

Monthly Meeting September 2020

Our monthly meeting will be held this **Wednesday, September 2 from 7 pm** onwards via Google Meet, which you can access from <https://meet.google.com/krk-favm-oep>

Guest: Linda McIver

Topic: Raising Heretics: Teaching effective Scepticism using Data Science

Linda McIver

Dr Linda McIver is the Founder and Executive Director of the Australian Data Science Education Institute (ADSEI), a registered charity dedicated to ensuring that all Australian students have the chance to learn Data Science and Data Literacy skills in the context of authentic projects with real impact. Linda has a PhD in Computer Science Education and extensive experience teaching at both tertiary and secondary levels. Through ADSEI, Linda now creates engaging Data Science Projects to empower students to use tech & data science skills to make a positive change in their own communities.

Talk Summary:

Much of our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths education starts from a foundation of facts and known answers. This teaches our kids that the point of STEM is to Get The Right Answer, whereas the best thing about STEM disciplines is actually fixing things and solving problems. In this talk, I will show how ADSEI is dedicated to raising Heretics, and why Heresy is something we desperately need right now, both in the Data Science industry and the world as a whole.

New meeting segment: iHelp Online

In a similar vein to the Q&A segment that ran for many years at Moorabbin face to face monthly meetings, a member of the iHelp team will join the meeting each month to answer your technical questions.

This month it is Harry Lewis.

You are invited to submit your questions to iHelp for responses during the meeting. Please send your questions by email to: ihelp-questions@melbpc.org.au to arrive by 6 pm on Wednesday, 2 September.

Meeting Agenda

7.00 pm sharp: Meeting opens. Host is Peter Bacon

Guest speaker: Linda McIver

Q & A with Linda McIver

Social break

President's Report: David Stonier-Gibson

What's New? with George Skarbek

iHelp Online with Harry Lewis

9.00 pm (approx): Close