

2009 Alumnus of the Year

Ms Else Shepherd AM

Alumni President Ms Dalma Jacobs has announced that Ms Else Shepherd AM is the 2009 Alumnus of the Year.



Else Shepherd AM
(Photographer unknown)

Ms Jacobs noted that Ms Shepherd was an honours graduate and the first woman to graduate from UQ in Electrical Engineering and began her career at the Sugar Research Institute in Mackay as an operations research engineer.

She has become a major figure in the electrical power industry serving as Chair of Powerlink Queensland since its inception in 1994, a position she continues to hold.



Ms Dalma Jacobs,
President of Alumni
Friends of The
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Extracts from the submission of Ms Shepherd's nominator says: "She was and has remained throughout her career a pioneer and role model in breaking through the barriers to women's achievements and professional acceptance" and "Ms Shepherd has made outstanding contributions to her community, she has stimulated innovations and new ideas in diverse areas, and has demonstrated dedication, creativity and leadership in her field of electrical engineering" and "She has served tertiary education and is a trained musician with long experience as a choral conductor and as a founder and director of arts organizations".

Ms Shepherd will be presented with her award at the Courting the Greats Luncheon at the Customs House on 26 November.