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Dear LSQ members and friends,

From the Chair

It has been another busy and productive period for LSQ. You may have noticed that the June edition of this newsletter didn't make it to your inbox. During that time, LSQ was relocating to our new offices, and we're delighted to now be settled into our new home at QIMR Berghofer. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support in providing us with purpose-built office space giving us an excellent base as we continue to grow our team.

Over the past two months, much of my focus has been on engaging with State Government departments as we continue to advocate for funding to support LSQ's 20-Point Plan for Queensland's life sciences sector. [Read here](#)

The case for investment is compelling. **The funding we are seeking represents just 0.02% of the State Development Strategic Industry Development Fund (SIDF)**, which has been established to support the growth of Queensland's bio, biofuels and defence industries. For such a modest investment, the potential impact for our sector and the broader Queensland economy is significant.

While we await the outcome of those discussions, our work has certainly not slowed. We have continued to deliver value for our members through a range of initiatives, including celebrating the opening of the **University of the Sunshine Coast's new Clinical Trials Unit**, supporting specialist training sessions delivered by our members **Charles River Laboratories** and **Cytiva**, and facilitating introductions and collaborations between member organisations to help create new opportunities.

Advocacy also remains a key priority. Working alongside **AusBiotech**, and through a separate submission from LSQ informed by member feedback, we have continued to press for changes to the R&D Tax Incentive and Capital Gains Tax provisions that currently disadvantage Australia's life sciences sector. We were also proud to join other national peak bodies in signing a joint letter to the Federal Treasurer calling for reforms that will strengthen innovation and investment across our industry. [Read here](#)

I'm particularly pleased to share the success of the new initiative launched this year in partnership with the **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)**. The inaugural **BCEC Bio-Innovation Bursary**, established to support Queensland's emerging life sciences researchers, has attracted an outstanding number of high-quality submissions from across the state. It is a wonderful reflection of the depth of talent within our research community, and we look forward to announcing the inaugural recipient at this year's LSQ GENE Awards on 11 September.

This year's GENE Awards will be particularly special as we celebrate **15 years of LSQ**. With a strong field of award submissions - and more still coming in ahead of the extended deadline this Friday, 7 August - the event promises to be a wonderful celebration of the people, organisations and innovations that continue to drive and shape our sector.

There will be plenty more to share in the lead-up to the event, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Warm regards,

Frank Gannon
Chair



BIO San Diego

LSQ was pleased to support the **Queensland Pavilion networking event** at BIO in San Diego, providing an opportunity to showcase Queensland's innovation, strengthen international partnerships and connect with global industry leaders.



Post - BIO & EOFY Midwinter Soiree

Our Bio Winter Soirée was a great success, with engaging conversations and celebrating our vibrant community. It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces, welcome new connections and create opportunities for collaboration in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

We extend our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors, **Davies Collison Cave** and **360biolabs**, whose support helped make the evening possible. We also thank everyone who joined us and contributed to the success of another memorable LSQ event.



LSQ Team

A big thank you to Nova and Fathya for their outstanding support with marketing and data building over the past few months. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest team member, Andrea, who has joined LSQ as Marketing & Communications Coordinator.



LSQ Moves to QIMR

One of the highlights of the last month has been LSQ's relocation to our new home at QIMR Berghofer. We are incredibly grateful for the generous support which has provided us with purpose-built two dedicated offices and four workstations to support our growing team. Providing us with an outstanding base from which to serve our members and placing us at the heart of the Herston health precinct. We sincerely thank QIMR Berghofer for its partnership and support.



Charles River QC Micro Seminar

In June we partnered with **Charles River Laboratories** for a QC Micro Seminar exploring the latest developments in contamination control, microbial identification and next-generation sequencing. Through a combination of regulatory perspectives, scientific advances, and real-world case studies, the event highlighted practical approaches to strengthening microbiological control strategies and supporting quality and safety across the life sciences sector.

Thank you to presenters **Alex Tan**, **Alan Hoffmeister**, **Tara Cassidy**, and **Henry De Malmanche** for sharing their expertise and practical insights, and to **Jaye Diaz** and **Gavin Robertson** for bringing the event together. Thank you also to everyone who joined us and contributed to the discussions throughout the day.



New and Renewing Members

A big thank you to [Bioproton](#), [The Gild Group](#), [Tranzition Group](#), [Mater Research Spatial Imaging](#) and [WearOptimo](#) 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 [Berkley Insurance Australia](#), [DekkoSecure](#), [echiDNA Pathology Labs](#), [Eurofins](#), [Key Cell Systems](#), [Specialised Health Advisory \(SHA\)](#) to the LSQ member family. We look forward to supporting their journey within our network. Click the links to learn more about the valuable work they do.



2026 GENE Awards - Deadline Extended - Friday 7 August

With a number of award submissions still being finalised, we've extended the deadline for the 2026 LSQ GENE Awards to **this Friday, 7 August**. If you've been thinking about submitting a nomination, or know someone whose achievements deserve to be recognised, there's still time. We've already received a strong field of entries and look forward to celebrating the outstanding people, organisations and innovations driving Queensland's life sciences sector at the GENE Awards on 11 September. [For more information](#)



BCEC Bio-Innovation Bursary - Deadline Extended - Friday 7 August

Our new partnership with the **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)** has proven to be a tremendous success. The inaugural BCEC **Bio-Innovation Bursary**, created to support Queensland's next generation of life sciences researchers, has attracted an outstanding calibre of submissions from across the state. The response highlights the depth of emerging talent within our sector, and we look forward to announcing the inaugural bursary recipient at the LSQ GENE Awards on 11 September. [For more information](#)



Update from LSQ – ARCs rebrand to Life Sciences Australia

We have taken time to consider the implications of the recent rebranding of ARCs to *Life Sciences Australia* and the feedback we have received from our members and stakeholders.

Life Sciences Queensland has proudly represented and championed Queensland's life sciences sector for more than 15 years, building a strong and trusted identity within our ecosystem. Following the announcement, we have received a number of enquiries from members seeking clarification about whether LSQ has merged with, become affiliated with, or is now operating under the new organisation.

We understand that this confusion has caused uncertainty, and we felt it was important to provide clarity.

LSQ remains an independent organisation dedicated to supporting, connecting and advocating for Queensland's life sciences community. We will continue to work closely with our members,

industry partners and national organisations to ensure Queensland's voice is represented and our sector continues to thrive.

We have shared our concerns regarding the potential for confusion arising from the new name and will continue to engage constructively with relevant stakeholders. Our focus remains firmly on delivering value for our members,

We thank our members and partners for their continued support and confidence in LSQ. We will keep you updated as discussions progress.

LSQ Member & Sector Events



Protein Australia
2026 16-19 August

Book now

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Boulevard Auditorium



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.



2026 Health Symposium Welcome Event

The **2026 Health Symposium Welcome Event** will be held on **Wednesday, 5 August 2026**, at **The Oaks, Toowoomba**, bringing together regional leaders, health professionals, researchers, government representatives and the broader business community. Hosted by **Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE)** in partnership with the **Queensland Rural Health Innovation and Research Collaborative (QRHIRC)**, the event will showcase opportunities within the region's health sector, highlight regional strengths in health innovation and research, and foster collaboration, investment and growth across healthcare, research and related industries. [Read more](#)



Queensland Clinical Trials Consortium

In partnership with Queensland Health, Griffith University Clinical Trials Unit is hosting the next Clinical Trials Consortium on **Thursday 6 August 2026**. Available both in person at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus and online, the event will bring together leaders from Queensland's clinical trials sector to discuss workforce priorities and advancing positive health outcomes through clinical research. [Read more](#)



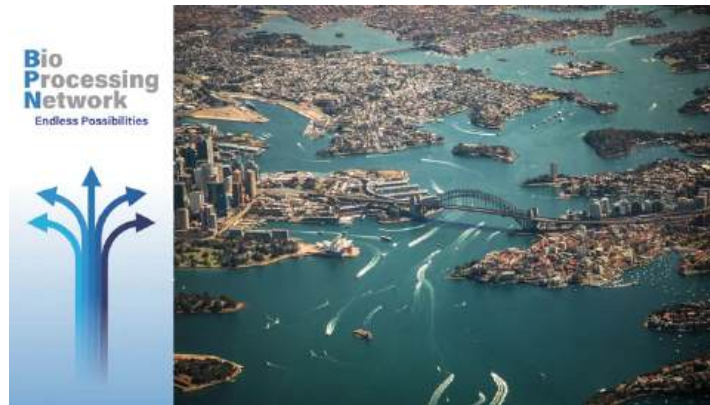
26th Brisbane Immunology Group (BIG) Retreat

The **26th Brisbane Immunology Group (BIG) Retreat** will bring together immunology researchers, early- and mid-career scientists, and postgraduate students for a one-and-a-half-day symposium. The program features research presentations, plenary lectures, the **Jonathan**

Spent Oration, and an evening poster session and dinner, providing valuable opportunities to share research, foster collaboration, and strengthen connections across the immunology community. [Read more](#)

QUT Commercialisation Club – Built to Last- The Partnerships Behind Innovation

The QUT Commercialisation Club is hosting its Partnerships and Innovation event, on **Thursday 10 September 2026** bringing together researchers, industry leaders and entrepreneurs to explore how collaboration drives commercialisation and real-world impact. The session will highlight opportunities for partnership, innovation pathways and the translation of ideas into successful ventures. [Read more](#)



BioProcessing Network Conference 2026

The Bio Processing Network is hosting its 2026 Conference from **15–17 September 2026** in **Sydney**, bringing together industry leaders, researchers and professionals from across Australia's rapidly growing bioprocessing sector. The conference will showcase the latest innovations, research and industry developments, with opportunities to present abstracts, network with peers and explore the future of bioprocessing. [More details](#)



Southeast Queensland Health Disaster Readiness Alliance Symposium 2026

The Bio Processing Network is hosting its 2026 Conference from **15–17 September 2026** in **Sydney**, bringing together industry leaders, researchers, and professionals from across Australia's rapidly growing bioprocessing sector. The conference will showcase the latest innovations, research, and industry developments, featuring expert presentations, networking opportunities, and discussions on the future of bioprocessing. Attendees will also have the opportunity to present research through abstract submissions and connect with peers from industry, academia, and government. [More details](#)

Benchmark Your Role in the 2026 Salary & Job Market Survey

On Q Recruitment is currently collecting data for their **2026 Salary Survey**, and we want to ensure Queensland's Life Sciences sector is strongly represented. Take a few minutes to share your insights confidentially. Your contribution helps create a clearer picture of the true market rate and job market trends across our industry.

By taking part you will:

- Instantly access salary insights for your sector

- Benchmark your salary against peers and the broader market
- Recieve the 2026 Salary & Job Market Report before public release
- Contribute to one of the most trusted industry benchmarks

Contributors may also be selected by draw to recieve:

- 1 Career Acceleration Sessions valued at \$750 each
- 1 of 3 Talent Attraction Strategy Reviews valued at \$2500 each

Have your say and complete the survey [here](#)



2026 Event Date Claimers

	
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	 Tuesday 20 October 2026  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
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Consumers in Research Australia

[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

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Life Sciences Queensland
Health Translation Queensland
Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre

[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 **26 - 27 November**.

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. [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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