



# Women who inspire our Premier

**PREMIER** Anna Bligh has named the women she'd want with her in the trenches.

She named her right-hand women of choice as we approached International Women's Day.

"Queensland women inspire me every day," she said. "Women who take their personal passions and pursue highly successful careers that break barriers, like Governor of Queensland, Quentin Bryce AO and Queensland's first female High Court judge, Susan Kiefel."

We asked the woman young girls aspire to be who inspired her, as part of our list of women to watch in the months ahead.

"I also admire young people making a name for themselves doing what they love – Lydia Pearson and Pamela Easton, Julie Tengdahl, The Veronicas' Lisa and Jess Origliasso, Kate Miller-Heidke and Olympians Leisel Jones and Alice Mills," Ms Bligh said.

"I admire women making a tangible difference to the world we live in – Dr Cherrell Hirst AO, former Chancellor of QUT, for her work in breast cancer research and education and Karyn Walsh, who is the driving force behind

an exceptional support program in Brisbane – Young Mothers for Young Women."

Our list of women to watch – as it stands one week on – reads: Samantha Ogilvie (fashion retail, Emporium) Sally Graham (breast care nurse, Mater Private Hospital); Vanessa Hoe (Always Habit/Hoe; Mishel Laurie (comedian); Louise Price (hospitality guru, owner/operator London Club and Mirra); Gail Elliot (New York Little Joe); Suzie Majer (Majer Recruitment); Chelsea De Luca (jewellery designer); Rachael Walsh (ballerina); Lisa Newman (Lady Mayoress); Rebecca Sparrow (author); Gail Reid (fashion designer); Sarah-Jane Clarke & Heidi Middleton (fashion designers); Stephanie Rice (swimmer); Ana Marina (performer); Carolyn Barker (management executive); Jenny Hutson (banker); Le Neve Groves (ABC Learning director); Camilla Jakimowicz (dancer); Dr Georgia Chenevix-Trench (scientist); swimmers Bronte Barratt and Emily Seebohm, athletes Mel Rollison and Bronwyn Thompson, softballer Brooke Spence and triathlete Annabel Luxford.

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**SOULFUL SISTERS:** The Veronicas, aka Lisa and Jess Origliasso, get Anna Bligh's vote.