



April 2026

Dear LSQ members and friends,

April was a slightly quieter month for LSQ but very much one of building momentum. Our focus has been on what's ahead, with a strong pipeline of sector events and LSQ initiatives taking shape. From our upcoming *Conversations with the LSQ Chair* to LSQ member-led sessions like Sanofi's BRIDGE Program seminar, and the launch of our collaboration with the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre's bursary for next-generation Bio Innovation Leaders - coming in August!

While the calendar has been lighter, there's a real sense of energy building, with a program designed to bring our community together, strengthen connections and create meaningful opportunities to engage across Queensland's life sciences sector.

Best regards,
THE LSQ TEAM



New and Renewing Members

A big thank you to [West Pharmaceuticals](#) and [Springfield City Group](#) for your ongoing support - we're thrilled to have you as part of the LSQ community!

Also WELCOME to new members [NeoDuoFlo](#) to our member family! Click the link to learn about the valuable work they do in the neonatal space.



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LSQ and Partner Events

IN CONVERSATION WITH LSQ CHAIR

Afternoon tea and Fireside chat with
Prof Frank Gannon on LSQ's next chapter



TUESDAY 12 MAY 3:00PM – 5:30PM
McCullough Robertson Offices
Level 11; 66 Eagle Street Brisbane



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In Conversation with LSQ Chair - Next Week!

Join us for an informal and interactive afternoon tea and 'Conversations with the LSQ Chair'. This member-only event is a unique opportunity to hear directly from our Chair, Professor Frank Gannon, as he steps into the role and shapes the next chapter for Life Sciences Queensland.

Gain insights into LSQ's future direction, sector priorities, and the broader Queensland life sciences landscape with the chance to engage, ask questions, and connect with fellow members. [Register Here](#)

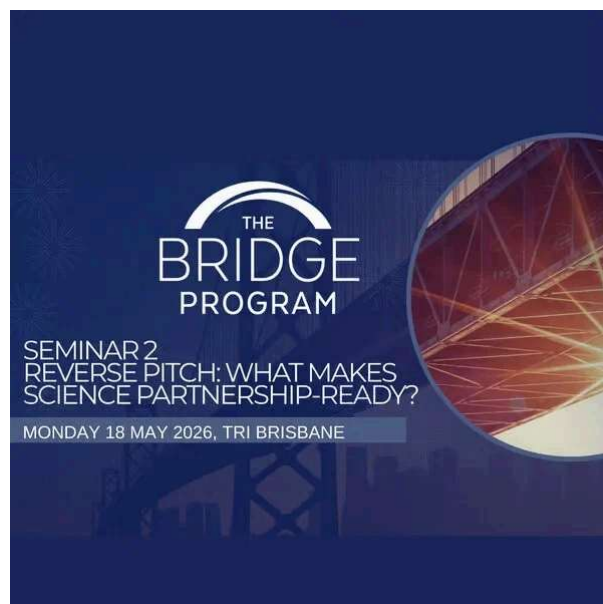
Sanofi Bridgetech event May 18-19

Sanofi has joined the BRIDGE Program as a partner and will host an upcoming seminar at the Translational Research Institute (TRI) on 18 May.

The session will feature Sean Du, Senior Director and Acting Head of External R&D, Global Vaccines R&D at Sanofi, presenting *Reverse Pitch: What makes science*

partnership-ready? Offering valuable insights into how industry evaluates and engages with research collaborations.

The seminar will conclude with an interactive Q&A, chaired by the BRIDGE Program, providing attendees with the opportunity to engage directly on partnership readiness and collaboration pathways. [Register Here](#)



BCEC partners with Life Sciences Queensland to launch legacy bursary for next-generation Bio Innovation Leaders - in August!

In the coming days, we'll announce the event date for this exciting new initiative, alongside the criteria for submissions.

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) has announced a new 30th Birthday initiative in partnership with Life Sciences Queensland Ltd (LSQ) to support Queensland and Australia's research and commercial uptake in across health, biomedical and agritech bio-innovation. [Read more here](#)



Protien 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. 16–19 August 2026 [Read more here](#)

A purple-themed banner for Protein Australia 2026. The text 'Protein Australia' is in large white font, with '2026' below it. To the right is a QR code and a 'Book now' button. Below the QR code is a location pin icon and the text 'Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre Boulevard Auditorium'. At the bottom are logos for Life Sciences Queensland, The University of Queensland Australia, PEF Protein Expression Facility, and National Biologics Facility.

Protein Australia

2026 16–19 August

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PEF PROTEIN EXPRESSION FACILITY

National Biologics Facility



[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.

Mater Research and The University of Queensland researchers discover genetic link to IBD

A rare genetic mutation, OTUD3, has been identified in causing ulcerative colitis, a chronic and debilitating bowel disease – offering new hope for earlier diagnosis and targeted treatment for patients.

[Read More](#)

Sanofi recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies

Ethisphere, the global benchmark for ethical business practices has recognised Sanofi as one of the Worlds Most Ethical Companies in 2026.

QBiotics and Unicancer sign Letter of Intent

Under the LOI, QBiotics and Unicancer intend to negotiate a collaboration agreement to support an investigator-initiated Phase 2 trial. The proposed study will evaluate the safety and efficacy of an anti breast cancer drug.

Protagonist Therapeutics' ICOTYDE™ oral treatment for plaque psoriasis approved by U.S. FDA

ICOTYDE will be commercialised by Johnson & Johnson after US FDA approval was supported by four successful Phase 3 studies that met all primary endpoints and demonstrated favourable safety profile in 2,500 patients. [Read more](#)

PSC Biotech Announces Partnership with Blue Ocean Robotics

The partnership will bring the autonomous UV-C disinfection technology, which delivers chemical-free disinfection with minimal human intervention to pharmaceutical and life sciences facilities across the United States, Australia and Singapore. [Read more](#)

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 here](#)



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 **22-25 June 2026** in **San Diego California**.



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 Coast from **20 to 23 October 2026**, hosted at the **Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre**.



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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 take place at the **TRI Auditorium** on the **26 - 27th November 2026**.

Grants, funding and business opportunities

Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P) Program

Now open for Round 19, CRC-P is supporting industry-research sector collaborations to drive commercialisation and innovation across Australia, with \$100,000 to \$3mill in matched funding for up to 3 years. Applications close **12 May**. [Read more >>](#)

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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