# LiDA Meeting

## 4 June 2015

This meeting saw presentations by two engaging speakers, who both tackled the topic of innovation from different perspectives. The first speaker was our own programme member, Dr Robert Simpson who outlined the objectives and drivers of the LP21 research group. An important distinction was drawn between the praxis (the practical application of a theory) and the practice (the action) of leadership. Our guest speaker was Kate Carruthers from the University of NSW. Kate is passionate about encouraging innovation, both social and technological. Among other ventures, Kate is co-founder of Social Innovation Sydney, Creation Nation, and Moore's Cloud. Kate spoke on the topic of "The Intrepreneur's Dilemma - leading technological innovation when you don't have any hierarchical power". Kate's presentation was most engagingly delivered and generated much discussion on the challenges we all face in delivering IT solutions. It was an excellent opportunity to share some insights between our two great seats of learning.