



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

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Message from the CEO

Dear members and friends of InGeNA,

Congratulations to the re-elected Albanese Government. We look forward to continuing our collaboration at this pivotal time for genomics in Australia. We especially welcome the anticipated introduction of the Genetic Discrimination Bill within the government's first 100 days.

We extend our thanks to **Hon Ed Husic**, MP former Minister for Industry and Science, for his service and steadfast support of innovation and industry growth. His collaborative approach was highly valued. As recalled by Wyatt Roy in a recent testimonial, their rare joint opinion piece in *The Australian* stands as a reminder of what cross-party vision can achieve: *"Above all, we agree that as policymakers we must not let fear define our response to the new age of technology disruption... We must be prepared to collaborate, experiment, innovate and more important, to act."*

We look forward to working closely with the incoming government to support growth, innovation, and public-private partnerships in genomics.

Celebrating Collaboration at AusMedtech

Congratulations to the AusBiotech team on an excellent *AusMedtech 2025*, a showcase of innovation in medtech. It was fitting to have the NSW Minister for Medical Research launch the **NSW Health Research and Innovation Strategy 2025-2030**, which outlines a clear vision for an inclusive, technology-enabled health research ecosystem. The strategy highlights enablers such as genomics, biobanking, AI analytics, and clinical trial platforms, tools we know are essential to delivering future-focused care.

A key theme at the conference was the rapid acceleration of precision and personalised medicine, propelled by AI-enhanced diagnostics and biomarker-driven tools. This is core to InGeNA's mission, and it was a privilege to showcase members leading this work during the *Medtech Meets Medicines* panel, Dr Laura Issa and Dr Suzanna Temple (GeneS). Suzanna shared a powerful story of an adolescent who endured a four-year search for the right mental health treatment, until their

pharmacogenomics platform delivered answers. The discussion highlighted the critical role of equitable access, data integration, and patient-centred design in delivering meaningful impact. We have marked our calendar for the 2026 AusMedtech in Perth, 19-21 May.

Member News & Partnerships

We congratulate **Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine ANZ** on the PBS listing of **RYBREVANT®** (*amivantamab*) for a rare form of lung cancer (read more in Industry News below). These milestones don't happen overnight; they reflect dedication, advocacy, and a strong belief in better outcomes for patients.

In partnership news, we've revitalised our plans with **MTPConnect** for a spotlight on genomics in WA – stay tuned. It was also a pleasure to meet with our partner, **Omico** to progress shared policy goals, especially around mainstreaming Comprehensive Genomic Profiling (CGP). We're proud to welcome **Macquarie University's GenIMPACT Centre** as a new associate member, bringing deep policy expertise in genomics and its economic impact.

On the Ground

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the recent board and member dinner, as at the heart of our work are relationships and collaboration. This week, we're in Melbourne for the *Digital Health Festival*, where I'll be chairing a panel with InGeNA Consumer Advisory Group member Sarah Powell, alongside Jane Tiller and Duong Zang. If you're attending, do reach out, we'd love to see you.

And don't miss the *Queensland Health Inspired Genomics Showcase* at month's end. We're hosting an InGeNA networking event following the program - get in touch to join us.

Finally, thank you to our members, partners and collaborators. Genomics is advancing quickly - but it's our shared commitment and relationships that turn progress into impact.

Warm regards,

Dr Erin Evans

CEO, InGeNA



Medtech meets Medicines Panel with Erin, Laura Issa and Suzanna Temple.



The WA delegation at AusMedtech with Minister Daswon and the GeneS team.



With KE Select team and medtech leaders Sue MacLeman, Mike Junger, Sam Jesudian.



Erin with members at AusMedtech: Mark Grosser, Laura Issa and GeneS team co-founders Suzanna Temple and Svetlana Baltic.



Erin with Evelin Tiralongo, Griffith University Clinical Trial Unit Director and Aaron Isted, Gold Coast Health & Knowledge Precinct.

Upcoming Events

Wed 13 – Thurs 14 May

Digital Health Conference

Panel: *Genetics and genomics: Empowering consumers with personalised insights*

Zuong Dang; Sarah Powell; Jane Tiller;
Erin Evans (Chair)

Time: Thurs 11am 14th May

Venue: the Spark! Theatre at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)



Thursday May 29, 8am-5pm

Qld Health Genomics Forum

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (Brisbane Queensland, Australia)

Thursday May 29, 5- 8pm

Genomics after Hours

InGeNA's Brisbane Networking Event

*** Invitation Only**

Message from the Chair

Dear Members and friends of InGeNA,

Tariffs, trade policy, and supply chain disruption are strategic risks particularly in the shadow of the new US President. At InGeNA, we're helping our members stay ahead of the curve.

In our recent member meeting an expert session was presented by EY's, James Wolf, Director of Transfer Pricing and Luke Branson, Partner in Global Trade Advisory - they unpacked the real-world impact of potential U.S. tariffs, particularly on the pharmaceutical, biotech and MedTech sector.

InGeNA members span global multinationals to local innovators in therapeutics, diagnostics, instrumentation, data and the impacts are diverse for manufacturing, trade and supply chains.

The takeaway? These shifts are complex, high-stakes, and fast-moving. InGeNA's role is to help members understand the landscape - and respond with clarity and confidence.

Cheers
Carl



Welcome - GenIMPACT - our newest Associate Member.

Macquarie University's GenIMPACT undertakes cutting-edge research into the economic impacts and cost-effectiveness of genomic technologies and personalised medicine. [Read more about GenIMPACT here](#)

Industry News

Genes to Public Health: 40 year perspective

Many advances in genomics translation and implementation could be unraveled because of government budget cuts in science and public health. Herein, I offer a brief perspective on the evolution and contributions of these fields to medicine and public health and offer some recommendations to increase their population health impact.

[Read more here](#)

J&J announce - PBS listing for Lung Cancer treatment

#NEWS: *Australians with an aggressive form of lung cancer now have affordable access to a new targeted medicine.*

[Read more here](#)

CRISPR Injected into a Child's brain - medical first in China

Late last year, doctors injected an experimental CRISPR therapy into the brain of a 9-year-old boy with a rare neurodevelopmental condition. This is only the second time that a CRISPR-based RNA editing therapy has been tested in humans.

[Read more here](#)

NSW Health Research and Innovation Strategy 2025-2030 Launched

NSW Health's new Research and Innovation Strategy 2025–2030 lays strong foundations for a more connected, data-enabled, and personalised health system.

[Read more here](#)

Support Our Industry - Share Your Insights

As leaders in Australia's life sciences sector, it's crucial we stay informed, connected, and proactive. That's why I'm encouraging you to take part in the 2025 On Q Salary & Job Market Survey - now open.

This survey is one of the most valuable tools we have to understand real hiring trends, salary benchmarks, and workplace shifts across our industry. By contributing, you're helping shape a more transparent and informed future for employers, professionals, and job seekers alike.

💡 It takes just 10 minutes to complete

⬇️ You'll instantly receive a copy of the full 2024 Salary & Job Market Report

📅 And you'll be among the first to receive the 2025 edition when it's released

Let's lead by example and support this important initiative.

👉 [Contribute Your Voice Today](#)

Opportunities

Indigenous Post-Graduate Researchers

Are you interested in immunology and genomics?

Indigenous Visiting Research Fellowship



Understand genomic and multi-omic technologies.



Support successful diagnoses for Indigenous patients with rare immune conditions.



Join an Indigenous led alliance aiming for equity and benefit to Indigenous Australians through genomics.



Applications open now!

Scan the QR code for more information



ALIGN Victoria team is thrilled to announce the **WEHI Indigenous Visiting Research Fellowship**. The successful candidate will join a project which focuses on understanding advanced genomic and multi-omic technologies that support successful diagnoses for Indigenous patients with rare immune conditions. This will be based at the WEHI Parkville Campus in Melbourne, Victoria. Flexible funding of up to \$300,000 over a two-year period is available, including potential for relocation assistance. For more information, please visit [our website here](#).

If you are an Indigenous postgraduate researcher, scientist, or clinician interested in research, please consider applying [here](#). Please share this with your networks. Any queries, please direct to indigenousfellowships@wehi.edu.au.

View our Submissions

InGeNA regularly consult with our members to ensure their voices are represented in major submissions to government and other agencies on genomics and precision medicine.

As a united voice for industry, we advocate for policies that support innovation and patient outcomes. Find our most recent submissions [here](#).

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