



THE UNITED INDUSTRY VOICE FOR AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS

April 2026 Newsletter

Dear members and friends,

A major milestone for genomics in Australia

The Genetic Discrimination Bill has now passed into law. The Treasury Laws Amendment (Genetic Testing Protections in Life Insurance and Other Measures) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 8 April and will come into full effect from 8 October 2026.

This reform reflects years of sustained advocacy across the sector and strong bipartisan support. As an industry, we have consistently supported this change and recognise the leadership of Jane Tiller and Assistant Treasurers past and present in progressing this important work. This legislation helps remove a longstanding barrier to genomic testing. It builds public trust and creates the conditions for greater uptake, particularly for prevention and early detection. Ultimately, this is about ensuring Australians can access the benefits of genomics without fear of discrimination.

Strengthening leadership and collaboration

We are delighted to welcome **Marc Belej** as Chair of InGeNA's Data and Technology Working Group. His leadership will be instrumental as we advance national conversations on genomic data infrastructure, interoperability, and system integration. Please see details about Marc below.

Liquid biopsy decision highlights genomics system challenges

The recent MSAC decision not to fund liquid biopsy (ctDNA) for NSC lung cancer has highlighted broader challenges in how genomic technologies are assessed and implemented in Australia.

Despite strong clinical support, the outcome reflects the barriers for non codependent applications or platform technologies not fitting the single biomarker - single drug model.

It points to a broader issue in how genomics and precision medicine are integrated into the health system. InGeNA is working with industry, clinicians and patient groups to advocate for more fit-for-purpose approaches, including reforms to better

support genomic testing and access.

Member and ecosystem highlights

- We were pleased to celebrate with McCullough Robertson on their 100-year anniversary, recognising their longstanding support for innovation and the life sciences sector. It was a fantastic evening alongside colleagues from across the ecosystem, including AusBiotech.
- A wonderful example of innovation came from the Ramaciotti Centre for Genomics and collaborators, where a personalised mRNA vaccine was developed for a dog. This highlights the rapid pace of translation and the expanding potential of precision medicine in veterinary and human health. *Read more in the News article below.*

Great to see the Ensuring Culturally Safe Health Genomics with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples - Guiding Principles are now live on the *Genomics Australia* website - *see link in the News items section below.*

Welcome New Members and Partners

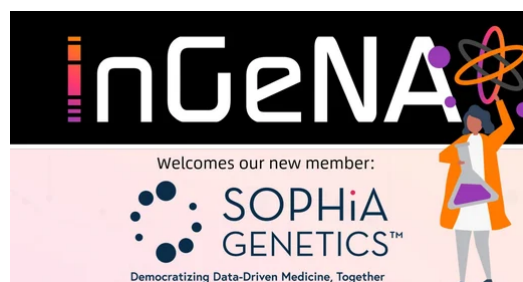
A warm welcome to our new members: Sophia Genetics and GenoCare. This month we also celebrate two new partners joining: CCRM and UTS.

I am excited to be presenting at the Digital Health Festival in Melbourne (20-21 May) - please reach out to catch up with us there.

Best wishes

Erin

CEO, InGeNA



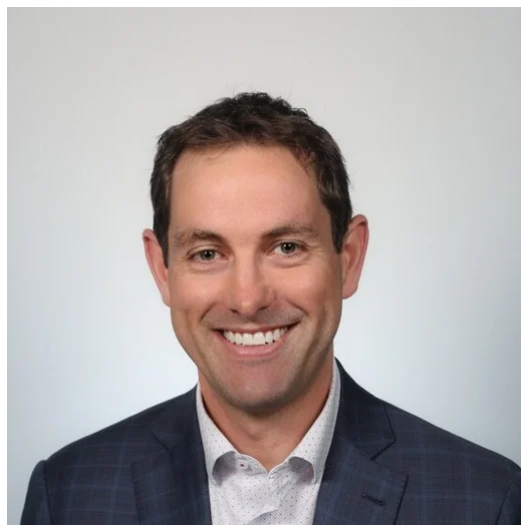


Announcing the appointment of Dr. Marc Belej as **Independent Chair of our Data Technology Working Group**.

A clinician-turned-digital-health-leader, Dr. Belej co-founded Core Medical Solutions (Australia's leading electronic medical records provider) and has since held senior executive roles with Allscripts and Telstra Health, delivering technology and clinical informatics innovations across multiple countries. He is a recognised contributor to the Australasian Institute of Digital Health, HL7 Australia, and openEHR.

"Genomics belongs in routine care. The next phase requires making data usable, connected, and trusted in routine healthcare, as we rapidly scale the data and knowledge discovery that will drive the next era of medicine." — **Dr. Marc Belej**

Marc's appointment comes at a pivotal moment. As genomic diagnostics and research scale rapidly, realising the full value of precision medicine depends on strong data foundations, effective interoperability, and disciplined governance. We warmly welcome Marc to this role and look forward to the contribution he will make to InGeNA's members and the broader genomics ecosystem.



Recent Events



Life Sciences Incubator Launch Event



Celebrating with associate member **McCullough Robertson** on their 100-year anniversary.

Industry News

19.03.26 - AI and genomics combine to create personalised cancer vaccine for dog

26.03.26 Thermofisher named as one of the worlds most innovative companies in 2026

2.04.26 - Anthropic AI support to accelerate genomics research at Garvan

9.04.26 - How Genomics Is Powering Precision Care in 2026, According to Illumina, Thermo Fisher and Gartner

14.04.26 - Ensuring Culturally Safe Health Genomics with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples - Guiding Principles

14.04.26 - Real-world clinical utility of tumor whole-e sequencing in solid cancers

Upcoming Events

Inherited Cancers Australia

Sydney Information + Support Day

Sun 17 May | 8:45am - 3:15pm | Camperdown

This event is suitable for those **considering genetic testing, living with a pathogenic variant, or managing risk due to a strong family history of cancer.**

This multidisciplinary education event brings together clinical expertise and lived experience to support informed decisions about their options and next steps.

[Event details and registration](#)

Digital Health Festival

20-21 May, MCEC, Melbourne

PTA-C/26 Sydney | 27–28 May 2026

Brings clinicians, policymakers, researchers, patient advocates and industry together.

The 49th HGSA Scientific Meeting on 1-4 August 2026

at Te Pae, Christchurch New Zealand.

Early Bird Registration opens – February

Australasian Genomics Technologies Association (AGTA) Conference

13-16 September

Abstract deadline 15 June

Career opportunities with Members & Partners

[Decode Science](#) are hiring!

💡 **Scientific Business Development Manager – Full-time, Remote (Sydney / NSW & ACT)**

Decode Science is expanding to scale its portfolio across NSW and ACT. This science-led commercial role suits someone who can engage credibly with researchers while driving growth. You'll represent leading technologies from Akoya Biosciences, Bruker and Quanterix, working with universities, research institutes and biotech.

Ideal for candidates with proteomics or multi-omics experience ready to step into or grow in a high-impact business development role.

[Apply](#) via SEEK or reach out directly to **Julia Young**.

Hartwig Medical Foundation Australia

Hiring - Senior Clinical Bioinformatician

Location: North Sydney, full time role (hybrid 3 days office, 2 days remote)

Hartwig are seeking a highly motivated Senior Bioinformatician to play a central role in delivering and supporting the clinical deployment of our OncoAnalyser Diagnostics SaaS

platform (OncoAnalyser Dx) in Australia. This is a hybrid role spanning clinical production, customer support and regulatory/quality activities. [Read more](#)

Eugene - Hiring - Head of Engineering

Remote - Full time

Eugene are looking for a Head of Engineering who's still close to the code. You'll lead a small, high-autonomy team building a clinical genomics platform that powers end-to-end genetic testing and counselling for patients, clinicians, and healthcare partners. [Read more](#)

UTS - Hiring | Lecturer in Genetic Counselling

The Graduate School of Health at UTS is seeking an enthusiastic p/t Lecturer in Genetic Counselling to contribute to research teaching in our genetic counselling program. Find out more and [apply here](#).

Garvan Institute of Medical Research

Hiring - Genomic Scientist, Sydney

The Deveson Lab is developing and implementing new technologies to solve challenges in genomic medicine.

The successful candidate will contribute to a major MRFF-funded project focused on improving diagnosis of inherited diseases using advanced long-read sequencing, in partnership with Sydney Local Health District's Institute of Precision Medicine and Bioinformatics. [Read more](#)

Opportunities

NSW startups and businesses developing emerging technologies: applications for the Emerging Technology Commercialisation Fund (ETCF) are open

 ETCF supports the commercialisation of innovative technologies, helping businesses progress products and systems toward market and investment readiness.

 Repayable grants of \$500,000 to \$2 million are available for NSW-based deep tech companies (TRL 3–7) with strong potential for long-term economic impact.

 Applications close: 10am, 29 April 2026  [More information](#)

Applications OPEN for 5 lucky innovators to join INNOVATOR'S FORUM

at Pathology Technology in Healthcare congress: PTA-C/26, 26-27 May, Sydney

Five innovators will be selected to present at the session showcasing opportunities in healthcare and tackling barriers to commercialisation and adoption.

 Advice from experienced commercial leaders

 Access to key decision-makers

 Industry validation

 Insight into real-world barriers

Priority will be given to innovations in pathology, including laboratory, point of care, self-testing and digital diagnostics. [Get in touch for more detail](#) Applications close April 30th

[Survey from our Partner organisation HGSA](#)

Inviting current and past HGSA members to share their views on the activities, direction, and priorities of HGSA through a short survey to help understand: 👍 What HGSA is doing well
👉 Improvements? 😊 Which activities and initiatives matter most.

Start Survey (takes 5-10 minutes and responses are confidential). **Closes 30 April 2026.**

Join InGeNA NOW!

New Membership options and partnering opportunities

Find out more with our Membership Brochures and online

Application forms [here](#)

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