Project Controls EXPO
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Women in Project Controls Cruise



A special edition of **The Artful Argument,** held on the water for the first time as we cruise Melbourne's Yarra River.

Date
23 November 2026

Time
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where
Yarra River, Melbourne

THE ARGUMENT

> **"AI is a powerful equaliser for women at work."**



Project Controls Expo invites women in project controls to a very special edition of The Artful Argument. Facilitated by **Kestrel Stone**, with the Opening Argument delivered by **Dr Lilia Mantai**, this session focuses on the potential impact of AI on gender equality. Join us for a candid, collaborative conversation about the opportunities and challenges AI presents for women at all levels of project leadership.

MEET OUR SPEAKERS



Kestrel Stone

CEO, Elemental Projects Board, International Project Management Association (IPMA) Australia Host of The Artful Argument Former Chair, Women in Project Management (WIPM)

HOST



Dr Lilia Mantai

Dr Lilia Mantai Senior Lecturer, School of Work and Organisational Studies University of Sydney Business School

OPENING ARGUMENT

WOMEN IN PROJECT CONTROLS CRUISE

Your evening on the Yarra



5:10 – 5:25 pm	**Registration and boarding** Check in, step aboard and enjoy a welcome drink.
5:30 pm	**We set sail** The cruise departs along the Yarra River.
5:35 pm	**Welcome from Project Controls Expo Australia** Setting the scene for Women in Project Controls.
5:40 – 6:30 pm	**The Artful Argument: "AI is a powerful equaliser for women at work"** Hosted by Kestrel Stone, with the Opening Argument from Dr Lilia Mantai, followed by small-group conversations where every voice is heard.
6:30 pm	**Closing remarks** Project Controls Expo Australia wraps up the session.
6:35 pm	**Networking on the water** Keep the conversation going as we cruise past the city skyline.
7:30 pm	**Return to the wharf** The cruise arrives back and the evening comes to a close.

WHO SHOULD COME

This conversation is for everyone who believes diverse teams deliver better projects. Women in project controls at every career stage, colleagues, leaders and allies who champion collaboration and diversity are all warmly welcome.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Two-hour cruise on the Yarra River
- ✓ Welcome drink on arrival, then an open cash bar
- ✓ The Artful Argument session with our speakers
- ✓ Networking with peers across project controls



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