



LSQ WEEKLY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dear Fractal

As we embark on 2025, there is much to look forward to across the life sciences sector. Queensland continues to be at the forefront of innovation, collaboration, and commercialisation, addressing critical challenges in healthcare, sustainability, and technology. This year presents new opportunities to strengthen our industry, drive transformative solutions, and showcase the extraordinary talent within our community. At LSQ, we are committed to supporting your success through meaningful connections, impactful events, and strategic initiatives. Together, we look forward to making 2025 a year of growth and achievement for the life sciences sector.

The LSQ team



LSQ–McCullough Robertson Welcome Breakfast

Life Sciences & Legal Horizons in 2025

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025
7:30–9:00AM

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Mark your diaries for the first LSQ event of 2025 – a welcome breakfast with Foundation Partner [McCullough Robertson](#) on Thursday 13 February 2025.

Join us for a networking breakfast hosted at McCullough's CBD offices in Brisbane. Join LSQ to talk about the year ahead and hear from McCullough Robertson's Corporate Partner and Head of Life Sciences, Reece Walker, who will reflect on the key developments that impacted the sector during 2024 and highlight what's on the horizon for 2025.

Reserve your place now

Sector news

January 13-16 saw the 43rd Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco, where the world's foremost life science experts congregate to collaborate and discuss where the industry is headed while networking with their fellow life science innovators.

Some of the key trends our attending members have reported include the dominance of AI in discussions, liquid biopsy and genomics innovations, and the surge in life science investment from VCs and private equity firms.

We're excited to hear more stories and outcomes from all of our members who attended in the coming weeks.

New members

We are delighted to welcome [YOUmanity](#) to the LSQ member community.

YOUmanity connect exceptional talent with organisations driving innovation and impact in life sciences, MedTech, and healthcare.



Renewing members

Thank you to renewing members [Beyond Drug Development](#), [Intellect Labs](#) and [Trade and Investment Queensland](#)



LSQ and partner events

[Science Meets Parliament 2025](#)

Wednesday 12–Thursday 13 February | ACT

This year marks 25 years of SMP – Australia's leading event for Australian STEM professionals to get career-boosting training, engagement with policymakers, and invaluable networking opportunities. Join this special milestone event to deepen your skills, expand your influence, and build lasting connections.

LSQ–McCullough Robertson 2025 Welcome Breakfast

Thursday 13 February | Brisbane

Join us to kick off 2025 with a breakfast at the McCullough Robertson offices in Brisbane. Network with colleagues, learn about key developments that impacted the sector during 2024, and learn what's on the horizon for 2025.

BioAsia Hyderabad

Monday 24–Wednesday 26 February | Hyderabad, India

BioAsia returns for its 22nd edition, uniting global leaders from the industry, academia, government bodies, and regulatory bodies.

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

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.

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

[Merck Innovation Cup](#)

Apply now to join 42 international students at the Innovation Cup summer camp taking place 19-25 July, 2025, near Frankfurt, Germany. Open to post-grad students who want a chance to network with top students from around the world, work in teams to develop new innovative ideas for unmet customer needs, and build a business case with support from experienced professionals. **Applications close Friday 31 January 2025.**

[Queensland Greats Awards](#)

These awards recognise Queenslanders at the top of the national and international stage in the fields of science, sport, arts, philanthropy and business. Nominate a scientist, researcher, STEM professional or institute who has had a meaningful impact on our state. **Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 17 February 2025.**

[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**

[Call for expressions of interest for Queensland delegation to BioAsia](#)

TIQ is calling for expressions of interest from Queensland biotechnology companies to join a trade mission to BioAsia 2025 in Hyderabad, India in February 2025. Places are strictly limited. Companies will be selected based on their market readiness to secure commercial outcomes. Register your interest via the link above; contact Principal Trade and Investment Advisor [Jas Sanghera](#) with any questions.

[Indigenous Media Mentoring Training](#)

The Australian Science Media Centre, in collaboration with National Indigenous Television (NITV-SBS), is encouraging Indigenous STEM researchers from around Australia to register their interest in receiving two days of free intensive media training at the Sydney SBS studios in April 2025. Thanks to funding from CSL and CSIRO there is funding available to assist with travel and/or accommodation costs, if needed.

[CSIRO Kick-Start](#)

CSIRO Kick-Start is an initiative for innovative Australian start-ups and small businesses. It provides funding support and access to CSIRO's research expertise and capabilities to help them grow and develop their businesses.

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. **Ongoing.**

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. **Ongoing.**

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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