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## Why can't a woman be more like a man?

Presented by Claire Purcell of the Pay Equity Unit



Women make up at least half of the workforce and without them Australian industry would grind to a halt. Yet in spite of the availability of many more career opportunities for women, when it comes to receiving the same pay as our male colleagues we are still lagging behind.

The Pay Equity Unit was established by the Department of Commerce to work with business and the community to remove barriers to workforce participation and career progression for women in WA and to reduce the gender pay gap. As manager of the Unit, Claire Purcell will enlighten us as to how pay inequity impacts on us both as individual workers and on long-term outcomes for business. She will discuss ways in which barriers need be removed from women's career progression, and how raising awareness about the pay gap is the only way to create real change.

Claire currently works part-time for the Unit—she has young children and is keen to practise what she preaches!

*We look forward to you joining us;*

**When:** Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

**Where:** Joondalup Function Centre, City of Joondalup Buildings, Boas Ave, Joondalup (same level as library). *Map available on our website* (visit the address in the box below and click on 'calendar of events').

**Cost :** \$33 for members, \$38 for guests (includes a two course dinner and coffee). Please note – all bookings for dinner must be paid for.

**RSVP:** By noon on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009** to our events officer Jacqueline Hope:

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