



May 2026

Dear LSQ members and friends,

From the Chair

I assumed the role of Chair of Life Sciences Queensland in March, following an outstanding period of leadership by **Professor Trent Munro**. Since then, I have had the opportunity to meet many of our members and stakeholders, and I look forward to continuing those conversations in the months ahead.

I strongly believe that LSQ must remain responsive to the needs of its members, and that can only be achieved through open and effective two-way communication. A recent example was our request for feedback on the **Federal Budget** from a business perspective. Thank you to everyone who responded so promptly. Your insights have been invaluable.

Working closely with **AusBiotech**, which is well positioned to advocate at the federal level, we have drafted a submission to the Treasurer that reflects your feedback and highlights the challenges our sector faces as a result of the proposed changes to Capital Gains Tax (CGT) and the Research and Development Tax Incentive (R&DTI).

In the coming weeks, you will also hear more about an exciting new initiative arising from a collaboration between **LSQ** and the **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)**. As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, BCEC has established a new bursary program for early and mid-career researchers, designed to encourage stronger engagement between research laboratories and industry. This objective aligns closely with LSQ's mission to strengthen collaboration, translation and innovation across Queensland's life sciences ecosystem, and we are delighted to support its delivery.

Over recent months, a significant proportion of our efforts has been focused on engagement with government. **Financial support for the activities we are planning is essential** and I hope this message will be understood and acted upon. We will persist on this task as it is the core need of LSQ currently and we'll continue this advocacy with determination, as ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of LSQ is one of the organisation's most important priorities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Together, we can continue to build a stronger and more connected life sciences sector for Queensland.

Warm regards,

Prof Frank Gannon
Chair

[AmCham](#) - Qld Biotech on the World Stage Business Lunch

Early in the month, at the [AmCham](#) business lunch, Queensland Deputy Premier the **Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP** announced the first two successful recipients of the SIDP funding. It was fantastic to see LSQ members **Southern RNA** and **AdvanCell** recognised among the recipients. This announcement is another strong signal of the calibre of innovation emerging from Queensland's life sciences sector and the growing national and international recognition of the capability being built locally.

Congratulations to both organisations **Chris Peck, Southern RNA** and **Simon Puttick** from **Advancell** on this well-deserved recognition and to all successful recipients contributing to the strength and future growth of Australia's industries.



New and Renewing Members

A big thank you to [Davies Collison Cave](#), [KE Select](#), [Kira Biotech](#) and [Sartorius](#) for your ongoing support. We're thrilled to have you as part of the LSQ community and appreciate your continued commitment to advancing Queensland's life sciences sector.



We're also delighted to welcome [Aurovian](#) and [Life Science Incubator](#) to the LSQ member family. These innovative organisations are doing exciting work, and we look

forward to supporting their journey within our network. Click the links to learn more about the valuable work they do.

AUROVIAN™



**Life
Science
Incubator**
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LSQ Member & Sector Events

**Australia-India Innovation
& Investment Initiative**

An Exclusive 3-Day Workshop for
Leaders in AI, Robotics & Health

BRISBANE CBD
8, 9 & 10 June | 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM

[The Deakin SME Research Centre](#), with funding from the Australian Government (DFAT), is hosting a three-day workshop in Brisbane (8–10 June) to support Queensland SMEs to build partnerships and capability for entry into the Indian market.

This is a free program, with participating companies going into the running to receive a fully funded 10-day trip to India to meet with innovation hubs, universities, and industry partners. >>[Register here](#).

2026 ARCS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Association of Regulatory and Clinical Scientists (ARCS) Annual Conference

The ARCS Annual Conference brings together industry leaders, policy makers and top-teir professionals from academia, where attendees will engage in plenary sessions,

interactive workshops, and round tables tailored to address the unique challenges and opportunities in the Australian market. Held at the ICC Sydney on 10-12 June.

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SeerPharma Symposium 2026

The SeerPharma Symposium brings together industry experts for two days of meaningful discussion, collaboration and knowledge sharing on the key Quality and Manufacturing challenges facing pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing organizations in the Asia-Pacific region. Held at the **Sheraton Grand, Sydney** on **29 - 30 June**. [Read more here](#)

Protein Australia
2026 16-19 August

Book now

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Boulevard Auditorium

Life Sciences Queensland

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

PEF
PROTEIN EXPRESSION FACILITY

National Biologics Facility



Protein Australia 2026: Registrations are now open!

The premier national meeting on protein science and technology, hosted by the University of Queensland's Protein Expression Facility and National Biologics Facility will showcase cutting-edge research in protein engineering, veterinary science, and bioproduct translation, featuring global academic speakers and networking opportunities on **16-19 August 2026**. [Read more here](#)

See our website for more events

Member and Sector News and Events

Tell us your news and upcoming events by sending an email to info@lsq.com.au.

Southern RNA and AdvanCell receive significant funding support from Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Southern RNA and AdvanCell are the first two recipients to receive funding from the Queensland Government's \$180.6 million Sovereign Industry Development Fund, managed by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to advance the biotechnology and biomedical sector in Queensland. [Read More](#)

AnteoTech Ltd achieves independent third-party validation of Ultranode™

AnteoTech Ltd has received independent third-party validation of Ultranode™ 95 in 5 Ah Multi-Layer Pouch (MLP) commercial-format cells at the Battery Innovation Centre in the United States. The performance profile is well suited to drones, UAVs, robotics, medical devices and consumer electronics. [Read More](#)

Cytiva's ELEVECTA™ transient cell line receives advanced manufacturing technology designation from the FDA

The ELEVECTA™ transient cell line is engineered to minimize encapsidated host cell DNA, establishing a stronger quality baseline from day one. [Read More](#)

Neogen's Reveal® Q+ for Histamine has received AOAC International® Performance Tested Method certification

Designed for seafood processors, Reveal Q+ for Histamine test delivers quantitative results in just 5 minutes with a simple lateral flow workflow. [Read more](#)

Sanofi's treatment for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency demonstrates superiority in phase 2 study

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency is a genetic condition characterised by low levels or absence of AAT protein which remains widely under diagnosed. This underdiagnosis can lead to treatment delays putting people living with Alpha1 at risk for irreversible lung damage. [Read more](#)

2026 Event Date Claimers



BIO International Convention San Diego

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.

Whether you work at a public pharmaceutical company, biotech startup, academia, non-profit organization, or government agency; or you work as a researcher, business development professional or investor, BIO is where you'll make valuable connections and build relationships.

BIO International Convention will be held on **22-25 June 2026** in **San Diego California.**

SAVE THE DATE

AUSTRALIA WELCOMES THE GLOBAL LIFE SCIENCES COMMUNITY TO THE AUSBIOTECH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026.

Connect with international leaders in biotechnology, medtech and life sciences for networking, collaboration and insight into one of the world's most dynamic innovation ecosystems.

Further information coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE

AUSTRALIA INVITES GLOBAL INVESTORS AND LIFE SCIENCES INNOVATORS TO AUSBIOTECH INVEST 2026.

Connect with high-potential Australian biotech and medtech companies, global investors and industry leaders for networking, investment opportunities and insight into Australia's thriving life sciences ecosystem.

Further information coming soon.

 **Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 October 2026**
 **Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia**

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 **QT Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia**

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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 Conference will take place at the **Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre** on **20 - 23 October**. [Register your interest to exhibit](#)

Save the date
**HEALTH RESEARCH
 CONSUMER
 EXPO 2026**

Tuesday, 1 September
 Translational Research Institute

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In partnership:








[Health Research Consumer Expo 2026](#)

The Health Research Consumer Expo brings together health consumers, carers, families and community members with researchers and health practitioners to explore the value of partnership in health research to showcase the power of consumer involvement in shaping meaningful health outcomes. Held at the **TRI Auditorium** and online on **1 September**.

**ISHCA26: Implementation Science
 Health Conference Australia**
Innovate - Implement - Impact

26 - 27 NOVEMBER 2026
 TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AUDITORIUM
 37 KENT STREET WOOLLOONGABBA BRISBANE







[ISHCA26: Implementation Science Health Conference Australia](#)

ISHCA is Australia's premier implementation science conference for the health sector, focused on implementing the best evidence in healthcare.

Health Translation Queensland (HTQ) and Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre (TAAHC) together will present the latest advances, expert insights, case studies and results across evidence synthesis, knowledge translation and implementation science.

This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to grow your knowledge, expand your professional networks and gain real-world insights at the nexus of policy, research and practice. It will

Grants, funding and business opportunities

[SEQ Innovation Economy Fund](#)

The IEF is an infrastructure fund, with Round 2 open to eligible applicants to apply for grants of up to \$5.2 million for capital projects in SEQ's innovation precincts which: accelerate the delivery of jobs, grow the SEQ innovation economy through innovation focused priority industries and innovation growth sectors; and leverage and develop connections and partnerships. Applications close **25 June**. [Read more >>](#)

[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. [Read more >>](#)

[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. [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 >>](#)

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

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