

# LSQ NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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## January 2026

Dear LSQ members and friends,

Hello 2026! After a fast and furious end to 2025 and a December newsletter that didn't quite make it to your inbox - LSQ has hit the ground running with a very busy February.

Thank you to members who joined us for the **AGM Breakfast** on 28 November, where we endorsed the transition of **Prof Trent Munro** as outgoing Chair, welcomed **Prof Frank Gannon** as incoming Chair (from mid-March), farewelled **Sarah Meibusch** as Director, and welcomed **Samuel Jesuadian** to the Board.

Thanks also to all who attended our end-of-year networking event with **AusBiotech** on 4 December - an excellent turnout, and we appreciate your continued support.

February is shaping up to be a blockbuster month for LSQ. Read ahead and register now for our **member-only McCullough Robertson Welcome Breakfast on Thursday 12 February** - places are limited. The following week (**17–19 February**), we're partnering with **ISPE** to deliver a two-day **Contamination Control and QRM Conference**, including site tours of **TRI, TFS and ENTRI**. Then on **27 February**, we'll be collaborating with the **Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning** to present the **Women in Bio and Health Industry Forum at QIMR**. And if that isn't a lineup covering every interest across the sector, we don't know what is! We look forward to seeing you at either, or all, of these great sector events.

Best regards,  
**THE LSQ TEAM**

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## A Note From Outgoing Chair, Prof Trent Munro

*Dear Members and Friends,*

*I wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Professor Frank Gannon who is the incoming LSQ Board Chair (mid-March). It has been an absolute pleasure supporting LSQ as the interim chair. We have a vibrant and exciting life sciences sector here in Queensland and it is imperative that we continue to support and advocate for our members so that this trajectory continues. I will continue to support LSQ as a board member and also as an active member of the community.*

*Frank brings a wealth of experience and strategic thinking. The future of LSQ is in great hands and we are all excited about what 2026 will deliver!*

*Best regards,  
Trent Munro*

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# LSQ and Partner Events

## McCullough Robertson 2026 Welcome Breakfast

Thursday 12 February | 7:30-9:00am | McCullough Robertson Offices  
Level 11; 66 Eagle Street Brisbane

LSQ Foundation Partner **McCullough Robertson** will welcome **LSQ members** and **guests** to the first networking event on the LSQ calendar. A popular start to the year, the breakfast will explore the optimistic outlook for Queensland's life sciences sector in 2026. **Reece Walker**, Corporate Partner and Head of Life Sciences at McCullough Robertson, and **Dr Kym Baker**, LSQ Board Director, will share their perspectives on how each organisation plans to engage with, and support the sector's continued growth.

Places are limited - [Register here>>](#)



**LSQ\*- McCullough Robertson  
2026 Welcome Breakfast**

\*LSQ Member Event

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY | 7:30-9:00AM  
(Registration from 7:00am)

MCCULLOUGH ROBERTSON OFFICES  
LVL 11; 66 EAGLE STREET, BRISBANE

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## ISPE Conference on Contamination Control & Quality Risk Management

Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 February | 9:00am-4:30pm | TRI Auditorium  
TRI, TFS & ENTRI Site Tours | Thursday 19 February | 10:00am

LSQ is proud to partner with ISPE to deliver a **two-day conference** on Contamination Control & Quality Risk Management. Join regulators, international experts and industry leaders for practical insights, real-world application and valuable networking across the life sciences sector.

- ◆ Expert-led sessions
- ◆ Welcome reception & networking
- ◆ Optional TRI Precinct site tours

Register: <https://lnkd.in/gsAG3Eci>

# Contamination Control & Quality Risk Management Conference

- 2 Day Program
- International Speakers & Leading Experts
- TRI Precinct Site Tours
- Networking Event

17-18 FEBRUARY 2026 | 9:00am–4:30pm (Registration from 8:30am)  
19 FEBRUARY Site Tours 10:00am  
TRI AUDITORIUM  
37 KENT STREET  
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## Expression of Interest - BioAsia 2026

16-18 February | Hyderabad, India

Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) invites you to join Queensland's official delegation to BioAsia 2026, Asia's largest convention for pharma, life sciences and health tech. Led by TIQ, the program includes a targeted site visit to **Bangalore on 19 February**, connecting Queensland delegates with leading Indian pharmaceutical, biotech and R&D organisations.

Delegates will have the opportunity to explore collaboration, meet potential R&D, technology and investment partners, and gain visibility through curated media and government-led engagements.

See the attached BioAsia flyer and TIQ BioAsia 2026 delegation brochure. To express interest, contact Jas Sanghera ([jas.sanghera@tiq.qld.gov.au](mailto:jas.sanghera@tiq.qld.gov.au)).

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# BioAsia



## Unleashing TechBio

FEB 16 - 18, 2026. HYD.

**ASIA'S LARGEST EVENT IN PHARMA, LIFE SCIENCES AND HEALTH TECH**

Welcome to **BioAsia 2026**, the 23rd edition of Asia's premier life sciences and healthcare forum where pioneering innovation and transformative change take center stage.

Hosted by the **Government of Telangana**, this year's event will take place in the vibrant city of **Hyderabad, India**, from **February 16–18, 2026**.

Under the theme **"Unleashing TechBio: India as the World's Third Pole,"** BioAsia 2026 will explore how advancements in **biopharma, digital health, and medical technologies** are redefining possibilities and driving us toward a more accessible, personalized, and sustainable healthcare future.

Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana, is a renowned life sciences hub in Asia, home to **2,000+ companies** collectively valued at **USD 80 billion**. The city continues to strengthen its position as a **global healthcare powerhouse**, fostering innovation, collaboration, and growth across the life sciences ecosystem.

<b>3000+</b> Participants	<b>1800+</b> Partnering meetings	<b>800+</b> Corporates	<b>70+</b> High profile Speakers	<b>50+</b> Countries
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See our website for more events



# Women in BIO & Health Industry Forum

## Developing National and Global Partnerships, Collaboration, Export Strategies and Support

Friday 27 February 2026 | 9:00AM–11:00AM  
QIMR Auditorium  
Herston Road, Herston



Life Sciences Queensland

In Collaboration




[Women in BIO & Health Industry Forum](#)

27 February | 9:00am-11:00am | QIMR Auditorium  
300 Herston Road, Herston

Bringing together inspirational businesswomen from Queensland's leading biotech, biomedical and health companies who have built successful national and global partnerships. Join us at the **QIMR Auditorium** to hear their insights on growing supply chains, exports and research collaborations, plus practical advice on export, trade and industry support programs. Networking and morning tea will follow. [Register here:](#)

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## New and Renewing Members

A big thank you to all for your ongoing support - we're thrilled to have you as part of the LSQ community! Also acknowledging individual new member Morgan Donaghy from....

### Renewing Members:



### Renewing Foundation Partners:



### Welcome to Our New Members:



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## Member and Sector News and Events

Tell us your news and upcoming events by sending an email to [info@lsq.com.au](mailto:info@lsq.com.au).

### AstraZeneca Announces change in ANZ Country President

AstraZeneca has announced that Ben McDonald will depart as Country President after four years and names a seasoned global executive as taking on the role from March.

[Press Release>>](#)

[ARM Hub](#) has taken a closer look at the newly released National AI Plan and what it means for the sector. **Director of Communications, Mike Woodcock**, shares a considered overview of the plan cutting through the initial commentary to highlight the key implications for Australian SMEs, manufacturers and primary producers. [Read more >>](#)

### [ProSeek Bio](#)

Congratulations to LSQ Member **Proseek Bio's Michelle Hill** who recently secured global bronze at the Innovator's Pitch Challenge during J.P. Morgan Healthcare Week in San Francisco, competing against more than 100 international health technology companies.

Michelle's result adds to Brisbane's growing track record on the RESI podium and highlights a local company tackling a major global health challenge – earlier, non-invasive detection of ovarian cancer – on one of the world's most influential investor stages.

[Press Release>>](#)

### [Showcase Queensland AgTech Innovation Globally](#)

Join Team Queensland at AgriFutures evokeAG 2026 in Melbourne, 17–18 February 2026. The Queensland Government invites businesses, startups, primary producers, and ecosystem enablers based in Queensland to apply. [Read More >>](#)

### [Wesley Research Institute](#)

An Australian-first study by the [Queensland Spatial Biology Centre \(QSBC\)](#) is giving new hope to women facing one of the deadliest cancers, with scientists discovering that the survival odds of ovarian cancer patients may rise when certain 'fighter' immune cells are located close to their tumours, opening the door to smarter, personalised treatments. With a five-year survival rate of just 17% for advanced cases of ovarian cancer, this discovery could be a lifeline. [Read more>>](#)

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## 2026 Event Date Claimers



### [AusMedtech 2026:](#)

AusMedtech is Australia's leading medtech conference, bringing together innovators, researchers, clinicians, investors and government partners to explore the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of medtech.

AusBiotech is excited to welcome the community at **Crown Towers in Perth, Western Australia** from **19 to 21 May 2026** for three days of insights, collaboration and conversation that moves the sector forward.

Be part of the ideas, connections and momentum shaping the next chapter of Australian medtech!

Register by **27 March 2026** and save up to \$450 with our discounted **Early-Bird rate**.



## [AusBiotech International Conference 2026](#)

The AusBiotech International Conference is Australia's largest biotechnology conference and the flagship event of Australia's biggest week in biotech, convening the entire ecosystem and connecting Australian expertise with local and global partnerships.

This year, we will head up the coast as the the AusBiotech International Conference will take place on the Gold Coas from **20-23 October 2026**, hosted at the **Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre**.

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## Grants, funding and business opportunities

### [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](#)

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.

### [Lord Mayor's Convention Trailblazer Grant](#)

Brisbane business and research pioneers can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding to attend a leading international conference. The grant empowers professionals to build global networks, broaden industry knowledge and gain recognition for work in Brisbane by attending an international conference in their field. Applications close **February 24**.

[Read more >>](#)

### [2026 TRI Translation Fellowship](#)

Unlock 12 months of expert training, personalised 1:1 support and up to \$2,000 in professional development funding with the 2026 TRI Translation Fellowship. Open to mid-career researchers based at TRI and researcher-clinicians from TRI partner hospitals. Applications close **March 13**. The Fellowships are funded by the TRI Foundation via a grant from Equity Partners. [Read more >>](#)

## [Dust Diseases Board \(DDB\) Grants and Awards](#)

Providing \$3.5 million in funding to support innovative research and strengthen emerging and clinical talent focused on the causes, prevention, and management of dust diseases.  
[Read more >>](#)

NHMRC: [Clinical trials activity](#) February 4

NHMRC: [Brain cancer](#) February 4

NHMRC: [Genomics](#) February 4

NHMRC: [Childhood mental health](#) March 25

MRFF: [Frontier medical research](#) March 31

NHMRC: [Clinical trials activity](#) April 1

For NHMRC and MRFF grant opportunities visit [GrantConnect](#)

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