



Marita Cheng



STEM field(s): Engineering, Technology

Born: 1989, Cairns, QLD (Yidinji country)

Intersectionality: regional, low socio-economic, culturally/linguistically diverse



- Raised by a single parent in public housing in Cairns, Queensland.
- Speaks English, Cantonese and Japanese
- Completed Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) and Bachelor of Computer Science.
- Started Robogals by recruiting friends to design workshops to teach girls about robotics.
- Used Churchill Fellowship to travel and learn about international approaches to science education for young women.
- Founder of Aubot, which builds robots that help people in their everyday lives.
- Co-founded Aipoly, an app to assist blind people recognise objects using their mobile phones.
- A robotics whizz and technology entrepreneur specialising in telepresence robots that change the lives of disabled people.
- Has presented at international conferences and TEDx talks.
- The youngest Member of the Order of Australia (AM).
- Enjoys reading, travelling and daydreaming.

‘Be inspired by what tech can achieve. If you’re intrinsically motivated, then you’ll work through all the hurdles in order to reach your goal.’