Loreto Federation

With Loreto Federation less than 8 months away, we are pleased to announce our featured speakers and guests for this exciting conference.

**Hon. Quentin Bryce AD CVOA**
Quentin Bryce has enjoyed a rich and distinguished career as an academic, lawyer, community and human rights advocate, senior public officer, university college principal, and vice-regal representative in Queensland and for Australia.

Ms Bryce is a role model and mentor to women at every stage of their lives. She values and encourages women’s capacity to form strong and enduring bonds of friendship, intellectual and emotional enrichment, and mutual support in their roles within the family, workplace and community. On 5 September 2008 Quentin Bryce was sworn in as Australia’s twenty-fifth Governor-General.

**Hon. Mary Delahunty - Loreto Federation MC.**
Mary Delahunty is a Gold Walkley Award winning journalist and presenter with ABC TV and commercial networks. She served for 7 years as a Victorian state government minister in senior portfolios and has seen the tensions from both sides. She is currently working as a consultant in government, media and the not-for-profit sector where she heads numerous boards.

She is the author of “Public Life Private Grief”, her own memoir about political life and loss, and the newly released “Gravity: Inside the PM’s Office during her last year and final days.” This book is a first person account of the turmoil that faced Prime Minister Julia Gillard as the political landscape of Australia as she knew it crumbled around her.

Mary resides in Melbourne and is a Loreto Abbey Mary’s Mount Graduate of 1968.

**Ms Kate Torney**
Kate Torney is the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s Director of News. Appointed to the role in early 2009, Kate has led ABC News through a period of transformational change in the global news industry, expanding the national broadcaster’s news services with the launch and growth of News 24 and the rapid expansion of the ABC’s online and mobile news services.

Before taking up the position of Director of News, Kate was the Head of the Asia Pacific News Centre. She graduated from Loreto College Ballarat in 1985 as Head Girl.

**Dr Michelle McIntosh**
After graduating from Loreto College Ballarat in 1991 as Deputy Head Girl, Dr Michelle McIntosh studied at Monash University and undertook a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Kansas. She is now a pharmaceutical scientist who specialises in drug delivery systems at Monash University.

Michelle and her team are currently working to find a new way for the drug oxytocin to be given to prevent haemorrhaging in women who have just given birth. In 2011 Michelle won a Grand Challenge Exploration Grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for her research, which is seen as having a revolutionary effect in health care worldwide. The importance of Michelle’s work was acknowledged by Hillary Clinton in 2011 at the Development Exchange in Washington DC, recognising Michelle’s position as a leading international medical researcher.

“For more information on Loreto Federation, the full program and to register, please visit www.loretofederation.com.au”

“Mary Delahunty is full of passion about the enabling power of education and good citizenship, and the joy of music and writing.”
-Villa Maria

“Dr McIntosh has been - and remains - on a crusade to raise millions of dollars to fund an innovation that could save an extraordinary number of lives.”
-Monash University

“Much of the media coverage about Kate Torney’s appointment as Director of ABC News emphasised the historic aspect of her promotion but that preoccupation veiled the more pertinent facts of her impressive credentials as a journalist and news executive.”
-Inside Story

“So subtle has her work been as governor-general, that many have completely missed what Quentin Bryce has done for women, and how extraordinary it has been to have a feminist occupy that position.”
-Sydney Morning Herald