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Koala Woman: networking with the best

Deborah Tabart OAM, CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation, will be speaking at the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Queensland's *Networking with the best* function on Wednesday 30th November.

Ms Tabart has been invited to attend the event after being the first Australian and first woman to win the IABC EXCEL Award, the highest accolade the IABC bestows upon a non member.

Tabart will be taking the opportunity to speak about the impact being the first woman to win the Award has had on her.

She will also talk about how being involved with such a large network of communicators has both confirmed to her she knows what she is doing and inspired her to take the AKF's creative communication strategies even further.

"It was amazing to be the first woman to win the EXCEL Award and meeting such a large group of dedicated communicators when I travelled to San Diego to accept the award was a fantastic learning experience

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to share the experience with IABC Queensland members", said Tabart.

"IABC Queensland is looking forward to having Deborah, an inspiring business leader, speak to our members. She's passionate about koalas, about communication, and about opportunities for women to excel," IABC Queensland director Kathryn Britt said.

"We'd encourage anyone interested in these issues to attend."

The Excellence in Communication Leadership (EXCEL) Award recognizes individuals who exhibit strong leadership in fostering excellence in organizational communication; previous recipients of the award include Kevin M. Warren, CEO of Xerox Canada; Brian J Dunn, president and chief operating officer of Best Buy Co Inc; J W Marriott Jr, chairman and CEO of Marriott International.

Joining Ms Tabart at the event will be Adrian Cropley ABC, the international Chair of IABC.

Mr Cropley is the first Australian to lead the IABC as it supports over 15,000 business communicators around the world.

"I am delighted that Adrian Cropley will be attending on Wednesday, I think communication is so important in business and it makes me very proud to see Australians receiving international recognition for their skills", said Ms Tabart.

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Ring **Deborah Tabart OAM**, CEO Australian Koala Foundation, to arrange an interview 0407 750 668

For more information on the event go to <http://iabc30november.eventbrite.com/>

For more information about Deborah winning the IABC EXCEL Award: [Media releases](#) and [photos](#) are available at www.savethekoala.com/IABCmedia.html

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