



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

Message from the CEO

7 August 2025

Dear members and friends of InGeNA,

What a moment for genomics in Australia

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to scale genomics across the entire health system. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a high-impact **Genomics Industry Roundtable**. With the establishment of **Genomics Australia**, we have a national platform and a unique opportunity to transform the future of healthcare.

InGeNA used this moment to make sure **industry's voice is heard**, loud and clear. In our submission to the **National Health Genomics Policy Framework**, we've called for stronger action, including a **dedicated fifth priority focused on investment and implementation**. Our submission, shaped in partnership with consumers, reflects the **united voice of InGeNA members** and follows the national Roundtable attended by more than 60 industry leaders, consumer advocates, and government observers. We continue to meet regularly with the Genomics Australia team, including the new Genomics Commissioner, and remain committed to working together on implementation and impact.

In the News

- InGeNA's position on the National Health Genomics Policy Framework was featured in *Biopharma Dispatch* and *Health Industry Hub*, helping raise awareness of what's needed to embed genomics into everyday healthcare. See below for links.
- We welcome the government's continued commitment to the **Genetic Discrimination Bill** and have continued to support advocacy in this area with Jane Tiller.
- An exciting step forward from **Medibank**, the first insurer to support **pharmacogenetic testing** - a clear sign of what's possible when incentives align.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the **HGSA Scientific Meeting** next week. Drop by our shared booth with **23Strands**, **Genomical** and **GeneS**, and don't miss our **plenary on industry's role** in scaling the genomic ecosystem.

Farewell to the Cell and Gene Catalyst.

It was an honour to speak at the final gathering of the **Cell and Gene Catalyst**. Congratulations to **Dr Marguerite Evans-Galea** for your collaborative leadership. With our focus on precision medicine we continue work in this space and will have some updates to share soon. [Read more](#)

Data Privacy & Sovereignty: InFocus

We're pleased to announce an **in-person and hybrid member event on 18 September in Sydney**, hosted in partnership with **McCullough Robertson Lawyers**, on **Data Privacy and Sovereignty in Genomics**. This event supports the growth of our **Data & Information Special Interest Group**, which is shaping industry dialogue on data governance and sovereignty.

Spotlight: Precision Medicine in Action

It has been great to see **Omico** and **Love Your Sister** on *Sunrise*, sharing how **precision oncology is transforming cancer care**. Their joint focus on equity of access, especially in regional and rural areas, is a powerful reminder of why this work matters.

As always, thank you for your support and ongoing collaboration as we continue to advocate for a scalable, sustainable, and equitable genomics future for all Australians. Looking forward to getting out and seeing many of you soon.

Happy Jeans for Genes Day!

Double your Donation Day - support today doubles your donation for research at CMRI to find treatments and cures for children's genetic diseases.

Warm regards,

Dr Erin Evans

CEO, InGeNA

InGeNA Members and Partners in the News

Unlocking Better Cancer Outcomes with Rapid Genomic Testing

A new study commissioned by our member **Thermo Fisher Scientific**, HTANALYSTS showed that rapid NGS has the potential to deliver significant benefits, including direct cost savings for the health system and improved quality of life and survival outcomes for patients.

[Read Report here](#)

Laying the groundwork for more Australia-Europe cooperation in the life sciences

Australian BioCommons, **Bioplatforms Australia**, and EMBL sign formal agreement to encourage collaboration in bioinformatics and related activities

[Read more here](#)

Global BioBank Milestone

The UK Biobank has released whole genome data from 500,000 participants, identifying 1.5 billion variants. **Illumina**-driven insights unlocks drug discovery and precision medicine Unlocking

[Read more here](#)



InGena July 28th

[Leading stakeholders call for urgency on national genomics framework](#)

GAA July 29th

[For these families genomics is not a luxury its the only viable path](#)

and Laura Issa July 30th.

[No data means no prospect of access to trials or funded medicines](#)



Congratulations to **Inherited Cancers Australia** for winning the Outstanding Patient Engagement Award at the 2025 Patients Australia Awards Gala!

We're proud to collaborate with ICA and thrilled to see their national report: Breaking the Cycle: Insights from the Inherited Cancers Australia Community receive this level of recognition.



Health Industry Hub

Article July 9th [Industry roundtable to shape Australia's genomics policy](#)

Podcast - August 4th

[What will it take to code genomics into the heart of healthcare](#)

Industry News

Study shows genetic testing is beneficial in critically ill adults

1 in 4 adults (n=365) in ICU were identified to have an undiagnosed genetic disorder related to their admission. If replicated, seems like another reason to consider WGS/WES of newborns.

[Read more here](#)

MHRA introduces regulations that allow decentralised manufacturing of therapies

The UK is the first country in the world to introduce a dedicated legal framework for medicines made at the point of care to improve patient access to cutting edge treatments.

[Read more here](#)

Medibank first insurer to pay towards pharmacogenetic testing

PGx testing is a DNA test that can help to identify how a person's unique genetic makeup may affect their response to medication. It aims to personalise prescription medication for better efficacy and safety.

[Read more here](#)

Pharmacogenomics course

QUT has launched Essentials of Personalised Medicine for Health Professionals, a short online module designed to develop healthcare professionals' knowledge and skills in applying pharmacogenomics within their Australian clinical practice.

[Read more here](#)

Upcoming Events



Bringing together the genomics ecosystem: clinicians, health services, researchers, industry, and consumers. This conference reflects the role and opportunity to strengthen these connections for an aligned future.

August 27 is Inherited Cancers Awareness Day (ICAD).

It's Australia's first national day to shine a spotlight on inherited cancers and the people living with inherited cancer risk. The inaugural theme is "Cancer Can Be Inherited."

InGeNA partners closely with Inherited Cancers Australia and supports this day to help drive awareness and the power to act.

Follow ICA's socials for more info throughout August [#CancerCanBeInherited](#) [#ICAD](#) [#InheritedCancersAwarenessDay](#)



You're invited to have your say on ethical genomic data governance

The [LINEAGE](#) Study brings together 50 partners to deliver Australia's first framework for the ethical governance of genomic data. InGeNA is a proud partner.

Their first open workshop is on **Tuesday 19 August 9am-5pm** and you're invited to have your say. Click event [link](#) for more details and to register.



18 – 20 AUGUST 2025 MELBOURNE
Convention and Exhibition Centre

Engage. Disrupt. Transform. embodies the core objectives of HIC2025. A leading conference in digital health with a focus on health, innovation and thriving community. [Register](#)

10-13 October - Join Inherited Cancers Australia for [Bay of Fires](#) a 40 km adventure to raise funds to support families navigating cancer's impact.

Submissions now open

Precision Public Health Transdisciplinary Conference 2025

Hosted by the Precision Public Health Network

An NIH-funded **FREE** virtual conference showcasing leading international research

Keynote speakers



Prof. Daniel MacArthur
(Australia)
Director, The Centre for
Population Genomics



Dr. Cosima Gretton
(United Kingdom)
Executive Director of Digital
Health and Deputy Chief Medical
Officer, Our Future Health

This free, NIH-funded international virtual conference will be held on:

- Thursday 20 November, 8am–1pm AEST
- Friday 21 November, 8am–1pm AEST

Save the date – registration link coming soon.

Abstract submissions are now open and close on 8 September (midnight EST) – they'd love to hear from researchers, practitioners, and policy experts working in precision public health. Please share with your networks and submit your abstract here: <https://lnkd.in/g6Dx7Reb>

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