

LSQ MONTHLY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dear Fractal

Boost for SEQ's Health & Biotech Innovation!

Over \$200m in funding from the Federal and State Governments, alongside industry partners, is propelling South East Queensland's rise as a health and biotech powerhouse. The SEQ Innovation Economy Fund has awarded \$94m to eight projects, with industry leaders co-investing \$122m—unlocking a total of \$217m in transformative investments. LSQ Members **Gold Coast Health & Knowledge Precinct, Southern RNA, TRI and University of Sunshine Coast Innovation Centre (UniSc)** are four of the eight successful projects. [Read more](#)

Congratulations to former LSQ Senior Communications Manager [Sally Dillon](#) on her new role as Communications and Content Manager at [Radium Capital](#)! As a long-time LSQ member, Radium is a fantastic fit for Sally's expertise, and we're thrilled to see her step into this exciting opportunity. Wishing her all the best.

Don't forget to register for the launch of the **2025 LSQ Strategic Review** on **Tuesday, April 8**, proudly sponsored by **Intellect Labs**. This event will unveil the key outcomes, LSQ's future direction, and the roadmap for implementing solutions to the critical findings. Spaces are filling fast. Register below.

The strong interest in LSQ membership this year reinforces our role as a peak body connecting and supporting the sector. With **10+ new members** joining in the first quarter alone, confidence in our industry leadership continues to grow. We're excited to build on this momentum and shape the future of Queensland's life sciences sector together! See below for this month's new and renewing members.

Wishing you all a joyful and relaxing Easter! With school holidays taking up most of April, we hope you enjoy the time with family and loved ones. Looking forward to an exciting few months ahead!

The LSQ Team

LSQ 2025 Strategic Review Launch

TUESDAY 8 APRIL

11:30am – 12:30pm

(followed by lunch & networking)

**TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
CONFERENCE ROOM
LEVEL 2, #2003**



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Sector News

Vaxxas / AmCham Lunch - Queensland Biotech on the World Stage

Friday 9 May | Brisbane

This AmCham event serves as a crucial prelude to Brisbane's hosting [Microneedles 2025](#) - the global event for Microneedle technology, held for the first time in the southern hemisphere from 11 - 14 May. **To purchase tables or individual tickets at LSQ member rates, please email ndavis@lsq.com.au.**



New Members

We are delighted to welcome new members [Axon Capital](#) and [Opira Group](#) to the LSQ member community.

Axon Capital aspires to be a leading APAC private investment firm, providing compelling, sustainable, and long-term value spanning public and private equity primarily in property and healthcare.

Opira Group has earned a reputation as a trusted leader in indoor environmental solutions. With an impressive portfolio of over 3,000 risk management projects exceeding \$1,000,000, their highly qualified scientists and technicians consistently deliver services that meet and surpass Australian standards.



Renewing Members

Thank you to these renewing members:



LSQ and Partner Events

[Gold Coast Health & Knowledge Precinct - International Womens Day](#)

Wednesday 2 April | Southport, Gold Coast

LSQ is delighted to partner with Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct's (GCHKP) third annual International Women's Day event, where we celebrate the incredible contributions of women in health, innovation and education. The GCHKPt is a dynamic innovation hub, bringing together Griffith University, Gold Coast University Hospital, Gold Coast Private Hospital, Lumina Commercial Cluster, Cohort Innovation Space, Queensland Academies Health Sciences and Southport Sharks. This event will

spotlight the women within our ecosystem who are driving progress, fostering innovation and shaping the future of healthcare, technology and education.

[Leading and Managing The People Side of Technology & Manufacturing in Bioscience \(Marlow Hampshire\)](#)

Tues 29–Wednesday 30 April | Brisbane

Leadership and Management Skills for Laboratory & Scientific Managers is a training program for high potential lab scientists, research leaders and technical managers to learn leadership skills, network with their peers and prepare for more senior roles conducted by Adjunct Professor Larry Marlow from [Marlow Hampshire](#).

[AusMedtech Conference 2025](#)

Wednesday 7–Thursday 8 May | Sydney

AusMedtech 2025 is being supported by host State Partner NSW Government and will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. AusMedtech 2025 will feature a cutting-edge three-day programme, industry exhibition, Early-Stage Innovation Forum, a welcome function (6 May), conference dinner (7 May) and closing ceremony (8 May).

[Circular Futures NQ: Innovation and Sustainability Summit](#)

Tuesday 13–Thursday 15 May | Townsville

Northern Australia's inaugural Circular Futures NQ: Innovation and Sustainability Summit is happening!!! Come along and get involved. Join businesses, researchers, industry leaders, and innovators from across North Queensland as we will work "Together Towards Tomorrow". It's all about collaboration, bold ideas, and creating a sustainable, resilient future for our region and globally.

[International Conference on Microneedles](#)

Sunday 11–Wednesday 14 May | Brisbane

The premier event bringing together global leaders in microarray patch technology to share advancements in transdermal delivery, diagnostics, and beyond is coming to the southern hemisphere for the first time. Centred around the theme *Pathways to Products*, this conference will explore the latest breakthroughs in microneedle technologies and their progression toward commercialisation. **Early bird pricing available now.**

[APVIC 2025](#)

Tuesday 20–Thursday 22 May | Brisbane

Asia Pacific Vaccine Immunotherapy Congress (APVIC) will provide opportunities for Early Career Researchers to present their research and connect with world leaders in the area of Immunotherapy and Vaccine development. In addition to clinicians and scientists, invited Federal and State governments and the biopharma sector will attend.

[TRI Biomedical Careers Day 2025](#)

Tuesday 27 May | 1:00-4:00pm | TRI Level 2

For those looking to transition or progress a career in the Queensland medical biotech sector, with a professional development session and a chance to meet with industry to hear about jobs on offer. [Register here.](#)

[BIO2025](#)

Monday 16–Thursday 19 June | Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, USA

The BIO International Convention is the largest and most comprehensive event for biotechnology, representing the full ecosystem of biotech with 20,000 industry leaders from across the globe. [Click here to submit your expression of interest.](#)

[AusBiotech 2025 – Expressions of Interest close Friday April 4](#)

The Queensland Government, through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, are hosting an exhibition stand at [AusBiotech](#) 2025, in Melbourne from 21-24 October. We invite expressions of interest from Queensland Biomedical organisations to partner with us at the event.

This opportunity provides: -

- Prime position: co-located with the Queensland Government in a high-visibility spot
- Dedicated support: assistance from the Biomedical Sector team
- Promotional inclusion: featured in central rolling presentations and collateral
- Convenience: access to centralised on-stand networking space
- Personalised branding: entity-specific artwork

- Complimentary access: one conference ticket per entity

Industry co-exhibitors selected to partner with the Queensland Government for AusBiotech, will be notified and sent a registration form for completion.

Following confirmation and return of co-exhibitor registrations, invoices will be sent to stand partners to secure exhibition space. The total subsidised contribution cost for each co-exhibitor will be up to **\$4,000 (excluding GST)**.

Express your interest [here](#), before **COB this Friday (April 4)**.

If you have any questions, please contact our team at biomedical@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au

Tell us about your upcoming event by sending an email to info@lsq.com.au.

See our website for more events

Grants, funding and business opportunities

[SEQ Innovation Economy Fund Queensland Innovation Precincts and Places Fund: Stream 3 – Regional Precincts & places Infrastructure & Technology Program](#)

Keen to learn how to secure funding to enhance your regional innovation precinct with smart infrastructure and technology? Advance Queensland's Regional Infrastructure and Technology Program is now open for applications. Grants of up to \$3 million are available to support capital works, digital infrastructure, and plant and equipment upgrades. **Applications close 30 June 2027.**

[Biomedical Translational Fund](#)

This fund provides companies with venture capital to help develop biomedical discoveries into tangible products, services and outcomes. Discoveries can be therapeutic, medical or pharmaceutical. They can be a product, process, service (including digital health services), technology or procedure.

[Business Investment Fund](#)

The Queensland Investment Corporation's Business Investment Fund's primary objectives are to achieve investment return, promote job growth and increase access to growth-stage capital in Queensland. It invests directly in the business; it is not a grant nor a loan and considers an initial investment of between \$2.5 million and \$10 million.

[Austrade Go Global Toolkit](#)

Single-access point for whole-of-government information and advice, providing key market information to potential exporters and those looking to export into new markets.

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