

LSQ MONTHLY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SECTOR NEWS | UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2025

Dear Fractal,

When is it ever a quiet month in the life sciences sector? July was no exception. From vibrant networking events and standout GENE Award nominations to celebrating the achievements of LSQ Board members - both personal and professional - and the global spotlight on Queensland innovation with Vicebio's acquisition by Sanofi, it's been another big month!

Sanofi's acquisition of Vicebio made global headlines last week, marking a major milestone for Queensland's biotech sector. The landmark US\$1.6 billion deal highlights the international value of innovation developed right here in Queensland and is set to accelerate global vaccine development.

As LSQ Board Member and OneVentures Partner, **Sarah Meibusch**, aptly put it: *"A great Queensland, Australian success story! ... This is an innovation that we can all be proud to see now going into Sanofi's pipeline to make a difference to the world!"*

Ausbiotech QLD State Committee

Early in July, AusBiotech announced the 2025 appointments to its state committees. It's great to see such strong representation from the LSQ network helping to drive innovation, collaboration, and growth across Queensland's thriving life sciences sector.

Congratulations to incoming Ausbiotech Qld chair, Michael Junger, LSQ Board member Kym Baker, Sam Jesuadian, Stuart Newman, Kerry Manton. Thank you to outgoing chair - Chris Davis.

BIO 2025 - BOSTON - Deputy Premier's Report

Deputy Premier the Hon Jarrod Bleijie has tabled a report to Parliament on the successful overseas trade mission to the US. Mr Bleijie attended many of the official events during BIO week and the full report can be read here. <http://bit.ly/3JgINCK>

Post-Bio Mid-Winter Soiree

Mid July LSQ hosted the popular Post-Bio mid-winter networking event. Over 100 members and associates filled the beautiful Alice Room at Cloudland to mingle with the returned BIO25 delegates sharing insights and experiences from the conference. We also took a moment to acknowledge LSQ Chair Trent Munro's significant birthday, celebrating '30' once more!



GENE Award Nominations Close

Also this month, nominations for the 2025 GENE Awards closed on 25 July, with over 30 entries across seven categories—now the tough task begins for our judges! Finalists will be announced on **Monday, 1 September**.

Presented by Life Sciences Queensland, the GENE Awards celebrate innovation, leadership, and impact across the life sciences sector. Proudly sponsored by LSQ members **Cytiva, McCullough Robertson, Merck Life Science, QIMR Berghofer, Radium Capital, KE Select** and the **Rose-Anne Kelso Testamentary Trust**.

Join us for a vibrant gala luncheon recognising the achievements of industry leaders and emerging talent from across Queensland. **Tickets are on sale now—booking link below.**

LSQ Interns Graduate

At LSQ, we're proud to support emerging talent - whether in science or communication - and to play a small part in their learning journey.

Congratulations to **Fathya Ufaira** and **Don Cheng** on graduating from UQ with degrees in Digital Communication! Both have been a fantastic support to LSQ over the past few months. Learning to speak the language of life sciences while helping us share member and sector news across our channels.

We're so grateful for their contribution and wish them all the best as they take the next step in their careers.



Women in BIO & Health Network

Thank you to **QIMR** and **Regional Economic Development, Department of State Development, Sue McNulty** for organising the Women in Bio & Health Network behind-the-scenes tour of your facilities. It was an engaging and educational tour gaining insights into the work driving discovery behind the scenes. Everyone came away having learned something fascinating — from the most experienced scientists to those from the corporate side of the sector. A fantastic and valuable morning!



Warm regards,
THE LSQ TEAM

New Members

We are delighted to welcome [AdvanCell](#) and [ElliClinical](#)



AdvanCell is a vertically integrated radiopharmaceutical company developing a revolutionary cancer treatment called Targeted Alpha Therapy, providing new hope for patients with untreatable cancers. AdvanCell's pipeline is powered by innovative technology and a novel approach that ensures a reliable and scalable supply of alpha therapies to drive clinical development and guarantee commercial-scale supply.



ElliClinical is a global clinical research partner offering end-to-end support from preclinical development to rapid clinical trial start-up and management. With expertise in areas such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and gene therapies—including first-in-human studies—they provide services like clinical consulting, trial directorship, monitoring, and site support. Operating across Asia-Pacific, the U.S., and Europe, ElliClinical partners with clients of all sizes to deliver compliant, efficient trials.

Renewing Members

We welcome and thank our renewing members this month: [Gild Bioscience](#), [Kira Biotech](#), [Mater Health Research](#) and [Spatial Imaging](#)



LSQ and Partner Events

CAD-IT Expert Hour Panel Discussion - Navigating Change

Thursday 7 August | 5.30-7.30pm | Loft West End, 100 Boundary St, West End

Join us for an inspiring evening of insight and conversation with life science leaders as they explore strategies to navigate organisational, regulatory and operational change. Bookings are now open for this engaging panel event, a must-attend for anyone facing or driving transformation in the life sciences. A few places still available [Register here](#)

CAD-IT AUSTRALIA

Navigating Change Expert Hour Panel Discussion

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2025 | 5:30-7:30 PM
LOFT WEST END, 100 BOUNDARY ST
WEST END QLD 4101

Life Sciences Queensland

Sanofi Presents: Mind the Regulatory Gap - From Science to Submission

Thursday 28 August | 9.00am-5.00pm | Ecosciences Precinct, 41 Boggo Road, Dutton Park

Join us for an intensive, comprehensive one-day workshop designed for innovators and support teams navigating the complex landscape of medicine registration in Australia. This hands-on seminar delivers essential knowledge and practical skills needed to develop effective regulatory strategies for new pharmaceutical products. [Register here](#):



Regulatory
“Mind the Gap”
From Science to Submission

Presented by: Helen Critchley
Global Regulatory Affairs - Senior Advisor, Sanofi

Thursday 28 August | 9:00am–5:00pm
ECOSCIENCES PRECINCT
41 Boggo Road, Dutton Park



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GENE Awards 2025

Friday 12 September | 12.00-3.30pm | Plaza Terrace Room
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

There's so much to celebrate about the vibrant life sciences sector, and we're looking forward to recognising the people and companies making an impact in Queensland at our annual GENE Awards. [Book here](#) for the gala luncheon where the winners will be announced. Secure your spot now!



GENE AWARDS
2025

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
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code LSQ25 when you enrol, for 20% off any workshop. To learn more and view our upcoming workshops, browse our [WORKSHOP CALENDAR](#) here.



Health Research Consumer Expo

Tuesday 26 August | 12.00-7.30pm | TRI Level 2

This event aims to bring together health consumers, friends and family, carers and members of the community, researchers and health practitioners to explore the benefits and practicalities of involving consumers in health research. [Register here](#)

See our website for more events

Grants, funding and business opportunities

[Tim Fischer Fellowship](#)

Empowering changemakers in rural and regional Australia, this Fellowship supports a recipient with up to \$50,000 in funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities to help turn their bold ideas into reality.

Applications close 17 August 2025

[Regional University Industry Collaboration Program](#)

A program to help SMEs and regional universities overcome barriers that lead to lower rates of commercialisation and engagement between industry and the research sector. It provides end-to-end facilitation and up to \$50,000 of matched funding for research projects.

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

[Cardiovascular Health](#)

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Cardiovascular Health Mission aims to make transformative improvements in cardiovascular health and stroke management for all Australians. **Applications close 13 August.**

[Stem Cell Therapies](#)

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Stem Cell Therapies Mission aims to support world-leading translational stem cell research that develops and delivers innovative, safe and effective stem cell medicines to improve health outcomes, in partnership with patients and carers. **Applications close 20 August.**

Other Grants

[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.

[Austrade Go Global Toolkit](#)

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