

JOY BEAR

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Joy Bear had a stellar career as a chemist, but she was one of the most unassuming of women. Committee members who had enjoyed her company for years had no idea that she was the first woman to win the prestigious Leighton medal for her research as a chemist. [Here](#) is a link to an online article explaining how Joy and a colleague at the CSIRO invented a word – petrichor – to describe the smell of rain. And [here](#) is an obituary from the CSIROscope webpage.