotal role in helping put Australia's space sector on the international stage and inspiring the next generation. This dynamic engineer's team was behind the design of Australia's first ever lunar rover, Trailblazer, in partnership with the Australian Space Agency and NASA. She is also instrumental in forging part of the 'space bridge' between the UK and Australia, a tool to highlight and connect Australia's space supply chain as part of a framework to increase collaboration between the two countries. She has a deep passion for space and growing a sovereign Australian industry, promoting STEM careers and creating opportunities for future generations. An Earhart Fellow, and the 2022 Female Space Leader of the Year, Dr Cannard is also a captivating TedX speaker and – was elite hockey player who still loves to get out on the field.



Tania Jolley

Co-founder of DNA Security Solutions and founder of Lashes of Change

Catching criminals and making mascaras is all part of the brief for serial entrepreneur Tania Jolley. As the co-founder of DNA Security Solutions and founder of Lashes of Change, Ms Jolley is dedicated to finding answers to life's problems – little and large. DNA Security Solutions' patented technology involves spraying a non-toxic, water-based solution embedded with a synthetic DNA fingerprint and ultraviolet ink onto criminals. With that product a success that is headed for the US, Ms Jolley has commercialised a world-first, fully customisable and refillable mascara with interchangeable brushes, colours, formulas and cases. Her bespoke "made by you, for you" sustainable mascara leaves a legacy, with 25 per cent of profits donated to The Centre for Cancer Biology, with a focus on breast cancer research here in SA; a subject close to Ms Jolley's heart following her 2017 diagnosis.



Corrina Wright

Winemaker and director, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards

She's been described as a "legend in the making" by WBM magazine, and this sixth-generation SA winemaker is forging a new direction among the vines that her forebears planted in McLaren Vale some 180 years ago. Among the future-focused Ms Wright's 2023 projects was a collab with Finnish Formula One ace Valtteri Bottas – a 2022 McLaren Vale shiraz called Ihana. Passionate about her home, wine industry and local community, she serves on the Australian Women in Wine advisory board, the Australian Wine Research Institute board member and is president of the Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show. Ms Wright is a Len Evans scholar and was awarded the ASVO Winemaker of the Year in 2019 and Family Business Australia's inaugural Leading Women in Family Business Award in 2021.