Life Sciences Queensland

LSQ MONTHLY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 2025

Dear Fractal

April was a busy and exciting month at LSQ, headlined by the launch of the **2025 LSQ Strategic Review**. Early in the month, we welcomed over 120 members and stakeholders to the TRI auditorium to share the outcomes of our review—an in-depth look at LSQ's current position and future direction, developed in collaboration with **Intellect Labs.** The review confirmed LSQ's strong foundations, including an average membership retention rate of 85% over the past nine years and a diverse base spanning Queensland's life sciences sector. It also identified several key member priorities:

- Strengthening local networking and events to boost collaboration;
- Increasing access to data and insights to support strategic growth;
- Maintaining strong advocacy at state and federal levels to represent sector priorities;
- Identifying growth opportunities in medical devices and health technologies;
- Enhancing operational sustainability with new revenue streams and streamlined operations underway

These insights will shape our future priorities and ensure LSQ continues to support its members and advance Queensland's position as a globally competitive life sciences hub.

We were grateful for the positive and constructive feedback received following the launch and sincerely thank you all for your continued support. You can read the full **Strategic Review report** to explore the findings in more detail.

Intellect Labs
NURTURING QUEENSLAND'S POTENTIAL TO FEED, FUEL AND HEAL THE WORLD
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(L-R) Joel Spotswood-Intellect Labs, Trent Munro-LSQ, Shaun van Dijk-Intellect Labs, Kym Baker-LSQ

Also this month...
Our Board Chair **Trent Munro** and Director **Kym Baker** were actively representing LSQ across several member-focused engagements. Trent attended the partnership signing between QIMR Berghofer and Altea Investments, marking the launch of a new global accelerator for the Singapore-based Life Science Incubator (LSI) *(see Sector News for the full press release)*.

Kym met with **TRI CEO Maher Gandhi** to explore opportunities to amplify TRI's messaging through LSQ's member channels. She also connected with Fuse Recruitment to discuss challenges surrounding VISA pathways for biotech graduates and played a key role in collaborating with **QUT** to identify LSQ member organisations to support an upcoming student information panel evening.

The LSQ Team

Sector News

Thank you to the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct for hosting the rescheduled International Women's Day event. It was great to see such strong engagement as we recognised the incredible contributions of women across health, education, and innovation. We really enjoyed being part of such a thoughtful and well-run event. A great opportunity to connect, reflect, and celebrate the contributions of women driving progress across our sector.

International Women's Day
April 2
hosted by
HEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE PRECINCT
H+K GOLDCOAST.
supported by
Life Sciences Queensland

The University of Queensland will host a $238 million industry-led research centre to accelerate industrial-scale manufacturing of regenerative therapies for illnesses including heart disease, cancer, arthritis and dementia. **Read more...**

Strategic partnership brings global Life Science Incubator to Queensland: QIMR Berghofer and Altea Investments, a portfolio company of RAVA Partners, Hillhouse Investment's real assets strategy, are proud to announce a strategic partnership to establish a third global hub for Singapore-based Life Science Incubator (LSI). Read the full press release here.

New Members

We are delighted to welcome new members:

Neogen Australasia is the ANZ office of Neogen Corporation, a leader in food security around the world. Our local office's activities focus on distribution of Food Safety test kits and large scale agricultural genotyping.

Sartorius Stedim Australia is a key player in supporting the biopharmaceutical industry by providing advanced solutions—from precision lab equipment to integrated bioprocess systems. Their mission is to help streamline and safeguard the production of life-saving biologics by empowering researchers and manufacturers to deliver better treatments to patients quickly and efficiently.

"Joining Life Sciences Queensland marks an exciting step in our journey to empower the future of life science in Australia. At Sartorius Australia, we believe that true innovation happens when passionate minds come together. Through this partnership, we look forward to driving meaningful collaboration, fostering local talent, and accelerating breakthroughs that will shape the health solutions of tomorrow." – Andreas Kocourek, Head of sales ANZ.

Renewing Members

Thank you to these renewing members:

LSQ and Partner Events

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).

BrisScience – From Genes to Treatments: The Rise of Precision Medicine

Monday 12 May | Brisbane
Precision or personalised medicine is transforming health care by tailoring treatments and prevention strategies to individuals based on their genetic profile, environment, and lifestyle. Since the human genome was first sequenced nearly 25 years ago, this once-novel concept has evolved into a powerful approach to tackling complex diseases. At the next BrisScience event, Dr Lisette Pregelj from The University of Queensland will present the progress of precision medicine — from its origins to how these therapies are developed, the specific diseases and genetic mutations they target, and the challenges around access for Australian patients. Don't miss this fascinating deep dive into the future of individualised health care.
Register here.

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
Now's the time to plan your conference experience: What sessions will you attend? Which speakers do you want to see? Be sure to join networking events like the Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner to make the most of every moment. More info here.

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.

QUEENSLAND HEALTH

Thursday 29 May | 8:00am | Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
You are invited to the Genomics 'InSPiRD' Showcase hosted by the Office of Research and Innovation. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to be a part of a dynamic event that promises to inspire and inform.
Register here.

BIOCHINA Global Forum @ Boston

Sunday 15 June | Boston, USA
An invitation to industry leaders, biotech innovators, and investors to connect, showcase, and collaborate at **BIOCHINA Boston 2025**. Explore global partnerships, engage in high-impact discussions, and expand your network. **Register here.**