



Cheryl Praeger



STEM field(s): Mathematics

Born: 1948, Toowoomba, Queensland (Barunggam country)

Lives: Perth, WA

Intersectionality: regionality



- Awarded the University Medal in Mathematics from the University of Queensland. Achieved a DPhil's in Mathematics (Oxford).
- A prestigious mathematician, best known for her works in group theory, algebraic graph theory and combinatorial designs.
- Has published many papers and advised over 30 PhD students.
- Currently Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, University of WA.
- First woman President of the Australian Mathematical Society.
- Served as Foreign Secretary for the Australian Academy of Science.
- Awarded the Prime Minister's Prize for Science; first mathematician to win an ARC Federation Fellowship, or be named as WA Scientist of the Year.
- A Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).
- Has an AMusA in piano performance; enjoys sailing, hiking and cycling.

'My first hero was Hanna Neumann ... the first woman to become a full professor of mathematics at an Australian university. She ... was such a great teacher and mathematician.'

