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# The Engineer as a Leader in Business and Society

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## Date and Time

4/12/2017

5:30PM Registration

6:00PM to 8:00PM Event

## Venue

Hawken Auditorium, Engineering House  
Level 1, 447 Upper Edward St  
Spring Hill QLD 4004

## Registration

EA Member | \$20.00

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The role of engineers as leaders in society is well-established. Engineering backgrounds feature regularly among well-known designers, innovators and inventors. Many engineering skills no doubt contribute to their success as leaders. Engineers are able to handle technical complexity, they are data-driven problem-solvers, and they have an orientation towards detail while equally being able to take a systematic view.

In business, engineers are well-represented among the ranks of CEOs and other leadership roles. At ASX100, more than a third of CEOs have engineering or scientific background. However, what specific capabilities and behaviours allow some engineers to rise to leadership, while others do not? What differentiates these engineer-leaders from their equally technically-capable colleagues? And what are the implications for engineering education and professional development?

Management consultant Dr Michael Hollewand introduces the concept of the engineer-leader as a “value-driven, customer-focused integrator”. He uses examples drawn from an international career spanning 30 years as an engineer, manager, teacher, senior executive and adviser working across industries as diverse as oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, higher education and not for profit sectors.



**Dr Michael Hollewand**

**Managing Director, Hollewand Consulting**

Dr Michael Hollewand is an independent management consultant based in Brisbane. Over the last decade, Michael held a range of senior leadership positions in strategy, markets and organisation development at BG Group – an international energy company. He joined BG Group as Chief Strategist in 2003, having previously worked as a consultant at McKinsey & Company where he served clients in the energy, industrial and pharmaceutical sectors. Michael also held operational management and technical roles in the UK.

He has developed deep expertise throughout his career in strategy, organisation development, capital productivity and operational performance improvement focused on the oil and gas sector, and has been an invited public speaker on industry productivity and project performance (watch Michael's TEDx talk [here](#)).

Michael Holds a degree in chemical and materials engineering from Auckland University, and a PhD from Cambridge University where he was a Commonwealth Scholar and Oppenheimer Research Fellow