



LSQ MONTHLY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dear Fractal

A strong start to 2025 for Queensland's life sciences industry!

On Thursday 13 February, LSQ foundation partners McCullough Robertson welcomed LSQ members and industry leaders to hear the optimistic future of Queensland's life sciences sector.

Reece Walker—Corporate Partner and Head of Life Sciences at McCullough—shared his outlook on how AI innovations and the growing pool of science and human capital are set to shape the sector this year. He noted that Australia's stable, politically neutral regulatory environment creates a solid foundation for life sciences, highlighted by McCullough's involvement in two healthcare IPOs. Reece also emphasised that human capital remains a key driver of innovation, bolstered by the influx of global expertise, though he called for the Federal Government to simplify talent transfer processes.

LSQ Chair Professor Trent Munro added that 2025 is off to a strong start in Queensland—with Vaxxas securing funding to boost R&D and AdvanCell closing a Series C round while partnering with Eli Lilly to advance targeted cancer therapies. Trent also mentioned Sanofi CEO Paul Hudson's visit, during which he praised the Translational Science Hub as a model for global replication and stressed the need for better support of innovative healthcare solutions.

A big thank you to McCullough Robertson for hosting such an insightful event—it was fantastic reconnecting with everyone as we kick off the year.

The LSQ Team



Sector News

[QIMR Berghofer secures \\$6.011 million in prestigious NHMRC Investigator grants](#)

[UQ to lead Australian clinical trial of next-gen ovarian cancer screening test - UQ News - The University of Queensland, Australia](#)

[Vaxxas Completes Enrollment for Largest Clinical Trial of High-Density Microarray Patch \(HD-MAP\) For Vaccine Delivery | Business Wire](#)

[STEM successes celebrated with 2025 Peter Doherty Awards entries now open](#)

New Members

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the LSQ member community in February:

Keystone are an Insurance Underwriting Agency providing insurance solutions for clients in Life Sciences and Biotech.

Egress Australasia is a leader in medical devices and diagnostics, bringing extensive board-level expertise in commercial strategy, governance, manufacturing and M&A. Egress ensures sustained business success and market leadership.



Renewing Members

Thank you to renewing members: ProSeek Bio, QIMR Berghofer Research Institute, Nucleus Network, and OneVentures.



LSQ and Partner Events

Gold Coast Health & Knowledge Precinct - International Womens Day

Thursday 6 March | Southport, Gold Coast

LSQ is delighted to partner with Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct's third annual International Women's Day event, where we celebrate the incredible contributions of women in health, innovation and education. The Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct 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.

Life Sciences Summit 2025 (EOI Open)

Tuesday 18–Wednesday 19 March | Wellington, New Zealand

This event brings together global biotech leaders, innovators, and sustainability experts to drive innovation and foster collaborations. With a focus on advancements in biotechnology, the summit will explore solutions in healthcare, agriculture, and environmental sustainability. Don't miss out on thought-provoking discussions, networking, and the opportunity to shape the future of biotech.

2025 Quantum Australia Conference

Tuesday 25–Thursday 27 March | Brisbane

Quantum Australia 2025 will once again bring together world-leading quantum researchers, businesses, government decision-makers, startups, and big tech to share the latest developments and ideas in this rapidly evolving field.

Pharma & Device Forum (GMP Forum)

Mon 31 March–Tues 1 April | Melbourne

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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 | Sydney

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 (SAVE THE DATE)

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.

[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.

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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](#)

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