LSQ MONTHLY NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SECTOR NEWS | UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2025

Dear LSQ members and friends,

GENE Award Finalists Announced

With such an exceptional field of nominees, judges had the tough job of selecting just four finalists per category. Every nomination submitted reflects the incredible talent and impact driving Queensland's life sciences sector.

LSQ is proud to recognise 28 remarkable individuals and organisations across seven categories who are driving innovation, research, and impact across Queensland's life sciences sector. The high calibre of entries from across Queensland, showcased the depth of talent and the growing momentum which firmly positions our state as a global force in life sciences.

The winners will be announced at the Gala Luncheon on **Friday 12 September 2025.** We encourage you to come along to celebrate and support these incredible finalists who are shaping the future of life sciences in Queensland.

2025 GENE AWARD FINALISTS

- Cytiva Company of the Year
- KE Select Services Excellence
- McCullough Robertson Industry Excellence
- Merck Rural & Regional Service
- QIMR Woman of Influence
- Radium Capital emerging Innovator
- Rose-Anne Kelso Commemorative

GENE Awards Lunch Registration

Following the luncheon, join us for the Post-Award Networking Event from 3:30pm at The Charming Squire (beneath the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre)

LSQ/Sanofi Regulatory Seminars

LSQ, in collaboration with Sanofi, wrapped up the month with two standout sessions led by **Helen Critchley, Senior Advisor, Global Regulatory Affairs at Sanofi.** Across the first one-hour seminar at Translational Research Institute and the second one-day intensive presentation at Ecosciences Precinct, Helen shared insights on global regulatory trends, practical strategies for market access, and a hands-on demonstration of AI in regulatory practice, a fantastic example of industry expertise helping to upskill our ecosystem. We sincerely thank Helen for her valuable time and Ecosciences Precinct for the use of their fabulous facility at Boggo Road.

Delegates were impressed:
"An absolute masterclass in regulatory strategy..."
"The content was accessible, relevant, and thought-provoking..."

CAD-IT Expert Hour Panel Discussion - Navigating Change

In early August, LSQ partnered with CAD-IT to present a panel discussion on navigating change. Speakers explored why half of change initiatives fail and what drives the other half to succeed. Key themes included the need for clear strategy, strong leadership oversight, and consistent communication that cascades across all levels. Panellists highlighted the importance of explaining the "why" behind change, avoiding blind spots common in technical teams, and ensuring individuals feel part of the journey. The takeaway: **successful change depends on alignment, engagement, and bringing people with you every step of the way.**

Warm regards,
THE LSQ TEAM

Renewing Members

We welcome and thank our renewing members this month: **360biolabs**, **Infensa Bioscience** and **Wear Optimo**.

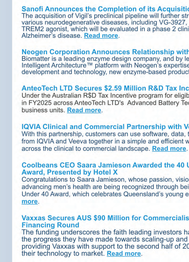
LSQ and Partner Events

Queensland BioBriefing with Griffith University and FB Rice

Tuesday 9 September | 5.00-8.00pm | Building G26, Level 4, Room 4.09
Griffith University Institute for Biomedicine and Glycomics
Join us for an insightful BioBriefing that will bring together the broader life sciences sector to explore the expanding scope of RNA capabilities and facilities both locally and nationally. This event will highlight the growing significance of RNA technologies, connect key stakeholders across the Australian life sciences ecosystem, and spark discussions on how we can leverage complementary expertise for commercial success in this rapidly advancing field. Read more.

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.

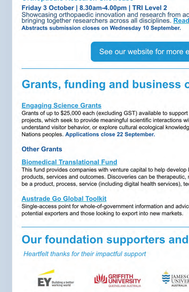


TRI ACTIVATE

Thursday 18 September | 10:00am-3:00pm | TRI Level 2
ACTIVATE provides matched networking for scientists, clinicians and industry looking to embark on research collaborations. Registrations are still open for Industry to join the matched networking day, where participants connect through a "speed" meeting process to uncover mutually beneficial research pathways. Register here

MTPConnect's Trade Mission to Global Health Exhibition Saudi Arabia

26-30 October | NEOM | Riyadh Exhibition and Convention Centre, Saudi Arabia
MTPConnect's inaugural life sciences delegation to Saudi Arabia for the Global Health Exhibition (GHE25). The trade mission includes one day at NEOM (26 October) and attendance at the GHE25 exhibition at the Riyadh Exhibition and Convention Centre. Read more and register here.



Sector News and Events

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Sanofi's Landmark Acquisition of Vicebio, licensing UQ's AIBN Molecular Clamp Platform

Under a deal worth up to roughly AUS 2.4 billion, UQ's AIBN Molecular Clamp Platform technology, which enables development of vaccines that target multiple viruses at once, now has the international reach it deserves. The deal is the largest investment in a company that is commercializing intellectual property (IP) from an Australian university. Read more.

Nucleus Network Acquires Hammersmith Medicines Research

With this acquisition, Nucleus Network becomes the only early-phase clinical trial provider with dedicated services in all three key regulatory markets - Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Read more.

TRI Unveils the Name of New cGMP Biomedical Manufacturing Facility: ENTRI

The facility is the first of its kind in Australia and is designed to address a critical gap in the country's biomedical manufacturing ecosystem. ENTRI is planned to open in early 2026. Read more.

Sanofi Announces the Completion of its Acquisition of Vigil Neuroscience

The acquisition of Vigil's preclinical pipeline will further strengthen Sanofi's research in various neurodegenerative diseases, including VG-3927, a novel, oral, small-molecule TREM2 agonist, which will be evaluated in a phase 2 clinical study in patients with Alzheimer's disease. Read more.

Neogen Corporation Announces Relationship with Biomatter

Biomatter is a leading enzyme design company, and by leveraging their proprietary Intelligent Architecture™ platform with Neogen's expertise in the field of analytical development and technology, new enzyme-based products can be created. Read more.

AnteoTech LTD Secures $2.59 Million R&D Tax Incentive Boost

Under the Australian RSD Tax Incentive program for eligible R&D, for activities undertaken in FY2025 across AnteoTech LTD's Advanced Battery Technologies and Life Science business units. Read more.

IQVIA Clinical and Commercial Partnership with Veeva Systems

With this partnership, customers can use software, data, technology and service offerings from IQVIA and Veeva together in a simple and efficient way, realizing greater value across the clinical to commercial landscape. Read more.

Coolbeans CEO Saara Jamieson Awarded the 40 Under 40 Game Changer Award, Presented by Hotel X

Congratulations to Saara Jamieson, whose passion, vision, and achievements in advancing men's health are being recognized through being a finalist and winner of the 40 Under 40 Award, which celebrates Queensland's young entrepreneurs and leaders. Read more.

Vaxxas Secures AUS $90 Million for Commercialisation in their Latest Financing Round

The funding underscores the faith leading investors have in Vaxxas' technology and the progress they have made towards scaling-up and commercialisation, providing Vaxxas with support to the second half of 2027 as they focus on bringing their technology to market. Read more.

Spring into Microscopy: Training and Hands-on Workshop

Tuesday 30 September - Friday 3 October | TRI Level 2
An immersive four days of training and hands-on workshop to build a foundation in microscopy and push skills toward advanced imaging workflows. Research scientists, technical staff and industry scientists are welcome. Register here

Orthopaedic Research Showcase

Friday 3 October | 8.30am-4.00pm | TRI Level 2
Showcasing orthopaedic innovation and research from across Metro South Health and bringing together researchers across all disciplines. Read more.
Abstracts submission closes on Wednesday 10 September.

See our website for more events

Grants, funding and business opportunities

Engaging Science Grants

Grants of up to $25,000 each (excluding GST) available to support applicants deliver events, activities or projects, which seek to provide meaningful scientific interactions with nature, preserve biodiversity, understand visitor behavior, or explore cultural ecological knowledge through engagement with First Nations peoples. **Applications close 22 September.**

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.

Australe 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.

Our foundation supporters and partners

Heartfelt thanks for their impactful support