



Lyn Beazley



STEM field(s): Science (biology/neuroscience)

Born: 1944, Gravesend UK

Lives: Perth (Whadjuk land of the Noongar Nation)



- An excursion to Charles Darwin's house inspired her to study biology then later zoology.
- Achieved a PhD in Neuroscience and led an internationally renowned research team focusing on recovery from brain damage.
- In 1976 began a National Health and Medical Research Council research fellowship at UWA.
- Became the first female Chief Scientist of any State in Australia in 2006, advising the Western Australian Government on science, innovation and technology.
- Helped secure agreement for Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory WA to host the low-frequency part of the radio telescope of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA).
- Helped set up Dolphin Watch, one of the world's best citizen-science programs.
- Until recently was Sir Walter Murdoch Distinguished Professor of Science, Murdoch University.
- Awards: Officer of the Order of Australia for contributions to medical science, WA Australian of the Year in 2015

'At Oxford University there were 10 men for every woman student ... I could see that getting gender balance makes a big difference.'

